

Academic Senate Meeting Summary for October 8, 2026

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	<i>Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire</i>	X
Vice President	<i>Regina Blasberg proxy for Garrett Rieck</i>	X	Learning Resources Senator	Jennifer Thompson	X
Curriculum Chair	Tricia George	X	Personal & Professional Learning Senator	Garrett Rieck	X
Policy Review Chair	Gary Collis	X	Public Safety	Jessica Crowley	X
Communications Officer	<i>Tricia George proxy for Erica Seubert</i>	X	At Large Senator	Alene Terzian-Zeitounian	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	<i>Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney</i>	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisel	X	At Large Senator	<i>Jennifer Paris proxy for Rebecca Shepherd</i>	X
MSHP-HPPS Senator	Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	<i>Tom Gisel proxy for Shane Ramey</i>	X
VAPA Senator	David Brill	X	At Large Senator	Alexandra Dimakos	X
Student Services Senator	Anne Marchesan	X	Part-Time Senator	<i>Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux</i>	X
Humanities Senator	<i>Alene Terzian proxy for Annie Aboulion</i>	X	Part-Time Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Kathrina Almero-Fabros	X	Part-Time Senator	Alma Juarez	X
SBS Senator	Jennifer Paris via Zoom	X	X= Present	A= Absent	

Non-voting Members			
Dr. David Vakil (Interim, CIO)	X	Jennifer Brezina (VP of Instruction)	X
Marilyn Jimenez (Admin Assistant to the Academic Senate)	X	Dilek Sanver Wang (COCFA President)	A
Dan Portillo (AFT President) via Zoom	X	Ishita Muppala (ASG Student Representative)	X

Guest							
Andrew Jones Cathcart	X	Dr. Edel Alonso, Trustee	X	Dr. Nadia Cottti	X	Mylene Noceda (ASG)	X
Ana Palmer	X	Dr. Daylene Mueschke	X	Ishita Muppapla (ASG)	X	Ruth Rassol	X
Christopher Boltz	X	Erika Torgeson	X	Joshua De Jesus (ASG VP of ICC)	X	Siane Holland	X

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:03pm
2. Public Comment:
 - There are concerns with not having sufficient Student Health Center services at the Canyon Country Campus (CCC). Campus Safety has been able to assist but it is requested health services

- be available at CCC comparable to those available on the Valencia campus.
3. VP/Assistant Superintendents Executive Cabinet Report Out (3 minutes)
 - **Interim CIO Report, Dr. David Vakil:** A CourseDog software presentation will take place on Friday, Oct. 23rd at 9:00am. A second “Time block Taskforce” meeting took place that discussed the core practices and what to adopt and what to adapt. The concerns regarding the Del Valle Center and West PE Pool did not take place. The new Artificial Intelligence BP and AP have begun to be discussed in various spaces and there may be overlapping talking points. The Academic Policy Review Committee has been working on the Field Trip policy and reviewing the associated Field Trip Handbook.
 4. Approval of the Agenda
 - Various faculty volunteers have been confirmed to serve on the Academic Review Committee (ARC) panels. A decision was made to not publish names and instead list by representation by schools. The idea is to get proportional representation for each school and faculty who teach in various modalities. The MSE and Humanities schools are large and require additional faculty volunteers. The Counseling & KWHFA divisions will recruit additional members.
 - **Motion** to approve the agenda by Lauren Rome, seconded by Regina Blasberg. Alene Terzian proxy for Annie Aboulion (yes, vote); Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney (yes, vote); Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote); Shane Ramey proxy for Tom Gisel (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (yes, vote); Regina Blasberg proxy for Garrett Rieck (yes, vote); Tricia George proxy for Erica Seubert (yes, vote); Jennifer Paris proxy Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
 5. Committee Appointments: (pg. 3)
 6. Sub-Committee Summaries:
 - Program Viability Committee meeting summary, September 24, 2026 (pg. 9-12)
 7. Approval of the Consent Calendar
 - **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Tom Gisel, seconded by Jessica Crowley. Alene Terzian proxy for Annie Aboulion (yes, vote); Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney (yes, vote); Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote); Shane Ramey proxy for Tom Gisel (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (yes, vote); Regina Blasberg proxy for Garrett Rieck (yes, vote); Tricia George proxy for Erica Seubert (yes, vote); Jennifer Paris proxy Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

1. Academic Senate Summary, September 24, 2026 (pg. 4-8)	2. Curriculum Committee Summary, October 1, 2026_
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B. Reports

These are informational items no discussion or action will be taken. However, clarification questions are welcomed.

1. [OER Liaison Annual Report](#), Jennifer Paris
 - The OER initiation project was established with funds provided to ASCCC. OER was funded in 2018 with AB 1809 and was supposed to be a 5-year project. OER came about in 2019 and in 2021 received \$115M for ZTC. In 2024 the ZTC representative at the chancellor’s office made the decision to bring OERI forward and the idea was to not fund duplicative work at various colleges. OER was fully funded in 2025. There are different OERI leadership team roles. OER lives primarily in Distance Ed such as CANVAS. There is now an AI lead and a guide for using AI with OER. There are 52 discipline leads. The OER liaison connects local community colleges to ASCCC. One requirement for the funding is to have a sustainable budget for the future. The OER liaison can help facilitate when there is a discipline that is interested in OER textbooks. The [ASCCC-oeri.org](https://asccc-oeri.org) includes various resources and events available on the website.
2. Educational Technology Committee Annual Report, Andrew Jones-Cathcart Co-Chair

- Joy Shoemate currently serves as administrative co-chair along with Andrew Jones-Cathcart who is the faculty co-chair. Much of what the committee discusses is related to pedagogy and 10+1 however it can relate to work related issues due to changes with technology and its effects. The district had been using Proctorio and was concerned with costs. The district was encouraged to purchase Respondus. A challenge for the committee has been with the budget. Ed Tech is a subcommittee of Technology Committee and doesn't focus on how technology works or costs. There is concern with reviewing possible software and the time such evaluation requires, and then learning there are not sufficient funds to purchase the selected software. The state of CA must make a commitment with funding for the CCC to meet their missions. There is a suggestion to have Ed Tech work more closely with the Senate, and have representatives from each school to ensure the full complement of perspectives on technology used in teaching. Ed Tech routinely collaborates with CETL.
3. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
- **ASCCC Area C:** The first resolutions packet was circulated around the room. Some common themes are: collaborating with intersegmental partners and Common Course Numbering (CCN), this includes having not just CSUs, but UCs acknowledge these templates rather than rely on course-level articulation. A resolution speaking to the best practice of assigning faculty who meet the minimum qualifications to teach the credit version of a course only be assigned to mirrored classes.
 - **Great Shake Out:** Lisa is looking forward to receiving the results of the survey.
 - **PTAC Meeting Update:** Special thanks to Lauren and Ruth for co-chairing the council and crafting the agenda. The council discussed the Academic Integrity committee's development of an "Academic Dishonesty Cheat Sheet" and how the new policy is relating to imposing grade penalties. There is a training component with FLEX credit needed for those faculty who teach at multiple districts. The PT faculty evaluation instrument was discussed, should there be one evaluation document for FT and PT or one for each? The meeting minutes will be on the website and CANVAS shell. There was a suggestion to share the meeting minutes via email.
 - **Canyons Compass Meeting Update:** The group is striving to point the direction of the college for the next 5 years via a "5-year road map." Some areas of focus included academic achievement and campus culture. Data discussed at the Data Summit will be reviewed to address prevailing themes and provide feedback as well as input in developing the district-level objectives. Some data collected via the data prompts will prompt changes in Program Review.
 - **Charging EV stations:** Lisa is advocating more stations on campus.
 - **PV Committee:** PV may see more proposals with the recent changes to our AP's. There are now archival dates changes for electives from 5 to 3-year review requirements. Student enrollment behaviors have changed and many disciplines may need to look at their curriculum to determine if the curriculum still serves the best interested in students. These possible changes may trigger a program discontinuance. The PV program proposal forms need to be more focused and not ask for all same elements. The idea is to include only relevant prompts to the goal of each proposal. Any changes will come to Senate.

Action Items

Below is a list of items that the Senate will take action on. Discussion is welcomed by all attendees.

4. Curriculum Approval Local Control, Dr. David Vakil & Lisa Hooper (pg. 13-17)
- This memo confirms that the district has followed all legal requirements to build curriculum.
 - **Motion** to approve the Curriculum Approval Local Control by Lauren Rome, seconded by Gary Collis. Alene Terzian proxy for Annie Aboulion (yes, vote); Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney (yes, vote); Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote); Shane Ramey proxy for Tom Gisel (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (yes, vote); Regina Blasberg proxy for Garrett

Rieck (yes, vote); Tricia George proxy for Erica Seubert (yes, vote); Jennifer Paris proxy Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

5. Adjunct MQE list for Fall 2026 (pg. 18-31)

- A reminder was made that each semester the Senate approves the list of adjuncts and disciplines they are hired to teach in. A correction was made to remove Genevieve Guzman as she was not hired to teach in English. HR will be notified to change from “adjuncts” to “part-time faculty,”
- **Motion** to approve the Adjunct MQE List Approval Local Control by Jessica Crowley, seconded by Tom Gisel. Alene Terzian proxy for Annie Abouljian (yes, vote); Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney (yes, vote); Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote); Shane Ramey proxy for Tom Gisel (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (yes, vote); Regina Blasberg proxy for Garrett Rieck (yes, vote); Tricia George proxy for Erica Seubert (yes, vote); Jennifer Paris proxy Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

C. Discussion

Below are items that the Senate will discuss and no action will be taken. Discussion is welcomed by all attendees.

1. AP 4101 (Independent Study), Gary Collis (pg. 32)

- The Policy Committee did not evaluate the pros and cons of independent study. The law does not refer to this in Ed Code as there is no definition, but it is in the PCAH. There is some apportionment and reporting that is required but the district does not do this now. If the district makes a change the policy would need to be revised. Other college has used independent study to allow student to conduct research. At COC students have other mechanisms to accomplish this goal. This policy will return for action.

2. SGT Reporting Draft Template, Lisa Hooper (pg. 33)

- This new form is being developed to be used by faculty appointed to Shared Governance Teams to either update the Senate via a summary or request to update the Senate via discussion. This will be a live form with a drop-down list and textbox with attachment ability. This form will be tested this semester and will be linked on the Academic Senate website.

3. [TOP to CIP Code Transition for Course & Program Coding](#), Tricia George

- The [TOP to CIP Code Transition Project website](#) came about out of Common Course Numbering (CCN) and needs to align to Title 5, CCN, PCAH and CALGETC. There is now a requirement to use the national system (CIP codes). Only the state of CA uses TOP codes. TOP Codes is a system for classifying programs; it allows for comparison across institutions. CIP codes are used throughout the United States. There are certain funding streams that can only be used for certain codes. The federal government will be conducting an analysis examination of programs through their codes. This work must be completed this academic year. Curriculum will reach out department Chairs for collaboration on this work.

D. Unfinished Business

Below is a list of items that can be discussed for a future date.

1. none

E. New Future Business

Request to place an item for a future agenda is welcomed. Below is a list of topics that will be discussed at a future business date.

1. Tenure Committee Training Workshops, Collaboration with COCFA
2. Department Chair Training Series Schedule

F. Announcements

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Oct. 22nd; Nov. 5th; Nov. 19th & Dec. 10th
2. 2026 Fall Plenary Session, Nov. 5th – 7th, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.
3. 2027 Spring Plenary Session, April 8th – 10th, Hyatt Regency Irvin, Irvine, CA.

4. 2027 Fall Plenary Session, Nov. 4th – 6th, Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.
5. 2027 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 10th - 12th, San Francisco Marriot Waterfront, Burlingame, CA.
6. 2027 Curriculum Institute, July 14th – 17th, Riverside Convention Center, Riverside, CA.

G. Adjournment: 5:01 p.m.

The teleconference is accessible through the following link:

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/81647762764?pwd=UIApeHKRcS9vext0KAGfNTnIO5biYQ.1>

Please note:

This meeting will be broadcasted at the following locations via zoom

none