Academic Senate Meeting Summary for February 12, 2026

Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	*Gary Collis proxy for* Gary Quire	X
Vice President	Garrett Rieck	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	Erica Seubert	X	At Large Senator	Alene Terzian-Zeitounian	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	Erin Delaney	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisel	X	At Large Senator	Rebecca Shepherd	X
MSHP-HPPS Senator	*Jesse Vera proxy for* Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	Shane Ramey	X
VAPA Senator	*Regina Blasberg proxy for* David Brill	X	At Large Senator	Alexandra Dimakos	X
Student Services Senator	Jesse Vera	X	Adjunct Senator	Todd Fatta	X
Humanities Senator	Mike Harutunian	X	Adjunct Senator	*Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for* Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	*Anna Hillary designee for* Kathrina Almero-Fabros	X	Adjunct Senator	Linda Beauregard-Vasquez	X
SBS Senator	Jennifer Paris	X	X= Present	A= Absent	

Non-voting Members			
Dr. David Vakil (Interim, CIO)	X	Jennifer Brezina VP of Instruction	X
Marilyn Jimenez	X	Jason Burgdorfer (COCFA President)	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President) *Via Zoom*	X	ASG Student Representative: TBD	A

Guest							
Ann Marchesan	X	Daylene Mueschke	X	Lauren Rome	X	Robert Wonser	X
Cassidy Bustow	X	Deanna Riveira	X	Maral Markarian	X	Rosario Gonzalez	X
Chad Peters	X	Dianne Avery	X	Michael Felix	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Chris Boltz	X	Eric Smith	X	Michelle LaBrie	X	Sarah Cox	X
Clinton Slaughter	X	Julie Johnson	X	Milan Manorat	X	Siane Holland	X
Cyndi Trudea	X	Karyl Kicsenski	X	Mireya Milian	X	Velia Jimenez	X

A. Routine Matters
1. Call to order: 3:02 pm.
2. Public Comment:
   - **UCEN 304 Adjunct Office:** The adjunct office in UCEN 304 is not available. It was clarified that the UCEN office does not serve the purpose needed for adjuncts. There are two other single offices that David Vakil will showcase to Lisa Hooper.
   - **System for entering office hours:** This issue with this system has been known. It is not clear what

progress is on this issue; however, the AFT union is aware of this issue.
- **Special Welcome** to the new CIO of Instruction, David Vakil.
- **Request from the School of Public Safety & Health Professions**: To consider putting together a standardized process for recognizing the interactive procedures for AAC students regarding clinicals. The Policy Committee is working on revising BP and AP 5140 to include faculty centric language in the policy.
- **Tree issue on Campus:** A pine tree that had rotted fell over into the tennis court. The whole area into West PE was blocked off. Other trees being looked at by an arborist.

3. Approval of the Agenda:
   - **Motion** to approve the agenda by Linda Beuregard-Vasquez, seconded by Regina Blasberg. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
4. Committee Appointments:
   - Kelly Cude, CASL Committee and Planning & Institutional Effectiveness PAT
   - Ben Riveira, Operations PAT
5. Sub-Committee Summaries:
   - Program Viability Committee meeting summary, December 11, 2025 (pg. 8-11)
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar
   - Academic Senate Meeting Summary, December 11, 2025 (pg. 3-7)
   - **Motion** to approve the agenda by Linda Beuregard-Vasquez, seconded by Regina Blasberg. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

B. Reports

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

1. Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) Annual Chair Report, Julie Johnson & Robert Wonser (pg. 12-15)
   - **FLEX week:** A two-hour FLEX session was offered on "*Problems with AI in the Classroom*." The AI series will continue, and three courses are already on the schedule.
   - **FIT Program:** All classes are approved non-credit as HR no longer has the funds to coordinate. There is no funding for coordinators or mentors for any of these courses. Non-credit courses are self-sustaining and collect apportionment. The CETL 100 course on, *"Teaching Strategies"* will be added to the FIT program. If anyone knows any educators or those who aspire to be educators in the community, CETL is public facing, non-credit, and they can take the courses.
2. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
   - **Post Pandemic & Instructor Expectations:** Which modalities are options for each discipline? How do faculty ethically and responsibility navigate AI in higher education.
   - **State Level Influences on Faculty Work**: General Education changes with CALGETC and Local GE, CCN, CPL, Dual enrolment, Rising Scholars and Baccalaureate Degrees. The first cohort is due to graduate in the spring for the Baccalaureate degree.
   - **Rising Scholars Recognition**: This program has been recognized as the state. Congratulations to Garrett Rieck and Dianne Avery for all their hard work.
   - **Leadership Changes:** There are local leadership changes and governance changes being made. This is being done to be more transparent and inclusive.
   - **Gensler:** Local consultant that is working on helping the district reimage the campuses such as in facilities and with solicitation from various stakeholders.
   - **Re-Brand of Canyon Country Campus:** this is being done with the help of the Partnership Resource Team (PRT).
   - **CEO Search/ CIO Interim Hiring committees:** Lisa has been working on these committees.
   - **MQE:** Lisa has worked with the district policy and administrative procedures to update the policies on

discipline.
- **Campus Wide Drill:** Lisa has been working with the Reinhardt Schuerger, Director of Campus Safety, to ensure campus wide drills are scheduled with input from the Senate.
- **Program Viability Committee Processes:** There are some changes that will be made.
- **Senate Committees:** Work will be done to better align the new governance model and reduce duplicative efforts.
- **Adjunct Advisory council:** With the help of the Office of Instruction there are attempts to recreate the council.

3. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
   - **Rising Scholars Statewide Award:** Garrett attended the [Board of Governors meeting to accept the Rising Scholars Program award](#) on behalf of the college. This was a team effort. There is an in-jail program and an on-campus program. This is being done to create a holistic approach to helping students.
   - **Updated Adjunct Evaluation Forms**: For any chairs who received the email, they need to make sure they are using the new forms. The forms are broken up into instructional coaches, librarians, non-instruction counseling and whether it is online, online love or in person. These forms are effective spring 2026.

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

1. New Discipline Assignment for Milan Manorat (*Diagnostic Medical Technology (Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Neurodiagnostic Technology, Polysonographic Technology)* (pg. 16)
   - **Motion** to approve the discipline assignment for Milan Manorat by Jesse Vera, seconded by Tom Gisel. Lak shared special thanks for helping hire Milan as she has stepped in help with the workload. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

2. Additional Discipline Assignment for Kevin Larsen (*Architecture & Graphic Design*) (pg. 17-18)
   - **Motion** to approve the revised discipline for Kevin Larsen by Erica Seubert, seconded by Rebecca Shepherd. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

3. BP/AP 4230 (**Grading and Academic Records Symbols**), Gary Collis

I. Summary of Changes for the Senate (pg. 19)	III. AP 4230 (Final for Senate) (pg. 21-25)
II. BP 4230 (Final for Senate) (pg. 20)	IV. BP 4230 (Current) (pg. 26-32)

   - A withdrawal symbol was added to the top of the table/chart. The reference to Pass/No Pass was removed as there is a standalone AP on Pass/No Pass. A brief sentence was also added about the note codes on transcripts for CPL. For local GE decisions, it was decided, a "C" would be passing for major classes. For elective units a "D" is sufficient to gain credit. There are, however, some limitations at some UCs and CSUs. The word "Passing" will be removed for Grade "D" to match Title IV language.
   - **Motion** to approve BP 4230 by Erica Seubert, seconded by Rebecca Shepherd. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
   - **Motion** to approve AP 4230 by Rebecca Shepherd, seconded by Thomas Gisel. Anna Hillary designee for Kathrina Almero-Fabros (yes, vote). Regina Blasberg proxy for David Bril, (yes vote). Jesse Vera proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote). Gary Collis proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Linda Beauregard-Vasquez proxy for Lauren Rome (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

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

1. Shelter in Place Drill SP26, Reinhardt Schuerger
   - [2026 Emergency Notification System (EMS)-Shelter-Flyer March 12th](#)
   - [Shelter in Place Checklist](#)

- o Last year the shelter in place drill took place on a Wednesday and this is why a different day was chosen. The drill will be hosted at 10:45 and 6:45pm. There is a work group that went to the dean's council. There will be a discussion in the fall to make sure this works for all faculty. The alert system switched from Alertis to RACE and there have been some glitches and delays. It is recommended for all to go through the checklist and talk it through. Faculty need to be a good role model and explain what to do. Institutional Research puts out a survey. Campus Safety will work with the locksmith to get all locks working properly. Faculty build their syllabus in advance, and they would like to know the date and time of the next drill, so they don't schedule a test during the drill. Oct. 15th is the date of the National Great Shakeout.
  - o Students want to host an event with campus safety.
2. Academic Integrity Committee's Statement on Faculty Use of Artificial Intelligence in Grading and Feedback, Dr. Shane Ramey (pg. 33)
   - There may be one or more faculty using AI for the purpose of grading. It was important to consider what stance the district should take. Academic Freedom Committee also discussed this statement with the Academic Integrity Committee. There are some students who are concerned about not being allowed to use AI but having the teacher use AI to grade. There was a request for the committee to discuss faculty using AI to write textbooks or OER textbooks written for a department for common courses. ASCCC has an "AI for the OERI" that provides some guidance and how this is intersexed with OEI. If approved by the Senate, faculty will have a solidified statement that can turn to. The key is "human agency" could be the word or phrase included in the statement. It is getting to the point where it is not clear what AI is. Don't assign grades based on anything other than the criteria. This will return.
3. Primer on Academic Freedom, Karyl Kicenski (pg. 34-36)
   - This primer addresses the questions on the difference between Academic Freedom and the First Amendment. Tricia helped with much of the content in terms of regulation and curriculum and how state and federal mandates curve academic freedom. Many people use Academic Freedom to claim they have the capacity to be inappropriate with language or other areas in the classroom. Academic Freedom is broader than free speech. There can be an instance where an institution can discipline someone but not trample on their Academic Freedom. This item will return for another discussion prior to taking action.

E. Unfinished Business

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

1. IRC Discussion - Automated Book Adoptions
2. Web Design/Senate Sub-Committee pages update
3. Proposed revisions to the Faculty Evaluation Instrument
4. BP/AP 4300 Field Trips and Excursions

F. 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
2. Department Chair Training Series Schedule
   - i. This was approved at the last meeting. The finalized schedule will have all presenters confirmed. Marketing will go out tomorrow. The first session is on Feb. 20^{th,} and all sessions are in person.

G. Announcements

- o Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: Feb. 26th, March 12th, March 26th, April 16th, April 30th, May 14th & May 28th
- o 2026 ASCCC Spring Plenary, April 9th – 11th, Hyatt Regency, Santa Rosa, CA.
- o 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
- o 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center
- o 2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute, April 30th – May 1st, San Jose Marriot

- o [Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) Conference](), March 11th – March 13th, The Dana in Mission Bay in San Diego, CA.

H. Adjournment: 4:50 p.m.

The teleconference is accessible though the following link:

https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/82944492894?pwd=VEsTAWCAYGxMuhQNI5saxRfNnaKZPd.1

Please note:

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