

Academic Senate Meeting Summary for February 26, 2026

Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	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	Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	Shane Ramey	X
VAPA Senator	David Brill	X	At Large Senator	Alexandra Dimakos	X
Student Services Senator	Jesse Vera	X	Adjunct Senator	Todd Fatta	A
Humanities Senator	Mike Harutunian	X	Adjunct Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	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 (COCA President)	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President) <i>Via Zoom</i>	X	ASG Student Representative: Areesh Fatima (Via Zoom)	X

Guest

Cassidy Butow	X	Dianne Avery	X	Karyl Kicenski	X	Robert Wonser	X
Chad Peters	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Maral Markarian	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Christ Boltz	X	Garrett Hooper	X	Michael Felix	X	SB Tucker	X
Collette Gibson	X	Jeremey Patrich	X	Michelle LaBrie	X	Victoria Leonard	X
Cyndi Trudea	X	Joe Gerda	X	Mireya Milian	X		X

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:00 pm
2. Public Comment
 - I. There is concern that there are not enough parking spaces for the disabled faculty.
 - II. Erin has walked some of the UCEN office spaces and identified a better set up for faculty. David Vakil and Lisa Hooper will walk this space next.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - I. There was an error on the curriculum summary regarding the course title for MEA. This was pulled from the agenda and will be handled at the next Curriculum Committee meeting.
 - II. **Motion** to approve the agenda with the amendment. by Tricia George, seconded by Linda

Beauregard-Vasquez. Unanimous. Approved.

4. Committee Appointments:
 - I. Sarah Ethridge, School of SBS Representative on the MQE Committee
 - The spelling of the last name will be corrected: “Etheridge”
 - II. Tenure Committee for New Full-Time Faculty, Milan Manorat (pg. 14)
5. Sub-Committee Summaries:
 - I. Program Viability Committee meeting summary, February 12, 2026 – (pg. 8-10)
 - II. Senate Executive Committee meeting summary, February 19, 2026 (pg. 11-13)
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar
 - I. **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Alexa Dimakos, seconded by Jesse Vera. Unanimous. Approved.

I. Academic Senate Meeting Summary, February 12, 2026 (pg. 3-7)	II. Curriculum Committee Summary, February 19, 2026
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B. Reports

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

1. Career Education Committee & CE Liaison Annual Chair Report, Regina Blasberg (pg. 15-17)
 - I. **CE Committee Report:** Regina shared that CE students are not required to take CE courses and therefore more marketing is needed. Regina met with Dr. Daylene Meuschke and Jason Hinkle on how to best put forward budget requests. Harriet Happle, CTE Dean is the co-chair of the committee and deals with Perkins and SWF funding. The state cut 22% to all SWF budgets to expand Nursing. The CCCAOE entity is using their lobbyist to try to push the state to put the \$60M back. Students need to be trained on the most current equipment. If students are falling behind this may also be an academic standards issue. There are suggestions on how to develop a process to alleviate this issue and put this in a document.
 - II. **CE Liaison Report:** Regina sits on various campus committees and attends regional meetings for the South-central regional consortium. Recently the consortium met at the CCCAOE conference.
2. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
 - I. **CCC PRT Team:** Lisa is not on this team as this group meets on Senate and PV dates. There are several senators that sit on this team that can represent the Academic Senate.
 - II. **Academic Standards:** AI is challenging to navigate in higher education as changes are happening very quickly. There is a need to discuss modalities within departments and disciplines to determine which modes of best for ensuring learning.
 - III. **Student Conduct Policies:** The recently revised policies went to CPC and ASG where they were approved. We will be looking to form a team of faculty to be ready to serve on “Grade Review” panels. John LeJay has been invited to Senate to discuss how his area will be overseeing these changes.
 - IV. **Standardized Attendance Accounting process:** Dr. Brezina will present on this new method and how it will impact scheduling.
 - V. **Dept. Chair Training:** COCFA and AFT Contracts is the next session on 3/6.
 - VI. **Shared Governance Council:** There is training for all members of the PAT teams. First session is tomorrow, but there are plans for additional training sessions.
 - VII. **GENSLER/CANYONS COMPASS:** Gensler was pleased there was a good group of students from both campuses who participated in the “listening” sessions.
 - VIII. **CEO hiring committee:** The committee will be interviewing candidates the week of March 9th and as a result the PV meeting schedule for that week has been cancelled.
 - IX. **PAC-B:** This committee has not met or discussed the Governors May revise. An update will be provided in March.
 - X. **PIO Message:** Special thanks to PIO on the email sent campus wide outlining how everyone can access their services.

- XI. **Spring 2026 Graduation:** Graduation is set for June 5th at 6:00pm. A regalia message went out. This is the first ceremony that will recognize students graduating with bachelor’s degrees. The honor Gard was not replicated last year but will be replicated to allow faculty to congratulate students. Andy Gumps will be brought in to help manage the restroom demands.
- XII. **Faculty Evaluation Discussion for March 12th:** The Senate approved competencies in spring of 2024. The taskforce was to incorporate these into the Faculty Evaluation instruments. These competencies have not been adopted by the district. A new instrument has been negotiated for adjunct faculty. There is concern with having faculty evaluated on different instruments for full-time and part time.
- 3. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
 - I. **Faculty Awards nominations** are open, the email sent out, and ends on April 16th at 5pm, There are 6 total awards and need to have all documents. Garrett will review all nominations and make sure all is there.
 - II. **Faculty Office:** Lottery will launch after spring break. We are only doing one round. This will run for a week and a half to allow faculty to respond and submit their choices.

C. Action Items

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

- 1. Adjunct Minimum Qualifications & Equivalencies (MQE) List
 - I. Adjunct MQE List Fall 2025 (Part 2) (pg. 18-24)
 - II. Adjunct MQE List Winter 2026 (pg. 25-27)
 - III. Adjunct MQE List Spring 2026 (pg. 28-43)
 - Special thanks to HR and Alsiha Kaminsky for reviewing the lists.
 - **Motion** to approve the Adjunct Minimum Qualifications & Equivalencies list by seconded by Lauren Rome, seconded by Linda Beauregard. Unanimous. Approved
- 2. Primer on Academic Freedom, Karyl Kicenski (pg. 44-46)
 - I. Special thanks to Karyl and the committee for all their hard work. The Senate felt it was ready to move forward with the voting process
 - II. **Motion** to approve the Primer on Academic Freedom by Lauren Rome, seconded by Linda Beauregard-Vasquez. Unanimous. Approved.
- 3. Academic Integrity Committee’s Statement on Faculty Use of Artificial Intelligence in Grading and Feedback, Dr. Shane Ramey
 - I. Draft version discussed at the February 12, 2026, Academic Senate Meeting (pg. 47)
 - II. Draft based on feedback received from February 12, 2026, Academic Senate meeting (pg. 48)
 - Both the first draft from the Feb. 12th agenda and an updated version are included. However, there is now a third version, Draft A.1. that takes the same language from the first draft but changes one term in an existing sentence, and adds one additional sentence. The AIC committee felt the first preferred version Draft A.1. The committee felt the term “Human agency” encapsulated well what was asked.
 - **Motion** to approve the Academic Integrity Committee’s Statement Draft A.1 on “Faculty Use of Artificial Intelligence in Grading and Feedback” by Regina Blasberg, seconded by Rebecca Shepherd. 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. BP/AP 4300 (Field Trips), Gary Collis

I. BP 4300 Field Trips and Excursions (Final for Senate) (pg. 49)	I. BP 4300 (Field Trips and Excursions (Compare Version) (pg. 52)
II. AP 4300 Field Trips and Excursions (Final for Senate) (pg. 50-51)	II. AP 4300 (Current) (pg. 57)

 - I. This item came through in November through policy committee, however the process of updating this policy began 3 years ago. There was a proposal to extract much of the content from the current

AP and put this into some form of an operation procedure or handbook. The handbook was presented to the committee and there were some concerns therefore an informal work group was assembled. Administration took notes and were going to make corrections however, a reconvening never took place. The documents are now 15 years old and need to be updated. Dr. Brezina stated that she is unclear if there is a finished draft of the handbook. Faculty need to be consulted as this is a faculty domain.” The suggestion is to have these operating procedures come back to the Policy Review committee for further discussion and congruence with the proposed BP and AP.

2. Syllabi Best Practices, CETL Sub-Committee, Robert Wonser & Victoria Leonard (pg. 58-66)
 - I. CELT felt it best to have a statement on the website on what are the ideal best practices in the creation of a syllabus. The final document would also live on the Academic Senate website. It was suggested to include a table that outlines what is now required, recommended, strongly recommended. It was also suggested to add a column for recommendations for accreditation. Special thanks to CETL and Victoria Leonard for all their hard work.

E. Additional Notes:

1. Lisa has been working with the Office of Instruction on the Advisory Council.

F. Unfinished Business

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

1. Faculty Evaluation Instruments
2. IRC Discussion - Automated Book Adoptions
3. Web Design/Senate Sub-Committee pages update

G. 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

H. Announcements

- Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: March 12th, March 26th, April 16th, April 30th, May 14th & May 28th
- 2026 ASCCC Spring Plenary, April 9th – 11th, Hyatt Regency, Santa Rosa, CA.
- 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
- 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center
- 2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute, April 30th – May 1st, San Jose Marriot
- Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) Conference, March 11th – March 13th, The Dana in Mission Bay in San Diego, CA.

I. Adjournment: 4:53 pm.

The teleconference is accessible through the following link:

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

Please note:

This meeting will be broadcasted at the following locations via zoom

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