

Academic Senate Meeting Summary for April 16, 2026

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	<i>Regina Blasberg proxy for Gary Quire</i>	X
Vice President	Garrett Rieck	X	Learning Resources Senator	<i>Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson</i>	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	<i>Erin Delaney proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian</i>	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	Erin Delaney	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisel	X	At Large Senator	<i>Gary Collis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd</i>	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	<i>Ann Marchesan proxy for Jesse Vera via Zoom</i>	X	Adjunct Senator	Todd Fatta	X
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	A	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)	A
Dan Portillo (AFT President) <i>Via Zoom</i>	X	ASG Student Representative	A

Guest							
Amy Foote	X	Dan Portillo	X	Eric Smith	X	Michell Holland	X
Brenda Thompson	X	Deanna Riveira	X	Erika Torgeson	X	Siane Holland	X
Claudenice McCalister	X	Dianne Avery	X	Kelly Bronco	X	Velia Jimenez	X
Clinton Slaughter	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Mary Powell	X		X

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:00pm
2. Public Comment
 - **Article on Artificial Intelligence:** Mike Harutunian has been teaching his C1000 Writing Class that focuses on student's use of AI. There is article regarding a study that was commissioned by Grammarly. There is argument that within the next 2 years everyone will be using adaptive learning platforms, academic digital credentials and education analytics logistics for higher

education. Mythos by Anthropic can-do programming better than any human being and will be developed by AI. We are moving towards AGI.

- **Welding Program Rodeo:** The Welding program reached out to Work to the Mojave High School and under the leadership of Tim Baber, Harriet Happle and dean Dr. Monica Shukla Belmontes hosted a Welding Program Rodeo. There were 30 students total, and they had a great time.
- **20 Year Land Surveying Program Celebration:** This event will take place on Saturday in the UCEN lobby. There are 60-70 people RSVP'd, there will be a student panel and lunch. The program has produced 18 fully licensed surveyors. It takes 8 years for students to obtain a license. There are 11 + at the first step of the process for licensure.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- **Motion** to approve the agenda by Jessica Crowley seconded by Tom Gisel. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

4. Committee Appointments:

- Michaela Blain, Non-Credit Curriculum Committee

5. Sub-Committee Summaries:

- Program Viability Committee meeting summary, March 26, 2026 (pg. 8-11)

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar

- A correction was made to the Curriculum Committee summary from April 2nd. There was an error regarding the new Filmmaking associate's degree. Theater 141 was listed but it should be Theater 144.
- **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Lauren Rome, seconded by Linda Beauregard-Vasquez. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

I. Academic Senate Meeting Summary, March 26, 2026 (pg. 3-7)	II. Curriculum Committee Summary, April 2, 2026
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B. Reports

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

1. Committee for Assessing Student Learning (CASL), Mary Powell (pg. 12-17)

- The CASL committee has focused on continuing the ongoing work on assessment reporting, new assessment training and loop closing. The eLumen software is going away at the end of June. A pilot was run with the eLumen Insights platform that will run on top of CANVAS. The pilot was not successful, and the committee is looking into various other software programs such as the SLO cloud and CANVAS Outcomes. A group will meet in April to discuss software options. Evis Wilson is also available to meet with faculty. If someone cannot enter the SLO by the June 5th deadline, the suggestion is for faculty to hold on to their assessment. The suggestion is to allow for an extra week. Special thanks to Mary Powell for all her work.

2. ASCCC Artificial Intelligence Conference Update, Dr. Shane Ramey (pg. 18)

- Special thanks to Dr. Shane Ramey for attending the AI Conference on behalf of the Senate. Shane spoke with the representatives at the State Chancellor's Office on the impact of AI with authentic assessment. It was confirmed that online classes are not going away. Some concerns were shared regarding a possible faculty workload issue with authenticating students and with faculty accommodating the presence of AI and dismissing the COR. However, there was a reminder that the Academic Freedom Committee brought forward the [Primer on Grading and AI](#) to the Senate. Faculty need to teach students what is in the COR. There is no handbook on AI and there are many AI detection tool that are not all accessible to faculty.

3. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
 - Lisa outlined the concept of reactive inhibition and how there can be a decrease in performance when too much is “thrown” at someone. Lisa shared that she has declined participation in various other groups to allow her more time to focus on the work of the Senate.
 - **NSF grants:** Special thanks to both Stephany Meredith and Patricia Foley for all their work on the NSF grant. Lisette Godinez was recognized as the outstanding classified employee at the Bot meeting and this nomination has been promoted for state level consideration.
 - Lisa will step off paths and need to fix areas with PV and scarified some quality.
4. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
 - **Full-Time Faculty Office Lottery:** The deadline is Thursday April 23rd at 12:00pm. If anyone wants to see an office, please reach out Garrett to coordinate and tour the office.

C. Action Items

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

1. Additional discipline of Noncredit for Heather Maclean (pg. 19)
 - Lisa clarified that if a faculty member is assigned an additional discipline this does not mean they will teach in this area. Dr. David Vakil, Miranda Zamudio in HR and Lisa Hooper will be developing a document that outlines what faculty are to teach if they have been assigned another discipline assignment. A correction will made to the discipline memos to list Lisa Hooper as Academic Senate President.
 - **Motion** to approve the additional discipline of Noncredit by Garrett Rieck, seconded by Shane Ramey. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
2. Additional discipline of Noncredit for Heidi McMahan (pg. 20)
 - **Motion** to approve the addition discipline of Noncredit by Regina Blasberg, seconded by Erica Seubert. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
3. Additional discipline of Health for Sarah Etheridge (pg. 21)
 - **Motion** to approve additional discipline of Health Science by Linda Beauregard-Vasquez seconded by Tom Gisel. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
4. Resolution in Support for AB 2236, Jesse Vera & Wendy Brill-Wynkoop (pg. 22-23)
 - Jesse Vera followed up with Berman’s office to inquire as to why the articulation specialist was called out in the AB 1111 bill as many felt this was not needed. The bill has now moved to the Higher Education Committee with a 14 to 0 vote and has moved to the State Assembly.
 - **Motion** to approve by Regina Blasberg seconded by Erin Delaney. Gary Colis proxy for Rebecca Shepherd (yes, vote); Erin Delany proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote); Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote); Ann Marchesan for Jesse Vera (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. [Presentation on Standardized Attendance Accounting](#), Jennifer Brezina
 - The new method calculation method for summer of 26 is not determined on how a class is scheduled but on COR hours. The same funding is calculated on the standard formula. A timeline was shared outlining that the new method was approved in March of 2024 by the

BOT and Title 5 changes were approved in August. Special thanks to Tricia and Patrick in Curriculum for all their work in the fall to help get lecture and lab units added to the COR. The chancellor's office sent out an FAQ. All formulas will be the same if they are multiplied by 5. It was suggested to bring these changes forward at an upcoming IAC meeting to outline how to do the calculation hours.

The slides will be shared with everyone.

2. Academic Senate Academic Senate & Curriculum Committee meeting calendar for 26-27
 - **Option #1**-Hold Senate Retreat NOT during FLEX and instead on the first week of the semester (pg. 24)
 - **Option #2**-Hold Senate Retreat during FLEX (pg. 25)
 - The way that senate and curriculum meetings are ordered is intentional as senate needs to meet to approve the work of the curriculum before it can move to the BOT. Two possible meeting calendars were presented with one option to host the retreat during FLEX week. It was clarified that the Non-Credit Curriculum committee does not have a scheduled meeting on the same day as the Curriculum committee. There was a question regarding if there is an option to hold the retreat during FLEX that is not on a Thursday from 3-5pm as various departments hold their retreats. Lisa suggested the Senate review the calendars as they will return for a vote at the next meeting.

E. Unfinished Business

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

1. Web Design/Senate Sub-Committee pages update

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. Adjunct Advisory Council
2. Tenure Committee Training Workshops
3. Academic Accommodations Faculty Liaison
4. Blue Bird Resource Presentation

G. Announcements

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: April 30th, May 14th & May 28th
2. **Faculty office Lottery**, office allocation timeline, Mon. April 13th to April 23rd
3. **Faculty Award Nominations**, the nomination period ends Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:00pm.
4. 2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute, April 30th – May 1st, San Jose Marriott
5. **Faculty Collegial Celebration**, Thurs., June 4, 2026, at 3:00pm
6. 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
7. 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center

H. Adjournment: 5:00 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

None