

Academic Senate Meeting Summary for April 30, 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 via Zoom</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	Alene Terzian-Zeitounian	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	<i>Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney via Zoom</i>	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	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) via Zoom	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President) <i>Via Zoom</i>	X	ASG Student Representative	A

Guest							
Case Dimock	X	Daylene Mueschke	X	Jennifer Brezina	X	SB Tucker	X
Cassidy Butow	X	Deanna Riveira	X	John LeJay II	X	Siane Holland	X
Christ Boltz	X	Eric Smith	X	Michael Felix	X	Victoria Leonard	X
Clinton Slaughter	X	Erik Altenbernd	X	Paloma Vargas	X		X
Connie Palazzolo	X	Erika Torgeson	X	Ruth Rassool	X		X

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:00pm.
2. Public Comment
 - Linda Beauregard-Vasquez gave special thanks to Kelly Dapp and the Student Center for all their work being done to help students.

3. Approval of the Agenda
 - There was a discussion regarding if voting senators and/or proxies attending meeting remotely can vote if they are outside of district region. This will be clarified and if the votes do not count a correction will be made to the summary.
 - **Motion** to approve the agenda by Mike Harutunian, seconded by Lauren Rome. Regina Blasberg proxy for Gary Quire, (yes, vote); Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson, (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
4. Committee Appointments:
 - Updates to existing Tenure Committees (pg. 11)
 - Renaming or rebranding of the MQE Committee to the Equivalencies Committee
5. Sub-Committee Summaries:
 - Program Viability Committee meeting summary, April 26, 2026 (pg. 8-10)
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar
 - **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Jessica Crowley, seconded by Thomas Gisel. Regina Blasberg proxy for Gary Quire, (yes vote); Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson, (yes vote). Unanimous. Approved

I. Academic Senate Meeting Summary, April 16, 2026 (pg. 3-7)	II. Curriculum Committee Summary, April 23, 2026
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B. Reports

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

1. Honors Committee Annual Chair Report, Chase Dimock
 - Chase serves as the Coordinator of the Honors Program. The committee focuses on advising the decisions that are made in the Honors Program. There was a request for a faculty member to serve from the Social Science Division. In the 25-26 school year the committee has administered 140 new students. The committee has updated their canvas shell, will be revising their Honors handbook, and are planning the Annual Honor's Graduation event on May 16th at 6:00pm. There is a need for funds and more counseling support. There were 4 honors students accepted to the Council of CA Honors program at UC Riverside. There is a new Humanities 150 course was designed by Chase and Alene Terzian, and the idea is to create more honors courses.
 - There was a suggestion to bring together all the instructors who teach in honors.
2. Academic Staffing Committee Annual Chair Report, Erik Altenbernd
 - The committee is a standing committee of the Senate and makes recommendation for full-time hires and replacements. In the fall the committee, after the committee hears all recommendations, a list is composed. This list is then forwarded to the AS president and College president in the spring. There are 55-56 positions under the suggested replacement list. There was a reminder that while the Senate ranks position the CEO can go out of order based on district needs and will provide a rationale for that. Once HR notifies ASC of a retirement Erik will contact department chairs where there is a vacancy. There may be situations when a quick presentation is required due to a sudden vacancy. Thank you to Erik for all his work.
3. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
 - An updated on the Graduation/Commencement event will be added to Erica's Communication Officer's email.

C. Action Items

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

1. 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. 12)
 - Option #2-Hold Senate Retreat during FLEX (pg. 13)

- I. In option #1 the Curriculum Committee meets first week prior to FLEX. Tricia prefers option 1. The preference is to host the Senate retreat on the first week of the semester from 3-5pm.
- II. **Motion** to approve the calendar by Alexa Dimakos proxy for Erin Delaney. Regina Blasberg proxy for Gary Quire (yes, vote). Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson, (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. BP/AP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education), Gary Collis
 - Policy Review Committee’s Executive Summary for the Senate regarding revised BP and AP 4025 and 4100 (pg. 14-15)
 - BP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 16-17)
 - AP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 18-20)
 - BP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 21-22)
 - AP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 23)
2. BP/AP 4100 (Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates), Gary Collis
 - BP 4100 (Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 24)
 - AP 4100 (Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 25-32)
 - BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 33)
 - AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 34-40)
 - I. The reasoning for many of the changes to the policies was a result of the implementation of the new title 5 regulations. Specifically, section 55090 outlines institutional bachelor’s degrees and removes the pilot programs. In addition, this new language grants the district formal approval to award bachelor’s degrees and documents this requirement. Regarding AP 4025, this policy was not aligned with the CCLC and COC needed to ensure the alignment. The state cut the description of the General Education requirement and went with a more succinct bullet point description. Bachelor’s degrees will be awarded on June 5th. There are concerns with students coming in with transcripts from questionable accreditation agencies. If a transfer institution doesn’t accept courses that may put COC in a bind. The implementation memo from chancellor’s office directs question to the website operated by federal gov. In title 5509.2 students need completion of 36 semester of GE. They need 9 upper division and 36 lower. The CCLC language was included, and Gary will need to determine why. If there are changes to the policies, they will return for discussion.
3. Academic Dishonesty & Student Conduct Processes Following District Policy Updates, Dr. John LeJay II & Clinton Slaughter
 - I. There are many changes that need to be made to websites, forms, letters and documents being used internally. Faculty may only impose a grade penalty if an incident occurred and are required to submit an incident report. “Meaningful” by the faculty member with the students must be made to demonstrate the intent to have some level of conversation beyond telling a student “You cheated and you get a “0”.” This step initiates the committee who will receive a report and submit a new notice informing the

student that they have the right for due process. Students will have 7 days to respond. If the student fails to attend a hold would be placed. If the student goes to another college that issue goes unresolved. If the student wants to move forward with the appeal process it will then move to the ARC committee with a 3-person panel. An additional map outlining in more detail the workflow for the process will be shared. It was suggested to invite Clinton to department meetings, IAC and host a FLEX session in the fall. Clinton will put together an FAQ and will submit to Lisa.

4. [Adjunct Advisory Council](#), Dr. David Vakil, Ruth Rassool & Lisa Hooper
 - I. This group began in 2019, the then Senate President and Vice President of Instruction realized there was a communication hold. There are currently over 500 part-time faculty teaching. The final name of this group has not been confirmed. There is a need for a centralized location to meet. A townhall was recently held and many adjuncts were not aware of what takes place in some areas on campus. The group is looking for input from academic senate and the idea to have this be a senate sub-committee that communicates to Senate via the lead adjunct position. Another idea is to create a CANVAS shell for trainings and sample syllabi and other resources. The term “adjunct” has lost some favor statewide and there is a push to use the “part-time” term. The idea is bringing back a charter.

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. Academic Accommodations Faculty Liaison
2. Academic Senate Discipline Memos
3. Blue Bird Resource Presentation
4. Tenure Committee Training Workshops

G. Announcements

1. [Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026](#): May 14th & May 28th
2. [2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute](#), April 30th – May 1st, San Jose Marriot
3. **Faculty Collegial Celebration**, Thurs., June 4, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Intercultural Center
4. [2026 Faculty Leadership Institute](#), June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
5. [2026 Curriculum Institute](#), July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center
6. [2026 CAL OER Conference](#), July 29th to 31st, Zoom.
7. [2026 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 5th – 7th, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.

H. Adjournment: 5:04 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