

## Academic Senate Meeting Summary for May 14, 2026

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	Gary Quire	X
Vice President	Garrett Rieck	X	Learning Resources Senator	<i>Collete Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson via Zoom</i>	A
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 Daleny proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian via Zoom</i>	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg via Zoom	X	At Large Senator	Erin Delaney	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	<i>Shane Ramey proxy for Thomas Gisel</i>	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	<i>David Brill proxy for Mike Harutunian</i>	A	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)	A	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							
Alma Juarez	X	Deanna Riviera	X	Katie Coleman	X	Rosario Gonzalez	X
Ann Marchesan	X	Dianne Avery	X	Marc Llaguno	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Byrant Partida	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Michael Felix	X	Shannon Doronio	X
Cassidy Butow	X	Dr. Edel Alonso	X	Melody Klingenfuss-Ariaga	X	Siane Holland	X
Chris Boltz	X	Graciela Martinez	X	Michelle LaBrie	X	Velia Jimenez	X
Connie Palazzolo	X	Juan Renteria	X	Preetax Saxena	X	Wendy Gonzalez	X
Daylene Mueschke	X	Karyl Kicenski	X	Robert Wonser	X		

### A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:02pm
2. Public Comment:
  - There was a reminder that proxies can only be held by individuals attending the meeting in-

person. If a Senator must miss a meeting and wished to have someone substitute for them via Zoom, their substitute is welcome to provide input but may not vote on behalf of the Senator.

- **Welding courses offered at Pitches Detention Center:** Under the new leadership of Garrett Rieck, Rosario Gonzalez, and Dianne Avery, courses are being offered again. Special thanks to the administration for all their hard work. Special thanks also to Todd Fatta and Tim Baber for getting the onsite lab ready.
  - **Civic Engagement Club:** Special thanks to Lisa for presenting and to Dr. Alonso and Dr. Ruys for attending. Special thanks to Lisa for attending the Board of Trustees meeting and speaking on behalf of faculty.
  - **Governors May Revise:** The governor bumped COLA to 4.31%. 1.4% of the total is deemed “discretionary” but districts are to use to fund 14-week paid pregnancy leave for all employees. The Chancellor’s Office is due to provide their guidance on this tomorrow.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
    - **Motion** to approve the agenda by Jessica Crowley, seconded by Laruen Rome. Shane Ramey proxy for Thomas Gisel, (yes, vote); Dave Brill proxy for Mike Haratunian, (yes, vote); Erin Delaney proxy for Alene Terzian, (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
  4. Committee Appointments: *none*
  5. Sub-Committee Summaries: *none*
  6. Approval of the Consent Calendar:
    - Special thanks to all for their continued service.
    - Motion to approve the consent calendar by Todd Fatta, seconded by Lak Dhillon. Shane Ramey proxy for Thomas Gisel, (yes, vote); Dave Brill proxy for Mike Haratunian, (yes, vote); Erin Delaney proxy for Alene Terzian, (yes, vote). Unanimous.

I. Academic Senate Meeting Summary, April 30, 2026 (pg. 3-6)	II. <a href="#">Curriculum Committee Summary, May 7, 2026</a>
III. Senate Election Committee- Academic Senate & Curriculum Committee Nomination and Election Results (pg. 7-8)	

## B. Reports

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

1. Academic Freedom Committee Chair Annual Report, Karyl Kicenski
  - As a reminder the committee was created by the Senate to make formal recommendations to the Senate on any matter related to [BP/AP 4030 \(Academic Freedom\)](#). The committee also offers informal advice if there is a request for an inquiry or investigation. The committee worked on education/campus collaborations for the school year. Karyl has continued to work with the nationwide Heterodox Academy (HxA) that has provided some up-to-date research. The committee has asked Kathrina Almero-Fabros to speak on academic freedom in the health professions fields. The committee needs to recruit additional committee members as some will no longer be serving due to retirement, teaching schedules or no longer representing COCFA. Jason with COCFA will be recruiting faculty to represent the union. Gary Collis will also be joining the committee.
2. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
  - 2026-2028 Reassign time Memo (pg. 9)
    - **Technological Challenges:** please let us know if you are having email syncing problems across devices. This appears to be happening with faculty who use Apple devices at home and PC’s at work.
    - **Senate meeting process:** Lisa reminded the Senate that a queue needs to be established for questions following presentations so the meeting time can be managed well.
    - **CANVAS Outage:** This outage created many challenges. Lisa requested feedback from the Senate regarding the messaging from the district. The idea was to communicate the same, comprehensive

message via different platforms. The COC alert function seemed to help. Lisa asked Online Education to provide guidance on how to back up material in Canvas. It was appreciated by many that the campus was not reactionary but more so confirmed they were in control of the situation. Special thanks to Joy Shoemate and the Online Education team for quickly creating an informative webpage for faculty.

- **Canyons Compass-Gensler Taskforce:** The work of this group is ending and an update was provided at the Board. The most recent session was on branding. There is Interest to create flexibility with the COC brand so it can be individualized at the department level.
- **Program Review:** The Gensler work has demonstrated a need to reconsider our program review processes. This will likely include moving to a 5-year cycle with a more comprehensive review of the programs (certificates and degrees) within each department.
- **Program Review Committee:** Erica Torgeson recruited Kelly Cude to serve as her replacement as Academic Program Review chair while Erica is serving as Interim Dean of Counseling. However, Kelly will not be able to serve in this position going forward unless some of her reassignment as Biology chair is shared. The Academic Program Review Chair will receive 20% reassigned time from the Senate reassigned time allotment, and will serve on Program Viability (6 mts per term), the Planning PAT (4 mtgs per term), and CASL (7-8 mtgs per term).
- **PRT Team Update:** COC sought support from other colleagues in the system for the shared governance remodel, including integrated planning, and institutional culture/climate. A team reviewing the menu of options provided by the PRT team and a summary will be provided to the campus community.
- **Mini PRT:** The focus of this group has been on the rebranding of CCC. Shane, Lak, and many other faculty who teach primarily on the Canyon Country campus were part of the team who liaised with the visiting team and reviewed the menu of options. Paul Wickline has presented the summary of that work in the Planning PAT.
- **Shared Governance:** The tri chair model includes representation from the Academic and Classified Senate Presidents, as well as the College President. There are 3 Project Advance Teams (PATs) which serve to advance projects to this council. Lisa will continue to serve on the SGC, but will be seeking new faculty to serve on the Planning PAT and Student Success PAT in her place. Project reviewed and advanced for action: move 30-minute parking to 60 minutes; Towsley Harvest Garden (to support Anthropology & Biology/Environmental Science courses); Bee Pollinator Campus designation.
- **Recruitment of Faculty:** We (the Senate), through Regina Blasberg (Career Education Liaison), asked the Planning PAT to consider immediately recruiting and rehiring (rather than returning to the Academic Staffing process) if a previously-approved-for-hire faculty position fails to complete the tenure process. This matter is advancing to the Shared Governance Council.
- **Academic Review Committees:** We need faculty to serve on the Academic Review Committee; will good representation from each school/division, we expect you would only be activated for a grade penalty review case a few times per year. Please let Lisa know if you are willing to serve on this important committee.
- **Student Conduct Committee:** This committee will be remodeled with the help of Chair, Michalle LaBrie. Those faculty who has been serving on the prior iteration of the Student Conduct Committee may also have interest in serving on the Academic Review Committee.
- **Annual Collegial Celebration:** Lisa sent an email regarding the annual collegial celebration. All full-time faculty and many part-time will be invited, as well as other members of the district. It is not possible to invite all staff as there is not sufficient space or food. This is our first time recognizing part-time faculty service milestone. The event is scheduled for Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the ICC from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

- **Graduation/Commencement:** This event will take place on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>. The honor guard will be formed for students. Faculty will convene in the cougar den between 5:00-5:30 PM. Austin Dave and the MEA team, have specialized curated content to run for 1 hour before the event.
3. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
    - **Faculty Office Lottery:** A total of 6 faculty were awarded and accepted an office this round. The senate hosts one office lottery round per semester.
    - **Award Deliberations Update:** There are 2 faculty nominated for awards.
    - **ASCCC Non-Credit Institute:** Garrett attended the institute and will share an update in 2 weeks as part of his annual Noncredit chair report.
    - **Noncredit Celebration:** Lisa attended and spoke on behalf of the Senate. Special thanks to Trustee Alonso and Trustee Trevino who also attended. There was a Rising Scholar student who completed his GED and transitioned to credit courses and will earn his AA next spring.

### C. Action Items

*Below is a list of items that the Senate will take action on. 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. 10-11)
  - BP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 12-13)
  - AP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 14-16)
  - BP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 17-18)
  - AP 4025 (Philosophy and Criteria for Degrees and General Education) (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 19)
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. 20)
  - AP 4100 (Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates) (2026 PRC Working Copy with Track Changes) (pg. 21-27)
  - BP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 28)
  - AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates (2026 Final for Senate) (pg. 29-35)
    - The impetus for the changes is to incorporate the bachelor's degree language and required 36 units of GE credit for Bachelor's earners. The policy committee reworked the document which now outlines the 36-unit requirement (at least 9 upper division) for GE, a minimum of 40 units of upper division coursework, and 120 semester total units.
    - **Motion** to approve BP and AP by Erica Seubert, seconded by Garrett Rieck. Shane Ramey proxy for Thomas Gisel, (yes, vote); Dave Brill proxy for Mike Haratunian, (yes, vote); Erin Delaney proxy for Alene Terzian, (yes, vote). Unanimous.
    - **Motion** to approve AP and BP 4100 by Rebecca Shepherd, seconded by Lak Dhillon. Shane Ramey proxy for Thomas Gisel, (yes, vote); Dave Brill proxy for Mike Haratunian, (yes, vote); Erin Delaney proxy for Alene Terzian, (yes, vote). Unanimous.

### D. Discussion

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

1. Bluebird Resource Center Presentation (BBP) to Senate, Melody Klingenfuss-Artiaga
  - The BBP formerly, Undocumented Resource Center, services one of our most vulnerable student populations. The presentation emphasized the need to communicate to students a

sense of belonging, strengthening faculty awareness, and sharing growing needs for these students. There was a recent Resolution in Support of Undocumented students with the BBP and ASG. The statewide Undocumented Student Week of Action is coming up in October. There is a need for a more centralized dream space. There is a fundraising foundation account, and Melody will share the QR code. BBP will be working with Gary Quire in the Business department on mirrored Entrepreneurship courses in non-credit. Special thanks to Melody and Graciela Martinez for all their hard work.

2. Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures, Tricia George
  - Summary of Changes for the Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures (pg. 36-37)
  - Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures Draft (pg. 38-49)
    - The committee has been working on the procedures and not much has changed. Title 5 sections are new and, in both sections, refer to the cultural competence requirement. Universal Design for Learning is also mentioned which should allow the procedures to serve the committee for some time. There are some changes with membership, and this does not change senate elections. The audit trail, including auditor roles, has changed somewhat. The Noncredit committee follows the lead of the curriculum committee. Program Viability does overlap with Curriculum with the need for resources. Tricia suggested that if any faculty have an idea for a new program to first discuss with the chair or dean. It would be difficult to propose a course without the support of colleagues.
3. Part-Time Faculty Advisory Council Operating Procedures, Ruth Rassool, Dr. David Vakil & Lisa Hooper (pg. 50-52)
  - There has been a concerted effort to move away from the term “adjunct” and toward “part-time” faculty. This group has been meeting for over a year to create a conduit with part-time faculty and the Senate, as well as the other sub-committees on which part-time faculty serve. This committee has been meeting on Friday’s. Jennifer Overdeest and Kelly Bronco have been committed to this group as they were previously, and very recently, part-time faculty here. The council members will include the part-time faculty lead from Senate, a part-time representative from each school and full-time faculty representatives who were recently part-time. The idea is for all members to serve two-year terms. Anyone can join or sit in on the meetings. The council is now subject to the Brown Act. Non-credit is missing from the operating procedures and should be specifically mentioned as having the largest number of part-time faculty. The council can advise will advise on the part-time faculty orientation as a primary responsibility as many are not attending this for a variety of reasons. There was an idea to create a CANVAS shell. A suggestion is to add the Dean from student services. This item will return for action.

#### **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. Tenure Committee Training Workshops
3. Academic Senate Acknowledgement of Discipline Memos

#### **G. Announcements**

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: May 28<sup>th</sup>; Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>
2. **Faculty Collegial Celebration**, Thurs., June 4, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Intercultural Center
3. [2026 Faculty Leadership Institute](#), June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
4. [2026 Curriculum Institute](#), July 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento Convention Center

5. [2026 CAL OER Conference](#), July 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, Zoom.
6. [2026 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.

**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*