Academic Senate Meeting Summary for May 28, 2026

Voting Members					
Senate President	Lisa Hooper	X	Business Senator	Gary Quire	X
Vice President	Garrett Rieck	X	Learning Resources Senator	*Collete Salvatierra proxy for* Jennifer Thompson *via Zoom*	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	*Alexa Dimakos proxy for* Alene Terzian-Zeitounian via Zoom	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	*Anna Hillary proxy for* Lak Dhillon	X	At Large Senator	*Thomas Gisel proxy for* 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	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) via Zoom	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President) *Via Zoom*	X	ASG Student Representative	A

Guest							
Amanda Hale	X	Clinton Slaughter		Dr. Edel Alonso	X	Robert Wonser	X
Amy Foote	X	Collette Gibson	X	Erika Torgeson	X	Robyn Rohart	X
Andew Jones-Cathcart	X	Crystal Garingan	X	Katie Coleman	X	Ruth Rassool	X
Ann Marchesan	X	Deanna Riveira	X	Marco Llaguno	X	Siane Holland	X
Cassidy Butow	X	Dianna Avery	X	Nadia Cotti	X	Victoria Leonard	X
Chad Peters	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Pamela Williams-Paez	X		

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:03 p.m.
2. Public Comment: *none*
3. Approval of the Agenda:
    I. Modifications were made to the agenda to the consent calendar to program #1, the BA in Science and Bldg. performance as this program was approved last spring for permanent status. Lisa will adjust the procedures for the Advisory Council.

II. **Motion** to approve the agenda with modification stated above by Lauren Rome, seconded by Kathrina Almero Fabros. Anna Hillary proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote); Thomas Gisel proxy for Shane Ramey (yes, vote), Alexa Dimakos proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote), Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

4. Committee Appointments: Hiring Committee (pg. 3)
5. Sub-Committee Summaries:
   I. Program Viability Committee meeting summary, May 14, 2026 (pg. 10-13)
   II. Senate Executive Committee meeting summary, April 23, 2026 (pg. 14-16)
6. Approval of the Consent Calendar – we didn't make this motion
   I. **Motion** to approve the agenda by , seconded by . Anna Hillary proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote); Thomas Gisel proxy for Shane Ramey (yes, vote), Alexa Dimakos proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote), Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.

I. Academic Senate Meeting Summary, May 14, 2026 (pg. 4-9)	II. Curriculum Committee Summary, May 21, 2026
Program Viability Committee/Proposals: **Permanent Status** 1. Bachelor of Science in Building Performance 2. Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) 3. Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) 4. Rising Scholars 5. Noncredit English as a Second Language (ESL)	**Program Initiations** 1. Noncredit Courses for individuals with Disabilities-COC Inclusive Learning Institute **Program Discontinuance** 1. Civic & Community Engagement Certificate 2. NETECH & ESYST Certificates 3. Math ADT 1.0 4. Physics ADT 1.0 5. Elementary Teacher Education ADT 1.0

B. Reports

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

1. Program Viability Committee Annual Chair Report, Lisa Hooper
   I. AP 4021 provides input to the initiation and discontinuation of programs via the 10+1 and BP 7215. The committee has input on the discontinuance of programs. The committee also added a fourth type of proposal called revitalization. The committee will refine the operating procedures and AP. There is a transfer position that is vacant and needs to be filled. PV is also tasked with taking the heavy load off of the Curriculum Committee regarding new program initiation proposal or if a program has significant resource needs. A list of programs that came through PV as proposals was shared, this includes the Ceramics program that will be offered in the fall of 2026. Lastly, a list of committee goals was shared
   such as changes to the program proposals, report prompts and technical review criteria.
2. Non-Credit Curriculum Committee Annual Chair Report, Garrett Rieck
   I. NC total enrollments, total certificates and course totals were shared. COC is in the top 10 for FTES accreditation. Statewide the emphasis is to get credit curriculum to work with non-credit. A list of cross campus collaborations with division, department and disciplines was shared. The mailer was not mailed out this year due to the budget, as a result there was a decline in enrollment. A list of goals was also shared. The committee would like to obtain free parking for students. The hope is to hire more FTF and PT faculty in non-credit for ESL, counseling and older adult and full-time and part-time classified staff. The Rising Scholar program was awarded the Exemplary program statewide award. Garrett presented at the ASCCC institute and was on the statewide non-credit curriculum committee. The PPL Certificate Celebration event was recently held. Special thanks to Garrett for all his work with noncredit and for helping shepherd through the program.
3. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
   I. **Athletics & Foundation hosts a poker program**. If anyone decided to play, they could designate their contribution for cougar volleyball. There will be food and beverages and there will be some

alcohol provided as this event is in partnership with the Foundation Department.

II. **Voyatek:** An additional layer of authentication for students referred to as Voyatek has been added. Students will be notified. Faculty can also refer a student to Admissions & Records.

III. **New My Canyons App:** Starting Friday, June 5th the My Canyons app will not function. Everyone will need to delete the app and download a new version. There is concern as students are currently enrolling. My canyons will transition to Moto Lab. The new app will be announced via email on Monday. The old app will be turned off on June 17th. At one point both apps will be available for training. Stephen Burns is dev a Q&A page. If students sign up for summer classes, they will not be dropped. Faculty should have students register via the website.

IV. **PAC-B Committee Update:** The district is looking to cover $4M for one-time solutions. Jasonn Hinkle is going through the application and revising as the district needs to close the gap. This is independent of Governor's May revise.

V. **Commencement/Graduation Honor Guard:** Faculty will convene at 5:00pm in Cougar Den. In addition, the Executive Cabinet and Dr. Edel Alonso will be joining faculty for the honor guard. They group will walk from the cougar den to the score board end of the track. Student procession will start at 5:45pm. The BA earners will sit in the front row. The idea is to group BA earners in future iterations.

VI. **Bookstore:** The bookstore is renting and collecting commencement regalia.

VII. **Keynote speaker:** NBC weekend speaker and former COC Canyon News graduate, Jonathan Gonzalez will be the commencement guest speaker. Austin Dave and David Brill are working on creating slides with student success stories for the commencement.

VIII. **Collegial Celebration:** The event will be hosted with Stonefire catering, and Nothing Bundt cakes for dessert. This event will recognize faculty award honorees and celebrate all faculty. There will not be a fuel station however, any leftover food will be brought up to BONH 330.

IX. **eLumen –** This software will be available for one more week for SLO assessments.

4. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
   I. Collegial Celebration deadline to RSVP is 12pm by tomorrow.
   II. Award recipients now know. The two distinguished faculty invited students who worked closely with them.

C. Action Items

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

1. Faculty Receiving Emeriti Status June 2026 (pg. 32)
   I. Pamela Williams Peaz:
      - Pamela has served for 25 years at the college and brought forth the Ethnic Studies program. All her work is founded in equity, care and empathy. She was awarded the Academic Senate Faculty Award on Diversity. She has served as the chair of the Scholarly committee and helped bring social justice degree pathways. Pamela participated in all the hiring committees for all current sociology and ethnic studies faculty. She has brought in the ICC to COC via program review. Special thanks to pamela!
      - **Motion** to approve Emeriti status for **Pamela Williams-Pae**z by Jesse Vera. Approved by acclimation. Unanimous. Approved.

   II. Tina Waller:
      - Adina Carrillo shared some words with Tina Waller. Tina has an ability to connect with others and creates a welcoming environment. She has shared comradery with colleagues. Tina's legacy will continue to inspire others.
      - **Motion** to approve Emeriti status for **Tina Walle**r by Erica Seubert, approved by acclimation. Unanimous. Approved.

   III. Chris Blakey:
      - Andrew Jones Cathcart spoke and shared thoughts on Chris Blakey. When Chris joined the faculty rank, he was a one-person department. He has worked incredible hard and has

done co-teaching and given a voice to Academic Freedom. Chris also plays the guitar and sings.

- **Motion** to approve Emeriti status for **Christopher Balkey** by Garrett Rieck, approved by acclimation. Unanimous. Approved.

2. Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures, Tricia George
   I. Summary of Changes for the Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures (pg. 17-18)
   II. Curriculum Committee Operating Procedures Draft (pg. 38-49) (pg. 19-30)
      - **Motion** to approve by Gary Quire, seconded by Mike Haratunian. Anna Hillary proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote); Thomas Gisel proxy for Shane Ramey (yes, vote), Alexa Dimakos proxy for Alene Terzian (yes, vote), Collette Salvatierra proxy for Jennifer Thompson (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
3. Part-Time Faculty Advisory Council Operating Procedures, Ruth Rassool, Dr. David Vakil & Lisa Hooper (pg. 31-33)
   I. **Motion** to approve by Tom Gisel, seconded by Lauren. P Anna Hillary proxy for Lak Dhillon (yes, vote); Thomas Gisel proxy for Shane Ramey (yes, vote), Alexa Dimakos proxy for Alene Terzian (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. Professional Development: Maintaining "currency" as an academic in today's higher education environment & Title 5 changes, Lisa Hooper
   I. There are some Title 5 changes regarding a more holistic approach to professional development. All faculty need to continue to educate themselves to stay current. The idea is to provide faculty with some 2-5 self-pace training sessions with HR, Online Ed, CETL, Ed Tech or Web Committee. Lisa has met with the aforementioned group to shift away faculty from district wide professional development. An idea is to launch a tri-annual survey to evaluate if faculty feel the training is helping them stay current. There is a 41-hour flex obligation. 8.57% is the new obligation that calculates to 15 days. Faculty cannot exceed that percentage of a contractual obligation. There was a suggestion to have only one line of clear communication regarding faculty professional development. This change will go through the new shared governance structure.
2. FAQ Form regarding the new AP 5521 – Grade Penalty Procedures, Lisa Hooper
   I. A new submission form was created to allow people to submit up to 3 questions at a time. If there are prevalent themes, those will be noted to help structure a FAQ sheet. Faculty requested sample language regarding student academic dishonesty. It was stated that the due process allowed for students is granted via law and comes from a long line of court cases. Faculty can continue to issue a "0" for academic dishonesty to a student and notify them that they are being referred to the Student Conduct committee. It is then incumbent on the student to demonstrate with some level of evidence that they did not cheat. Until this is proven the "0" grade stands.

E. Special Recognition

1. New Tenured Faculty (pg. 35)
2. Senate Service Recognition for 2024-2026 (pg. 36)
   I. Jesse Vera will replace Julie Hovden on Curriculum Committee as the new Articulation Faculty Liaison.
3. Faculty Award Recipients
   I. Robert Maxwell, *Excellence in Education Award*
   II. Jeannie Chari, *Excellence in Education Award*
      a. Typically, only one person is recognized for this award. However, both nominations spoke about their dedication and work with students.
   III. Rising Scholars Program, *Exemplary Program Award*

a. Garrett will have a rising scholar come and speak on the program at the Collegial Celebration.

4. Department Chair Workshop Training Series - Faculty who completed the training series (pg. 37)
   I. Special thanks to all faculty who completed the training series. There were fewer participants in this session. Sessions were condensed to 6 workshops from 8. There is an idea to host this training every other year instead of yearly and host Tenure training on the off years.
5. **Special thanks** to all faculty who served as senators for Lisa's first term as Senate President. Lisa invited all to the Collegial Celebration and wished everyone a wonderful summer.

F. Unfinished Business

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

1. 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. Academic Accommodations Faculty Liaison
3. Academic Senate Acknowledgement of Discipline Memos

H. Announcements

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Aug. 27th, Sept. 10th, Sept. 24th, Oct. 8th; Oct. 22nd; Nov. 5th; Nov. 19th & Dec. 10th
2. **Faculty Collegial Celebration**, Thurs., June 4, 2026, at 3:00pm in the Intercultural Center
3. 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
4. 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center
5. 2026 CAL OER Conference, July 29th to 31st, Zoom.
6. 2026 Fall Plenary Session, Nov. 5th – 7th, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.

I. Adjournment: 4:53 pm.

The teleconference is accessible though 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