

Academic Senate Meeting Summary for September 10, 2026

Voting Members					
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	<i>Erin Delaney proxy for Jessica Crowley</i>	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	Anne Marchesan	X	Part-Time Senator	<i>Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux</i>	X
Humanities Senator	Annie Aboulion	X	Part-Time Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Kathrina Almero-Fabros	X	Part-Time Senator	Alma Juarez	A
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	Dilek Sanver Wang (COCFA President) via Zoom	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President) via Zoom	X	ASG Student Representative Joielynn Belmonte	x

Guest							
Christopher Boltz	X	Collette Gibson	X	Jon Amador	X	Paloma Vargas	X
Claudenice McCalister	X	Dilek Sanver-Wang	X	Michelle Labrie	X		
Clinton Slaughter	X	Nadia Cotti	X				

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:02pm
2. Public Comment: No comments.
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - I. **Motion** to approve the agenda by Lauren Rome, seconded by Thomas Gisel. Erin Delaney proxy for Jessica Crowley (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (yes, vote). Unanimous. Approved.
4. Committee Appointments:
 - I. A breakout session took place at the Senate Retreat to have senators review committees (senate, collegial consultation, and operational) in terms of charter and role in shared governance. It was determined that there is a need to develop better committee descriptions and streamline

committee work to minimize duplication of work.

- II. Department Chair Changes: Bill Macpherson is chairing Photography department as we do not have a full-time faculty member in that area with Wendy Brill reassigned to the Chancellor's Office. Sherill Pennington resigned after the end of the school year. A correction will be made as Erik Altenbernd is not "interim" but is now chair of record for the History department. Tamera Stokes Rice became the interim Dean of the school of Social & Behavioral Sciences; Adam Kaminsky has assumed the Communications Department Chair position.

Academic Senate Sub-Committees List 2026-2027.pdf	Department Chair Appointment Changes: • Bill Macpherson, Photo Department Chair • Erik Altenbernd, History Department Chair • Adam Kaminsky, Communications Department Chair • Kimberly Night, Automotive Technologies Department Chair
Collegial Consultation Committees List 2026-2027.pdf	
Operational Committees 2026-2027.pdf	
Selection Committee List (pg. 3)	
Tenure Committee 2026-2027 list (pg. 12)	

5. Sub-Committee Summaries: none

6. Approval of the Consent Calendar

- I. A correction will be made as the Curriculum committee took place on September 3rd and not September 4th. All committee membership suggestions should be forwarded to Marilyn Jimenez and CC Lisa Hooper.
- II. **Academic Review Committee (ARC):** It was clarified that the new committee composition for the calls for the creation of panels that convene as needed. The suggestion is to have a pool of faculty that can be called to serve on panels 1-2 times per year.
- III. **The Student Conduct Committee (SCG):** This committee has a faculty chair. All faculty can serve on the committee. Changes took place as there were concerns expressed that the previous process did not address faculty concerns. The suggestion was to include representation from all schools. The committee function will return for discussion.
- IV. The agenda was reordered to allow for the Great Shake Out Discussion item presenters to present first.
- V. **Motion** to approve the consent calendar by Erin Delaney, seconded by Kathrina Almero Fabros. Erin Delaney proxy for Jessica Crowley (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux. Unanimous. Approved.

1. Academic Senate Summary, May 28, 2026 (pg. 4-8)	3. Curriculum Committee Summary, September 3, 2026
2. Academic Senate Retreat Summary, August 27, 2026 (pg. 9-11)	4. Updated Seniority List 2026-2027
	5. Program Viability Committee Meeting Calendar for 2026-27 (pg. 13)

B. Reports

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

1. Academic Senate Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
 - I. **Board Meeting:** The report out from the closed session was thorough and may have been unsatisfying for some as we were unable to see the detailed findings from the forensic audit. However, the major findings as well as the district's remedies were presented.
 - II. **Liaison Positions:** There are some liaison positions which have been identified by ASCCC. TUnder David Andrus' presidency, Erica Suebert was appointed as the Sustainability Liaison. We may want to use a different term locally to differentiate those positions defined by the statewide Senate versus those we define locally.
 - III. **New shared governance model report to the Senate:** Lisa no longer serves on Student Success

PAT but will remain on the Planning PAT as chair of Program Viability.

- IV. **La Puente Program proposal:** This program was proposed for initiation at the college; this is a large program and requires many resources. Puente supports Latin X students and combines English and Counseling representatives to help support student success. Puente hosts annual events, including a field trip to northern CA UC and CSU colleges as there is strong mentorship for BA programs and right paths. There is no physical required place but does require re-assign time for English faculty. There is an estimated \$80,000 needed for 27 students as this is C1000 class cap size. There is no selection criteria set but the program does have an extensive handbook which outlines student requirements, guidance and control. Puente Mas allows for more disciplines to be added.
- V. **AI Taskforce:** Dr. Jasmine Ruys and Dr. David Vakil will be starting a new AI Taskforce. It is essential that the full complete of perspectives on AI are represented as well as all teaching modalities.
- VI. **Tenure Committee Training:** Lisa and Dilek discussed this and agreed this should be a collaborative effort between COCFA and the Academic Senate.
- VII. **Course Dog:** There is a new curriculum software program, and the changes are working well as the new system has a great intuitive field. This will help faculty craft better curriculum. The new course dog audit trail asks for an area of approval based on what is approved in PV.
- VIII. **Committee Updates:** The CASL/Program Review Committee was combined, then separated and combined again. This committee will be rebranding itself. With the new changes to Program Review, this committee will have a huge impact on how information about our courses and programs inform decision-making at the College. There are some unrepresented schools/division on this committee.
- IX. **SCV Book festival on Saturday:** There will be over 80 authors that will be present at the UCEN for the book festival.
- X. **Agendas Structure:** Lisa would like to input on the agenda formats and possible agenda items.
- 2. Academic Senate Vice Presidents Report, Garrett Rieck
 - I. The office lottery is coming up in October. Anyone interested can participate in the lottery.

C. Action Items

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

- 1. Part-Time Faculty (Academic Senate) MQE for Summer 2026 (pg. 14-17)
 - I. **Motion** to approve the Part-Time Faculty (Academic Senate) MQE list by Rebecca Shephard, seconded by Garrett Rieck. Erin Delaney proxy for Jessica Crowley (yes, vote); Lauren Rome proxy for Joshua Rideaux (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. AP 4022 (Course Approval), Gary Collis
 - I. Policy Review Committee (PRC), Summary for Senate, 2026 (pg. 18-19)
 - II. AP 4022 (Course Approval), (Final for Senate Tracked 2026) (pg. 20-22)
 - III. AP 4022 (Course Approval), (Final for Senate Clean 2026) (pg. 23-24)
 - o Due to changes to title 5 and to BP 55100 and 55150, the Board of Governance changed the language, and the template had to be updated. The goal is to follow the CCLC model. The courses need to be submitted via the curriculum inventory management information system. All faculty involved in course approval are to get trained. The PV Committee needs to be trained as they advance courses to Curriculum. Several areas were deleted that were not included in the CCLC, such 4100. It was stated that paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 live in other policies and were removed from these policies. Paragraph #5 was removed as the 4020 explains the rule.

- **Course Archiving:** All required courses in a program should be offered every 2 years. For elective courses there is no stated requirement. Due to COC being a 2-year college, the suggestion is to consider archiving if a course hasn't been successfully offered in 3 years. This item will return for action.
- 2. AP 4222 (Remedial Coursework), Gary Collis
 - I. Policy Review Committee (PRC), Summary for Senate, revisions 2026 (pg. 25-26)
 - II. AP 4222 (Remedial Coursework) Final for Senate Clean 2026 (pg. 27-29)
 - III. AP 4222 (Remedial Coursework) Final for Senate with tracking 2026 (pg. 30-32)
 - A few years ago, updates took place with regard to AB 1705. This policy tracks the CCLC model very closely. The CCLC is an expert on the law. Title 5 is taken out of Ed Code. This item will return for action.
- 3. Great Shake Out Drill, Reinhardt Schuerger
 - I. **FA 26The Great Shake Out Drill:** This year's Great Shake Out is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of October. Feedback was collected regarding which would be the best times to schedule drills. A shelter in place drill will be scheduled for next spring 26. The October 15th Thursday and would be in line with the international timeline however it was determined that this is the last week of the 8-week courses. The Senate agreed to schedule the Great Shake Out Drill on **Tuesday Oct. 6th at 10:30am**. The **evening drill** will be scheduled at **7:15pm**. An email will go out soon. Students do not get emails.
 - II. **SP 27 Shelter in Place Drill:** Wednesday, April 21st 10:30 in the morning and evening drill was held at 7:15pm.
 - III. **Campus Safety Walkthrough of the Campus:** There were various items on the list that need to be taken care of. There will be more campus safety staff on campus than before. There will be a "Sit with Safety" event that allow people discuss concerns with campus safety. Any suggestions can be communicated to campus safety.
 - IV. **Door Locks:** There was a request to have available an emergency lock for the library doors. However, there are concerns with this being a fire issue. Any request for a workshop on safety for specific buildings can be sent to Reinhardt. There is concern about people getting locked in their offices. There is a suggestion for a maintenance process for door lock checks. Reinhardt will return to a Senate meeting with the locksmith to discuss how door lock's function.
 - V. The suggestion for faculty teaching on Saturdays is to contact campus safety for any needs at 661-362-5089. The Valencia Campus Safety number is 661-510-3882 and CCC it is 661-666-8738.

E. Unfinished Business

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

1. Web Design/Server 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. Tenure Committee Training Workshops
2. Department Chair Training Series Schedule
3. Academic Senate Discipline Memo

G. Announcements

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Sept. 24th, Oct. 8th; Oct. 22nd; Nov. 5th; Nov. 19th & Dec. 10th
2. [Just in Transition: Academic Academy for Climate Justice and Action](#), Oct. 23rd – 24th, 2026, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, CA.
3. [2026 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 5th – 7th, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.
4. [2027 Spring Plenary Session](#), April 8th – 10th, Hyatt Regency Irvin, Irvine, CA.
5. [2027 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 4th – 6th, Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.

H. Adjournment: 4:42pm.

The teleconference is accessible through the following link:

<https://canyonsonline.zoom.us/j/81647762764?pwd=UjApeHkRcS9vext0KAGfNTnlO5biYQ.1>

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