

Academic Senate RETREAT Meeting Summary for August 27, 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	Jessica Crowley	X
Communications Officer	Erica Seubert	X	At Large Senator	<i>Lak Dhillon proxy for Alene Terzian-Zeitounian</i>	X
AT Senator	Regina Blasberg	X	At Large Senator	Erin Delaney	X
MSHP-MSE Senator	Thomas Gisell	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	Adjunct Senator	Joshua Rideaux	X
Humanities Senator	Annie Aboulion	X	Adjunct Senator	Lauren Rome	X
Kinesiology/Athletics Senator	Kathrina Almero-Fabros	X	Adjunct Senator	Alma Juarez	X
SBS Senator	Jennifer Paris	X	X= Present	A= Absent	

Non-voting Members			
Dr. David Vakil (Interim, CIO)	X	Jennifer Brezina VP of Instruction	A
Marilyn Jimenez	X	Dilek Sanver Wang (COCFA President) via Zoom	X
Dan Portillo (AFT President)	A	ASG Student Representative	A

Guest							
Alisha Kaminsky	X	Claudenice McCalister		Jesse Vera	X	Sara Breshears	X
Claudia Acosta	X	Daylene Meuscke	X	Jeremy Patrich	X	Tammera Stokes-Rice	X

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 3:03pm
2. Public Comment:
 - The Senate may not continue to order catering from Corner Bakery due to an increase in prices.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
 - The agenda was reordered to allow for the retreat slides to be shared first then the presidents' perspective.
 - **Motion to approve the agenda by** acclamation. Unanimous. Approved.

B. Reports

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

1. Presidents Perspective, Lisa Hooper

- There was emphasis on how challenging it is to teach due to the many changes happening. The goal is to create a space where there is professional development supporting faculty in various areas. The senate is working on disseminating information to faculty despite much chaos with the various changes.

C. Action Items

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

None

D. Discussion

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

1. [Responsibilities of the Academic Senate \(10+1\)](#)

- Special thanks to all faculty who are continuing to serve and represent various groups on campus.
- **1988 senate bill 1725:** This bill gave the local academic senates authority over 10+1. Each district negotiates with their faculty which areas the districts will work with the faculty on.
- **AP for Equivalencies:** There will be a revision to the AP for equivalencies that will take place this semester.
- **Overview over the roles and responsibilities for school/division senators:** It is suggested voting senators report back and to school division meetings on senate updates.
- **Process for publish Academic Senat Agendas:** All agendas are published on the Monday of the week of the scheduled meeting by 3:00pm.
- **Remote Meeting Attendance:** The process requires alternative meeting location addresses to be published on the agendas.
- **Meeting Proxy's:** A proxy is another voting senator that holds the vote for another voting senator. As a reminder faculty can only hold one proxy at a time.
- **At-Large & Part-Time Faculty Senator Role & Responsibility:** Voting senators are representing all full time and part-time faculty.
- **Input on Agenda items:** The President requested input from Senators on what items can go on the agenda.
- **Committee Reporting:** While there are reporting structures for senate sub-committee, there are no reporting structures for collegial or PATs for the new governance model.

2. Evaluating our committees through the 10 + 1 lens

- A list of all committees that are part of the Academic Senate, Collegial and Operational were shared with all faculty to collect feedback regarding which fall under the areas of 10+1. There were some committees that are redundant and others are missing descriptions. It is recommended to create a committee description convention. The new shared governance model will include some guiding principles.
- There are some changes needed regarding the committee list. It is suggested that the Educational Technology move from Collegial to Senate sub-committee. There are multiple safety committees, and the idea is to create one campus safety committee and create an ad-hoc committee. There is also redundancy

with having a Web Committee, Ed Tech and Tech committee. Academic Standards and the Grade Review recently had new language drafted. There was a reminder that many committees originated via a policy or a via a resolution. Committees created via policies cannot be disbanded even if they are senate sub-committees.

3. Senate Goals for 2026-2027

- An overview of goals was shared from 25-26 and 26-27. This includes the continued support to the cultural competency review, updating the Academic Senate website, continuing to support the refinement of PAT.

4. Open Forum – are our agendas (consent items, reports, etc.) working?

- There is a new standard enacted by Title 5. CASL Committee are moving to a new system for SLO assessment.
- There are some concerns with alignment issues. There will be a new program review process for 3- 5 years. Special thanks to Gary Quire for serving as the new Program Review faculty chair.

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

G. Announcements

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Sept. 10th, 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: 4:53 pm.