



Academic Senate

MINUTES - DRAFT

Date: September 2, 2026 | Location: Art Room 144 | Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm

Academic Senate Website: <https://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/campus-committees/academic-senate/>

Title 5 § 53200 (b): Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters. In Sections 53200 (c), "Academic and professional matters" mean the following policy development and implementation matters:

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
 2. Degree and certificate requirements
 3. Grading policies
 4. Educational program development
 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
 6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
 7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
 9. Processes for program review
 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
 11. Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate
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1.0 OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order | Roll Call (sign-in)

Minutes: President Vásquez explained the AT-105 room-booking issue and noted B-100 is booked for the rest of the semester except September 2 and October 7. Roll call was taken verbally rather than by the usual sign-in sheet to accommodate several new senators; the Secretary noted this was a one-time process and that nameplates will be used at future meetings to speed attendance-taking and vote tracking.

1.2 Public Comments

Reserved for Guests only and limited to 10 minute total time limit, 3 minute max per person. Refers to the opportunity for members of the public to speak on both agenda and non-agenda items.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. **Motion passed.** Teller report is attached.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Grouped items for unanimous approval or endorsement without discussion. Any item can be pulled from unanimous consent. In the case an item is pulled, it will be individually considered later in the meeting under "Action Items."

3.1 Meeting Minutes | [6 May 2026](#)

Any senator may advise the secretary of minor corrections (e.g., typos, tense, name spelling) without pulling the item; the consent item stands approved with corrections incorporated.



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Minutes: Senator Lemieux noted a correction to the minutes: under Item 4.0 Reports, the reference to the outgoing president's name is incorrect and needs to be fixed. Secretary Salyer confirmed the correction would be made.

3.2 Ratification of Faculty Appointments [representatives who have been requested to serve on a District/Campus committee function and other Academic Senate positions]:

3.2.1 District - Institutional Effectiveness Advisory Committee & Academic Calendar Subcommittee, AY 2026-2027

Amy Avelar (and TBD- Noninstructional Faculty)

3.2.2 District - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee, AY 2026-2027

Garry Parker and Anthony Blacksher

3.2.3 District - Procedures and Policies Advisory Committee, AY 2026-2027

Tatiana Vásquez

3.2.4 District - Budget Advisory Committee, AY 2026-2027

Amy Avelar and Jamie Salyer

3.2.5 District - Equivalency Committee, AY 2026-2027

Janice Wilkins and Tatiana Vásquez

3.2.6 District - Professional Development Learning Plan Workgroup (unknown duration)

Andrea Hecht

3.2.7 Interim, Faculty Learning and Innovation Faculty Lead(Fall 2026)

Andrea Hecht

3.2.8 College Council, AY 2026-2027

President, Tatiana Vasquez; Vice President, Amy Avelar; TBD Non-instructional Faculty; Alternate Chair of Chairs, Jessy Lemieux

3.3 Educational Policies and Procedures Subcommittee | 10+1 BP&AP Policy Recommendations

3.3.1 None

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed.** Teller report is attached.

4.0 REPORT(S)

4.1 President's Verbal & Written Report | Tatiana Vásquez

Written Report: 2Sep'26 Academic Senate President's Report

Minutes: President Vásquez gave both a written and a verbal report and encouraged senators to read the full written report. Highlights: she is currently handling committee assignments herself until a Personnel Policy Subcommittee is formed to take over that work; she shared an AI memorandum from the district's HSLC/Chancellor's Office addressing local engagement, institutional and faculty AI responsibilities, and



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will route it to the AI Task Force for further discussion. She reported raising concerns with Dr. Nohemy Ornelas separately regarding that faculty appointments to district workgroups are not being formally routed through the Academic Senate, undermining 10+1 representation; she urged senators to redirect informal "hallway" consultations back to the Senate and to ask administrators, "Have you gone to Senate?" Finally, she noted AB 960 and AB 2694 (baccalaureate degree legislation) have passed the legislature with amendments that led the ASCCC to shift its position from support to opposition.

4.2 College President's Report | Dr. Gilbert Contreras

Minutes: Enrollment is up and campus energy is strong; new hires were welcomed, including Dean of Health and Athletics and Director of Facilities; the shuttle service has more than doubled its ridership. Faculty were encouraged to engage actively in participatory governance as new committees begin producing recommendations for Senate and College Council. Upcoming College Council items (this Wednesday) include finalizing the Valley Up initiative, a diversity plan update, and moving BSI/HSI task force recommendations into implementation.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 If pulled from Consent Agenda | - none

5.2 Accreditation Committee | 1st Read | [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report in Support of an Application for Reaffirmation of Accreditation](#) - Presenter: Jeremiah Gilbert

Minutes: Jeremiah Gilbert presented the ISER as a first read, walking through the timeline (drafted last year on the same schedule as Crafton College, reviewed by constituent groups and public forums in spring 2026, finalized this summer). The report is due to the ACCJC in December and needs board first read in October, hence it is being brought through governance now; it already had its first read at the Accreditation Committee and goes to Student Government, College Council, and Classified Senate this week/next as first reads as well, returning here for a second read on September 16. He explained that a leader's signature on the ISER signifies the document went through a collegial process with faculty input, not 100% personal agreement with every word. He asked members to email him with broken links, outdated evidence, or typos; a senator noted that some standards language has shifted (e.g., "equitable" language changing to "success" language) to match recent federal language changes. Any edits should be sent to him by Wednesday, September 9, so the final draft can go to Secretary Salyer ahead of the next meeting.

5.2 Resolution | 1st Read | [FA26.01 Resolution for the Overhaul of Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws](#) - Presenters: Tatiana Vasquez and Amy Avelar

Minutes: Vice President Avelar read Resolution FA26.01 (Overhaul of the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws) as a first read. The resolution establishes a Constitution and Bylaws Task Force, to be chaired by the Academic Senate Vice President and to provide monthly updates to the Senate. No clarifying questions were raised on this item. Second read is planned for September 16.

5.3 Resolution | 1st Read | [FA26.02 Resolution to Temporarily Suspend the Academic Senate Executive Committee Pending Comprehensive Bylaws Review](#) - Presenters: Tatiana Vasquez and Amy Avelar

Minutes: Resolution FA26.02 (Temporarily Suspend the Academic Senate Executive Committee Pending Comprehensive Bylaws Review) was read as a first read. Discussion: a senator raised two clarifying points – (1) the term "Executive Board" used in the resolution does not appear in the current bylaws/constitution and suggested "Officers" as the more accurate existing term; (2) under the current bylaws, resolutions are



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required to first go to the Executive Committee, and neither resolution had done so. Clarification was provided to bring the resolutions directly to the floor because the Executive Committee has at times screened or shaped resolutions before they reached the full body, which does not reflect the divisional representation of the Senate. President Vasquez agreed to route the resolutions through the current Executive Committee and bring it back for a second read. Second read is planned for September 16.

6.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Subcommittees | Selection process by Senators for membership in subcommittees and corresponding chair election

Minutes: Senators self-selected into subcommittees by division. Reported assignments: Senator Robles will chair the Personnel Policy Subcommittee; Senators Damgen and M. Notarangelo will lead the Elections Subcommittee; Senator Henkle and a co-lead will head the Educational Policies and Procedures (EPPS) Subcommittee (co-led with the Academic Senate President). Subcommittees will generally meet on Zoom on the fourth Wednesday of the month, except EPPS, which may need to meet on the second Wednesday for some months given its workload.

6.2 Senate Goals | Discuss senate goals and narrow down list for AY26-27

Minutes: The Senate reviewed draft goal themes circulated ahead of the retreat. Discussion raised: stronger 10+1 involvement in facilities planning (e.g., fume hoods/ventilation, room temperature, construction impacts) rather than reacting after the fact; concern that new buildings are being built without equipment budgets, shifting the burden to departments (Nursing example given); a desire for a formal tracking/follow-up mechanism when concerns are raised in Senate so members know what happened to them; better collaborative communication with the district on planning and equipment funding; broader institutional-planning concerns tied to the Educational Master Plan, guided pathways, and enrollment/scheduling; a request for greater Senate oversight of Dual Enrollment as its task force is formed; moving away from the term "master" in institutional documents in line with statewide trends; and better dissemination of state-level initiatives affecting faculty (e.g., a Math Equity and Action project with the RP Group, and AB 1111 changes such as the new Math C2210 designation for calculus). Feedback will continue to be collected via the goals form before goals are finalized.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Student Learning Outcomes | [Update on progress towards improved SLO Reporting and SLOs Collegewide Results](#) for Spring'26 & Summer'26

Minutes: Angie Vogle (SLO Faculty Lead) reported on revising the SLO rubric to update outdated language and add diversity/IDEAA considerations; redesigning the SLO website to match Curriculum and Distance Education sites; refreshing the SLO training video into an asynchronous format; and the automated reminder ("nudge") system – spring reporting reached 79.8% after the initial reminder, with 168 additional reports filed after a second nudge, while summer completion lagged at about 65%. She proposed removing the word "optional" from the Methods of Assessment and Reflection fields (currently completed by only ~38-43% of reporters) to encourage more meaningful quality reporting, without making the fields a hard stop. In discussion, a senator asked about timing SLO reminders to coincide with grade submission via Self-Service; Vogle said she would check with the Self-Service team and noted eventual Canvas integration is a longer-term goal.



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8.0 FLOOR ITEMS

(10 minute total time limit, 3 minute max per senator)

Reserved to raise concerns within the Academic Senate scope. The Senate will hear your concerns/questions, but may not respond. If requested, the concern can be included on a future agenda.

Minutes: Floor concerns raised: a counselor reported that many sections were cancelled very early this semester, leaving few or no late-start (September/October) options for new students in high-demand areas (e.g., accounting, sociology), which is especially difficult given that roughly 94% of students rely on financial aid tied to full-time enrollment; he asked that departments consider opening new-start-date sections when classes are cancelled. A second senator described a case where a student's cancelled Spanish class was not followed up with a suitable replacement or timely departmental communication. Members also discussed differing types of capacity constraints (room, faculty) affecting scheduling.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to extend meeting time to 4:45 p.m. No abstentions.

Motion passed. Teller report attached.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Academic Senate agenda items can be requested by any person (faculty, staff, administration, students, community members, public, etc.). To request a future agenda item, you can visit the Academic Senate website and complete the online form or send an email to tvazquez@sbccd.edu.

Future Agenda Items:

- ☒ Vice Chancellor of Educational and Student Support Services
- ☒ 2nd Read ISER (Institutional Self-Evaluation Report in Support of an Application for Reaffirmation of Accreditation)
- ☒ 2nd Read Resolutions by Academic Senate
- ☒ ERP/SAS/Colleague Progress Update & Information Seek
- ☒ New BP/AP PPAC roll-out | 10+1 areas for revisions
- ☒ Dual Enrollment TBD
- ☒ Honors TBD

10.0 SUBCOMMITTEE, COMMITTEE, & TASK FORCE REPORTS (5 min per report)

10.1 Educational Policy and Procedures Subcommittee | - No report

10.2 Elections Subcommittee | - No report

10.3 Personnel Policy Subcommittee | - No report

10.4 Curriculum Committee | Chair: Melita Caldwell-Betties - No report

10.5 Distance Education Committee | Chair: Davena Burns-Peters - No report

10.6 Faculty Learning & Innovation Committee | Chair: Andrea Hecht - Report

Written Report: August 24, 2026, I began the Interim Chair of FLIC and will have managerial support from Dean Kirk Rogers. On August 28, 2026, I met with VPI Leticia Hector, VPSS Yvonne Gutierrez, Dean Rogers, and Academic Senate President Tatiana Vasquez to go over logistics. Establishing a new faculty academy was identified as one of their priorities. The committee will meet this coming Tuesday, September 8, 2026, from 3:00-5:00 pm in North Hall, room 352. Under this renewed structure, FLIC will develop, plan, and evaluate professional development programs, policies, and priorities that strengthen faculty capacity to serve our diverse student population. At our first meeting, I am hoping we will establish protocols to ensure transparency around travel and conference funding. Please do not submit any conference or travel requests until the committee has finalized these procedures.



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Minutes: Faculty lead stated that the new committee is still in the organizational phase, and there was a request to hold off on submitting any travel arrangements until there is a process in place.

10.7 Program Review Committee | Co-Chairs: Dani Graham & Bethany Tasaka - No report

10.8 Artificial Intelligence Task Force | Chair Jessy Lemieux - Report

Minutes: Chair Jessy Lemieux announced a presentation introducing the AI framework language shared earlier in the spring and announced current vacancies on the AI Task Force across multiple divisions, inviting senators to share with colleagues who might be interested.

10.9 Dual Enrollment Task Force | Chair: Denise Knight - No report

10.10 Honors Task Force | Chair: Carol Damgen - No report

11.0 ADDITIONAL REPORTS

11.1 Vice President AcadSen | Amy Avelar - No report

11.2 Secretary AcadSen | Jamie Salyer - Report

Minutes: Secretary Salyer reported new procedures for this year: nameplates will be used to take roll and track attendance/votes going forward instead of a sign-in sheet; presenters must submit their documents by the Wednesday before each meeting so materials can be posted in time; and subcommittees and other reporting groups are asked to submit written reports in addition to verbal updates.

11.3 SBCCD-CTA | President Denise Knight - Report

Minutes: In President Denise Knight's absence, other CTA officers reported that the chapter is still in an early, organizational stage and shared that member wage concerns are a top priority. The first CTA lunch/meet event is planned for the third Wednesday of September, and a member has been assigned to lead communications.

11.4 Classified Senate Liaison | NA - No report

11.5 Student Government/Student Senate Liaison | NA- No report

11.6 Chair of Chairs | Jessy Lemieux - No report

11.7 College Council | Vice President Amy Avelar - No report

11.8 Chancellor's Council | President Tatiana Vásquez - No report

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING:

DATE: Wednesday September 16, 2026

TIME: 3:00-4:30pm

LOCATION: B-100



Officers

President, Tatiana Vasquez

Vice President, *Amy Avelar

Secretary, *Jamie Salyer

Senators

Division	Name
Academic Services, Business, Computer Technology & Hospitality	Sam Addington
Arts & Humanities	Amy Mills
Arts & Humanities	Carol Damgen
Arts & Humanities	Edward Shea
Arts & Humanities	Joanna Clevenger
Arts & Humanities	Joe Notarangelo
Arts & Humanities	Keith Beshwate
Arts & Humanities	Timothy Colbert
Career Technical Education	Francisco Gonzalez
Career Technical Education	Melita Caldwell-Betties
Counseling & Student Development	Botra Moueng
Counseling & Student Development	Daniele Smith
Counseling & Student Development	Debbie Orozco
Counseling & Student Development	Jamie Salyer
Counseling & Student Development	Keynasia Buffong
Counseling & Student Development	Pedro Gonzalez
Counseling & Student Development	Ulavale Matavo
Health Science	Anita Arnold
Health Science	Doris Ontiveros
Instructional Support Services	Maria Notarangelo
Kinesiology, Health, & Athletics	John Banola
Science & Mathematics	Abeir Isreali
Science & Mathematics	Amanda Qader
Science & Mathematics	Amy Avelar
Science & Mathematics	Bethany Tasaka
Science & Mathematics	Jessy Lemieux
Science & Mathematics	Joan Murillo
Science & Mathematics	Matt Robles
Social Science & Human Development	Denise Knight
Social Science & Human Development	Irene Sanchez
Social Science & Human Development	Kellie Barnett
Social Science & Human Development	Lisa Henkle
Social Science & Human Development	Melissa King



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Liaisons | Faculty Leads:

- ☒ Articulation Officer, Janice Wilkins
- ☒ Curriculum, *Melita Caldwell-Betties
- ☒ Distance Education, Davena Burns-Peters
- ☒ ZTC/OER, Norma Durian
- ☒ Noncredit, Maria Lopez
- ☒ IDEAA, Brandi Major
- ☒ Program Review, *Bethany Tasaka
- ☒ Program Review, Danielle Graham
- ☒ Did I miss someone?

*Also serving as Senator of corresponding division.



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Teller Report

Senator	Attendance	Motion to adopt the agenda.	Motion to approve the consent agenda.	Motion to extend the meeting until 4:45.	Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Abeir Isreali	Yes	Absent from vote	Absent from vote	Yes	Yes
Amanda Qader	Yes	Yes	2nd	Yes	2nd
Amy Avelar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Amy Mills	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Anita Arnold	Yes	Absent from vote	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Bethany Tasaka	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Botra Moueng	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carol Damgen	Yes	2nd	Yes	Yes	Yes
Daniele Smith	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Debbie Orozco	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denise Knight	No				
Doris Ontiveros	Yes	Absent from vote	Absent from vote	Yes	Yes
Edward Shea	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Francisco Gonzalez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Irene Sanchez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jamie Salyer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jessy Lemieux	Yes	Yes	1st	Yes	Yes
Joan Murillo	Yes	Absent from vote	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Joanna Clevenger	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Joseph Notarangelo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Banola	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Keith Beshwate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kellie Barnett	No				
Keynasia Buffong	Yes	Absent from vote	Absent from vote	Yes	Yes
Lisa Henkle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maria Notarangelo	Proxy - Brandi Major	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Matthew Robles	Yes	Yes	Abstain	2nd	Yes
Melissa King	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Melita Caldwell-Betties	No				
Pedro Gonzalez	Yes	1st	Yes	1st	1st
Samuel Addington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timothy Colbert	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ulavale Matavo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes