In Memoriam: Dolores Huerta (1930 - 2026) | On October 28, Dolores Huerta, cofounder of the United Farm Workers, passed away at 96. She learned independence, compassion, and activism from her mother. Before she was an organizer, she was an elementary school teacher in the San Joaquin Valley who understood that her students could not thrive while their families struggled, and she answered a larger calling. As faculty, we know that calling. Let us honor her belief in collective action by bringing that same conviction to our daily work and our Senate.

Academic and Professional Matters Leaders Roundtable | I met with faculty chairs and faculty leads for our first roundtable of the year. We discussed where each role and committee intersects with the 10+1 and with one another. Through a case study, we explored how to navigate Senate governance, including the differences among reports, discussions, and deliberations. We also reviewed formal recommendation pathways and participatory governance templates, and discussed why knowledge should stay with the role, not the person. This work advances Senate Goal 3 (Faculty Leadership Empowerment and Succession Planning). We will meet monthly. Our next meeting is likely the second week of November.

Crafton Hills and Valley Senate Collaboration | The executive teams of the Crafton Hills and SBVC Academic Senates met to discuss how we will collaborate moving forward, and we agreed to meet monthly. One priority that emerged was the need to address our District faculty hiring procedures. My Crafton Hills counterpart and I have received concerns from colleagues. *Under Education Code §87360(b), hiring criteria, policies, and procedures are developed and agreed upon jointly by the governing board and the academic senate.* I will bring this topic to you for discussion and direction.

Distance Education | | At the Accreditation Committee, ACCJC liaison emphasized the importance of Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI), which is required under federal regulation and Title 5 §55204 and reviewed by ACCJC. **I encourage faculty teaching online or hybrid courses to review their RSI practices and visit the Distance Education website and contact our Distance Education Faculty Lead, Davena Burns-Peters, with questions, and join the ASCCC webinar Beyond Compliance: Building Sustainable Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) Through Faculty Leadership and Professional Development on November 9**. I have also received notice that a Director of Distance Education will join the college soon. Clarifying which Distance Education responsibilities fall within the Senate's 10+1 purview and which belong to management is a priority, and these conversations have been brought to the President's Cabinet.

Proxies and the Brown Act | A colleague raised a question about proxies in Senate. Our Bylaws (Article IV, Section 11, dating to 1979) allow a senator to be represented by a proxy for attendance purposes. Under the Brown Act, however, a proxy may not vote or act as a member, because deliberation and action must happen openly by members of the body.

ACADEMIC SENATE GOALS, 2026-2027 | Adopted September 16 2026

GOAL 1| ***10+1 Review and Compliance*** | Monitor and reaffirm that all decisions within the Senate's 10+1 purview, as established under Title 5 §53200, receive Senate review before implementation.

GOAL 2| **Governance Documents Modernization** | Update the Senate's bylaws, constitution, standing rules, and operating procedures to reflect current practice, close procedural gaps, and maintain transparency in how decisions are made and recorded.

GOAL 3 | **Faculty Leadership Empowerment and Succession Planning** | Build a sustainable pipeline of trained, confident faculty leaders across campus and Senate.
GOAL 4 | **Advocate for Institutional Planning Integration** | Embed faculty expertise into institutional planning, from individual programs and initiatives to campus and district strategic plans, so decisions are informed while plans are still being developed.

SAVE THE DATE

SBCCD Board of Trustees – Meeting | Thursday, November 12 | SBCCD Boardroom, 4pm
Academic Senate Meeting | Wednesday, November 18 | B-100, 3:00pm-4:30m
Veterans Day, Campus Closed | Wednesday, November 11
Fall Break | Week of November 23

Professional & Leadership Development Opportunities

ASCCC Fall Plenary Session	Nov. 5-7 | Redwood City | *Tatiana*
ACCJC Conference	Nov 17-18 | Riverside | *Tatiana, Jeremiah, Davena, Angie, VP Hector*

RESOURCES

New from ASCCC: Disciplines List Timeline 2026 to 27 | Counseling Faculty Standards of Practice | Work Based Learning

Governance Essentials: Know Your Rights | Equivalence to Minimum Qualifications | Minimum Qualifications Handbook, 19th Ed. (adds AI; revises Art and Nursing) | Program Review | Enrollment Management | Budget Processes and the Faculty Role

Care and Wellbeing: CTA Trauma Toolkit | CTA Self Care Tip Sheet | NEA Advocating for Change | NEA Trauma Informed Pedagogy Microcredential

Other Professional Development Opportunities | November

From the Chancellor's Office Faculty Professional Development Events list.
CCC systemwide | ASCCC Academic Senate |
CCC | Education Planning Regulatory Updates and Campus Implementation Strategies | November 4
ASCCC | Math and Open Educational Resources (OER) Office Hours | November 5
ASCCC | AI Office Hour: AI Resilient Assessments for Courses Using OER | November 5
CCC | Universal Design for Learning Series | November 6
ASCCC | Beyond Compliance: Building Sustainable Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) Through Faculty Leadership and Professional Development | November 9
CCC | The Evolution of Ethics: Navigating Generational Shifts with AI | November 10
CCC | The Full Build/Rebuild (Reimagining Assessment Series) | November 10
CCC | Engaging Students Through Cultural Connection and Authentic Assessment Series | November 13
CCC | AI, Brands, and Trademarks: What Should I Know? | November 13
CCC | AB 1705 Learning Series: Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy, Practical Tools for All Disciplines | November 16
CCC | Dual Enrollment MIS Reporting Webinar | November 17
CCC | LibreTexts Success Stories | November 20
ASCCC | Math and Open Educational Resources (OER) Office Hours | November 20