



# Evergreen Valley College

## Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Mishra Conference Room

**Present:** Henry Estrada, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, David Hendricks, Juan Gil, Laura Garcia, Sravani Banerjee, Melissa Hornstein, Nancy Lin, Eric Narveson, Grace Estrada, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Maria Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo, Tina Iniquez, Alessandro Bailetti Saez, Judith Girardi

**Guest(s):** Tejal Naik and Binh Vo

### I. Call to Order – 3:05 pm

### II. Adoption of Agenda with Amendments; Eric (1<sup>st</sup>), Rahmon (2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Esperanza moves to add an Online Bookstore issue under Discussion; Kelly (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Kelly moves to add TRC (Jilian Gomez) under Consent Items; Eric (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### III. Approval of Minutes

- May 6, 2025- adopted; Laura (1<sup>st</sup>), Grace (2<sup>nd</sup>)
- May 20, 2025 –adopted with amendments, correcting Item 16 to Norco College; Laura (1<sup>st</sup>), Eric (2<sup>nd</sup>)

### IV. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per person/ 5 minutes per item)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for items not on the agenda. Law does not permit action or extended discussion of items not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Senate action is required, it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.*

- John Kaufman presented his case for full-time theater tech support and provided this [presentation](#).
- Grace Estrada thanked the PD Committee; feedback is positive on the two-hour collaboration period.
- Dave Hendricks – Umoja-AFFIRM moved two years ago to Student Services, under the Director of Student Life, and the program requests to move back under an academic dean, as it is not working out. Dave requested for Discussion at the next meeting.
- Kelly Nguyen-Jardin shared that Dr. Dickerson would be acting VP of Academic Affairs starting September 3.

### V. Committee Chair Reports (3 minutes per report as needed)

#### 1) **All College Curriculum:** Grace Estrada

- The first meeting is this week, and we had a tech review today.
- Maverick is online.
- Laura is helping to finalize the curriculum handbook.
- Task Force for AP4020 and 4021; our goal is to have more formalized processes in place for curriculum development.

#### 2) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia

- 95% of the work for 928 is done, some common course numbering related to templates remain.
- The focus of 928 this year is to align above and beyond what's in the template with UC and GE Standards.

- The college catalogue is published; the summer Senate was helpful in moving this forward.
- 3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada
- Phase 2B templates for Anthropology, Astronomy, Biology, Family Consumer Studies, Communications and Math are ready.
  - Grace will be scheduling implementation workshops for an upcoming Thursday or Friday.
- 4) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar
- Currently 1,468 SLOs are in compliance with the Oct 1 due date, for Spring.
  - Due to the college calendar, SLOAC will have meetings this semester, with the first on September 12.
  - Goals for this year include:
    - Updating the Maverick handbook.
    - Updating the 4-5 videos recorded after an end user can test and provide feedback.
    - Canvas curricular integration.
  - There has been some confusion on Maverick, a welcome email will be sent out soon.
- 5) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
- No work was done after the Spring semester as there was no support from the VP of Academic Affairs to work over the summer.
  - Work will continue this semester on articulating courses that can be offered through CPL; credit by exam and credit by experience, which will require clerical support.
  - Juan recommends hourly clerical support, as the chair only gets 20% reassigned time; most colleges are reassigned at 40%.
- 6) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo
- We will verify the budget at our first meeting on Thursday, but it looks to be the same as last year.
  - At this time, we plan for the March PDD to be on Zoom due to a lack of food budget.
  - Faculty tuition funding is \$1,200 for full-time and \$600 for part-time annually. Previously this has been provided on a first come basis, with 7 faculty applying late last year with no funds remaining. Expensed through Concur.
  - John Kaufman departing the committee is a huge loss; Binh has reached out to Dean Stewart for another representative.
  - Esperanza has stepped up to serve and represent Language Arts; Veronica Santos will fill the classified seat for Language Arts.
- 7) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
- We held two trainings over the summer with 60 faculty registered; one on AI and one on Canvas gradebooks. Trainings were offered asynchronously and open for 2 weeks.
  - Workshops are held every week on Thursday and Friday. Faculty do need to submit documentation so that the Faculty Eligibility list for online teaching goes to the Deans. Eventually updating the list will move to the Office of Academic Affairs; this is still in process as the MOU went into effect last fall.
  - The Canvas Conference was AI-based, with a focus on empowering technology for educators.
    - Ignite AI is a chatbot that will be integrated in Canvas. There is no timeline, and the core features are not yet known.

8) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson

- Eric congratulated Tejal on her presentation at the Curriculum Institute on the DE Supplemental Form.
- Letitia Clark will represent Language Arts.
- The committee has not met yet; meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of the month with the first meeting on Zoom.
- We need to discuss and fix the AURR to be friendlier. Grace asked if we could eliminate the AURR.
- We anticipate the same funding as last year, at \$278K.
- Eric would like to invite the Foundation Chair to attend the budget meetings so she can see what we do, and explain what faculty is requesting.

9) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson

- We viewed a preliminary adopted budget when we met last Thursday.
- OPEB Liability (faculty hired in 1982 or earlier, and those on a medical bridge plan retiring before 65) looks to have a \$9 million excess.
  - The District receives ~\$650K in rent from the retail space, we should promote and support the businesses. This money goes into OPEB.
- Henry dug into the Faculty Obligation numbers (FON) and found a discrepancy over the last 3 years. It looks like the district may be inflating the number of full-time faculty to show that at least 50% of the budget has been spent on instruction.
- Rainy Day funds (Fund 12) have been used, but we do not know what the funds were spent on.
- The Virtual Bookstore used to be called Academos and is now VitalSource.

10) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin – no report

11) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min - no report

12) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada - no report

13) **Student Equity:** Victor Garza – no report

14) **College Council:** Henry Estrada, no report, has not met.

15) **District Council:** Henry Estrada – no report, has not met.

16) **District Academic Senate:** David Hendricks

- Dave has arranged for the Chancellor to meet with both Academic Senate President's and the District President on a regular basis this year.
- Dave is looking for ways where both campuses can work together, such as dual enrollment.
- We need to rethink the budgetary model.

## VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- Areas of focus for Henry this semester:
  - Faculty Hiring Prioritization.
  - SEM was approved by the College Council and is now with the Vice Chancellor.
  - Henry is on the taskforce for Strategic Priorities for the District; will focus on goals that are specific, measurable and time-bound.
  - Enrollment Management – scheduling classes by faculty.
  - Henry will concentrate on CPL as it relates to Plan 2030.
  - PDD – fight for funds and have the Senate have a larger say, with hands-on workshops.

- Henry shared that Moni Dickerson would be the Interim VP of Academic Affairs; and SJCC will lose their interim President and be replaced by Chui Tsang.

## **VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report**

- Kelly welcomed the Senators, especially Tina and Alessandro.
- Kelly thanked the chairs for their work over the summer: Laura on the 2025-2026 catalog, Binh on PDDs, Grace and Rahmon on curriculum and SLO work, especially getting Maverick ready, and all faculty presenters on PDDs.
- Kelly thanked Henry, David, and VP Pouncil for working together in providing financial support to the chairs over the summer.
- Kelly congratulated the Student Services team for hosting a successful first week of events and thanked the faculty who helped with the welcome tables.
- Kelly shared that she'd like the Senate to work more closely with the Associated Student Government.

## **VIII. Consent Items**

- A) Tenure Review Committee (TRC) – Nicholas Goodwin (English/LA): Sravani Banerjee (Faculty); Elizabeth Eckford (Admin).
- B) Tenure Review Committee (TRC) - Jilian Gomez (EOP&S – Counseling): Tram Pham (Admin), Claudia Babosa-Daniels (Faculty). ADDED

## **IX. Action Items**

- A) Associate Faculty Senator Election Committee – the Senate approved Sravani, Alessandro, Juan, and Kelly.

## **X. Discussion Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)**

- A) District Wide Retreat – Henry Estrada
  - Planning a Friday within the next 6 weeks.
  - Attendees to include Senators and Committee Chairs, Area B Rep, ASCCC, EVC President, and the Chancellor.
  - Location Guillo II, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM with lunch.
  - Henry to see when the Chancellor is available and poll the Senators on availability.
- B) AI Guidelines – Kelly Nguyen-Jardin and Tejal Nail
  - Tejal sent the AI Policy to Faculty, and it is posted on the DE webpage.
  - Tejal provided examples of three approaches – Closed, Open, and Conditional. This should be in the course syllabuses. Tejal suggests starting with one assignment this semester.
  - Kelly shared that ChatGPT is the most reliable from what she has tested.
  - Tejal suggested that we need a Committee of Practice for each department.
- C) Information Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)
 

Online bookstore costs have increased dramatically.

  - Concern regarding students that have vouchers that can only be used at the bookstore, while Amazon and other sites are much less expensive.
  - Many faculty are not adding their textbooks to the online store due to price, which affects students with vouchers.
  - Blue books and scantrons were not available over the summer, and the vending machine is nonoperational.
  - Kelly reviewed pricing on a wide range of textbooks, finding many books from smaller publishers have increased dramatically.

- Kelly and Henry will discuss with VP Alexander what changed in the pricing from the physical bookstore to the online bookstore.

**XI. Information Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)**

**XII. Announcements & Recognitions**

- The Opening Ceremony of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is on September 3; Tickets are sold out.
- Grace shared that the Pride Parade was fun.
- Next Academic Senate meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

**XIII. Adjournment – 5:07 pm – Eric (1<sup>st</sup>); Dave (2<sup>nd</sup>)**