



# Evergreen Valley College

## Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 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, Binh Vo

**Absent:** Grace Estrada, Melissa Hornstein

**Guest(s):** Tejal Naik, VP Dickerson, VP Willis, Dean Garcia, Sean Dickerson and Claudia Barbosa-Daniels

**I. Call to Order – 3:01 pm**

**II. Adoption of Agenda with Amendments**

- Kelly moves to move VP Dickerson from Information to after Public Comments
- Kelly moves to add Guided Pathways to Information

**III. Approval of Minutes – adopted, Alessandro (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.*

- VP Dickerson – greeted the Senate and introduced herself.

**V. Information (moved up)**

**1) Fall Enrollment Numbers – VP Dickerson**

- Enrollment & Student Count – Post Census
  - Total enrollment is down 10% compared to last fall.
    - Last fall: 9,644 students
    - This fall: 8,657 students
    - Difference: 987 fewer students, possibly due to Fraudulent enrollment detection and Drop for non-payment activation
- Course Modality Changes
  - Asynchronous hybrid: ↓ 17%
    - From 2,234 to 1,342
  - Fully synchronous: ↓ 9%
    - From 5,959 to 5,407
  - Fully asynchronous: ↓ 47%
    - From 170 to 89
  - Online blend: ↑ 21%
    - From 143 to 173
  - Other modality: ↓ 23%
    - From 236 to 180

- Synchronous hybrid: ↑ 11%
  - From 69 to 77
- In-person (brick-and-mortar): ↓ 6%
  - From 5,448 to 5,078
- Working with the Deans on scheduling and staffing to match Guided Pathways as much as possible.

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

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

- First ACCC meeting completed: 18 course/program proposals reviewed and approved
- ACCC member vacancies: SSHAPE/SSAKA representative, ASG representatives
- Completed training for ACCC members present
- Updated ACCC Canvas shell with new resources: Modify Course checklist and glossaries
- New: One-stop weekly Zoom drop-in with ACCC, IEC, and SLOAC Chairs on Fridays 12 – 1 PM
- ACCC Goals for 2025/2026:
  - Update the curriculum handbook
  - Review the CurriQunet proposal fields
  - Revisit/update the curriculum submission timeline
  - Develop a written process for addressing the impact of deactivation

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

- Laura plans to submit Phase IIB CCN templates early (by December) to meet CalGETC requirements for Fall 2027.
- Early submission allows time to fix denials (e.g., English 1B was denied due to use of anthologies).
- Laura created a manual spreadsheet comparing UC, CSU, and CalGETC standards to catch template gaps. CSU/UC system offices weren't given a chance to review templates before release causing this issue.
- UCs require textbooks, not anthologies, even for literature courses. It is recommended to include 3 examples per genre (drama, poetry, novels) for textbook/OER references.

### 3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada

- Completed workshop for CCN Phase IIB courses (ASTRO C1001, ASTRO C1001L, ANTH C1001, ANTH C1001L, COMM C1004, MATH C2211, MATH C2221, MATH C2210, and MATH C2210)
- Remaining 2 templates (CDEV C1000 and SOCI C1000) will have a workshop this Thursday
- The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) has released important surveys related to Phase III of the Common Course Numbering (CCN) implementation (see links). Surveys will be closing on Sunday, September 29th.
- Phase III Post-Convening Surveys – **if it is your course, do the survey.**
  - [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Accounting](#)
  - [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Administration of Justice](#)
  - [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Art History](#)
  - [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Biology \(Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab\)](#)

- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Biology \(Microbiology\)](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Business](#) (see Statistics survey for additional Business template)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Chicana/o Studies](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Child Development and Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Communication Studies](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: English as a Second Language](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: History](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Kinesiology](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Mathematics](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Music](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Philosophy](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Political Science](#)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Psychology](#) (see Statistics survey for additional Psychology template)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Sociology](#) (see Statistics survey for additional Sociology template)
- [Phase III Common Course Numbering Post-Convening Survey: Statistics](#) (Business, Psychology and Sociology)

4) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar

- SLO Compliance: Currently ~55%; due by Oct 1.
- Support Videos: New short curriculum videos (2–3 mins) released; more coming.
- Requests: Open to ideas for helpful videos; PLO assessment video is planned.
- Committee Goals: Need to narrow down to 4–5 goals by next meeting.
- Membership Needs: Still need ASC and Counseling reps; outreach ongoing.

5) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil

- Progress on CPL. President received email from the state, EVC is 10% in the state of one of the 3 goals of the CPL.
  - 1st goal – get Veteran’s transcript into state system.
  - Aligning Veteran Training with college.
  - Have faculty evaluate goal alignment.
- Applied for grant last spring, regional joint venture, total of 1M shared amongst 20 state colleges. Funds for CPL which can hopefully be used for part-time clerical work.
- Reoccurring meetings with state level automotive courses for articulation.
- Meeting with VP Dickerson to see how we can move forward.

6) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo

- Funding request was approved at our first meeting; first-come, first-served model retained.
- Budget expected to match last year’s; submit requests ASAP.
- Concur Process Issues: Business Services has a help video.
- January PDD Planning will begin at the next meeting.

7) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik

- AI Committee Goals to be finalized in the next meeting:
  - Focus on developing best practices for faculty use of AI (separate from Senate framework).
  - Plan to form a community of practice to explore AI integration in disciplines (e.g., biology).
  - Assignment redesign to incorporate or mitigate AI/VR use.
- IOPL Workshops: Schedule: Thursdays (5–6 PM) and Fridays (1–2 PM). Faculty must submit badges post-workshop for recognition.
- Zoom Recordings: Cloud recordings before July 31, 2024 will be deleted on October 2, 2025. Faculty should download and save any needed recordings. One-on-one help available upon request.
- AI in Canvas:
  - Faculty should report any AI features appearing in Canvas.
  - Ignite AI agent is being rolled out but currently disabled.
  - District Technology IT and City Summit Committee are collaborating on AI policy development.

8) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson

- Committee Composition Concerns: Perceived imbalance: 8 faculty, 4 classified professionals, 4 administrators, 1 chair. Classified member resigned due to feeling dominated by faculty.
  - Openings: 1 faculty, 1 administrator, 1 classified professional.
  - Chair voting practice questioned; may shift to non-voting role.
- Committee Focus Areas:
  - Clarifying use of discretionary funds: distinguishing “wants” vs. “needs.”
  - VP Alexander defined discretionary funds as non-contractual (non-salary) money.
  - Discussion on lottery funds: limited usability due to restrictions.
- Key Issues Raised:
  - Need for a clear definition of “mission critical” in funding requests.
  - Interest in revisiting or simplifying the current funding formula.
  - Proposal to engage Foundation Director (Amy Pizarro) for potential fundraising collaboration, with VP Alexander’s support.
- All meetings currently held online; no interest in in-person sessions.

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

- Did not meet.

10) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin –

- A total of 17 program reviews (17 instructional, 5 student services, and 3 administrative) are due this year.
- There are 8 program reviews that were deferred from last year. Out of these 8, the IEC did not approve 7 due to out-of-date curriculum and/or SLO/PLO non-compliance or incomplete drafts.
- Eight Program Review Support Sessions in September and October:
  - September: 22, 24, 26, 29
  - October: 1, 8, 13, 15
- Zoom drop-in Session on Fridays with Curriculum and SLOAC chair.
- Mentors and second readers are assigned for each program review.

- 11) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min - no report
- 12) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada - no report
- 13) **Student Equity:** Victor Garza – will present during Information Items
- 14) **College Council:** Kelly Nguyen-Jardin
  - Handbook - The College Council Handbook is almost finished, just needs a typo check. This was one of last year's goals - considered achieved.
  - Priorities - President Lopez shared four priority areas, each led by deans, but he emphasized that although the deans are leading these priorities, everyone is encouraged to be involved in the plan.
    - Schedule – Dean Stewart
    - Student Success – Dean Gutierrez & Dean Herrera
    - Retention – Dean Morgan & Dean Garza
    - Micro-credentials / Dual Enrollment – Dean Fuentes
  - SEM (Strategic Enrollment Management) - President Lopez thanked the team that developed the plan. It will move forward in the next few years in conjunction with the Master Plan.
- 15) **District Council:** Henry Estrada – no report – didn't meet
- 16) **District Academic Senate:** David Hendricks
  - Presentation on district strategic planning; input gathering is ongoing.
  - Section cuts remain a major concern; need clearer district procedures and priorities.
  - Emphasis on improving hiring processes, especially for associate faculty.
  - Discussion on aligning budget decisions with student access and retention.
  - Faculty Association noted a \$60M budget surplus, raising concerns about class scheduling priorities.

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

- Facilities Task Force:
  - Acacia building to be demolished (approx. \$10M cost) due to safety concerns.
  - Old Student Services building to be redesigned: cafeteria relocation and new science labs.
  - Final facilities plan presentation: Sept. 24 at 12 PM, 3 PM, and 6 PM (Canvas announcement posted).
- Leadership Announcements:
  - Dr. Moni Dickerson named Acting VPAA.
  - Dr. Chui Tsang appointed interim president at City College.
- Budget Overview:
  - Adopted district budget: \$178M (up from \$171M).
  - Discrepancy noted between reported surplus (Moody's) and district's claimed deficit.
  - Call for independent budget review for transparency.
  - Reserve at 24% (~\$9M above minimum); concern over underfunding classes.
- Next Steps: Focus on operational efficiency, enrollment management, program revitalization, and alternative funding sources.

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

- Kelly congratulated and welcomed Binh back to Senate
- Kelly asked Senators to respond to Donna's email regarding the Senate retreat date.

- Kelly reminded committee chairs to send their list of current committee members (Kelly's email from 8/30).
- VP Willis requested that Senate submit five names to serve on the EVC Student Disciplinary Hearing Panel. Senate approved: Henry Estrada, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, Dave Hendricks, Sravani Banerjee, and Alessandro Bailetti-Saez.
- Kelly requested that the SSHAPE Division officially vote on the name change to SSAKA and reflect it in the Division meeting minutes before the Senate informs College Council.

#### **IX. Consent Items**

- TRC – Ricky Hanson (Criminal Justice/SSHAPE) - Dave Hendricks will replace Melissa-Ann Nievera-Lozano for one year while she is on sabbatical leave.
- TRC – Bobby Seals (Ethnic Studies/SSHAPE) - Ralph Nichols will replace Arturo Villarreal, who retired.
- Associate Faculty Senate Election Results: Matthew Metzger 2, Dylan Do 0, Binh Vo 16: Binh Vo elected (2025-2027)

#### **X. Action Items**

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

- Umoja-AFFIRM move back under an academic dean – Dave Hendricks
  - Dave gave history on the move from Academic to Student Services; wants further discussion.
  - VP Willis gave structural information and confirmed that funding is Categorical.
  - Laura shared that they no longer get sections assigned to them after moving to Student Services.
  - Need to revisit.

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

- Executive Summary of the [Student Equity Plan 2025-2028](#) – Dean Garza
- Alessandro spoke on the Add/Drop Policy – Faculty duties. Move to Discussion for next meeting. Kelly requests that faculty read the contract for guidance.
- Alessandro spoke on Workload/Meeting on Friday. Would like committee meetings on Friday's so that more faculty can attend. Kelly requests that faculty read the contract for guidance.
- Alessandro spoke about the Faculty Representation Selection Process – guidelines on committees and which meet contract requirements. Kelly requests that faculty read the contract for guidance.
- Tina – Guided Pathways to be included in committee reports going forward; please give feedback.

#### **XIII. Announcements & Recognitions**

- Latinx Heritage Month – 9/15/2025
- Transfer Day – 9/17/2025
- Next Academic Senate meeting: October 7, 2025

#### **XIV. Adjournment – 5:10 pm – Rahmon (1<sup>st</sup>); Tina (2<sup>nd</sup>)**