



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Mishra Conference Room

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

Absent:

Guest(s): Sylvia Min, Harwood Sterling, Tejal Naik, Niall Adler

I. Call to Order – 3:00 pm

II. Adoption of Agenda with amendments – Alessandro (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved

- Table Information Item XI-B – NSF_ATE Badging ProSkills Grant - Tejal Naik & Nasreen Rahim

III. Approval of Minutes from December 2 with amendments – Kelly (1st), Rahmon (2nd), unanimously approved

- Updated SLOAC report to reflect 48 classes rather than 4-8.

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.

- Sterling Harwood – virtual bookstore course listings.
 - Virtual bookstore lists his courses as OER (Online Educational Resource) when it should be listed as ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost). Sterling will forward email thread to Kelly for further research.

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

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

- The first ACCC meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 12. One agenda item for discussion is the topic of course repeatability for courses already passed (e.g., BIOL 080).
- Another discussion item at ACCC is shortening the Spring submission window so that the college catalog may be updated sooner than current practice.
- We have updated the recommended AP 4021 Program Viability Review (PVR) after receiving feedback from VC Brown. The updated version will be forwarded to the District Academic Senate for review.
- List of New/Updated Programs and Deactivations

MEETING PROPOSAL

COURSE/PROGRAM

09/11/25	Program update	Cert of Achievement: Paralegal Studies (24 units)
	Program update	AS: Office Administration: Management (60 units)
	New program	Certificate of Achievement: LGBTQ+ (15 units)
	New program	Cert of Achievement: Office Assistant (29 units)

	New program Effective SPR 2026	Certificate of Achievement: Adult Education PHYS 004A: General Physics (5 units) PSYCH 510: Bridge to Psychology (0 unit)
09/25/25	New program	Cert of Achievement: Community Service Officer (12 units)
10/09/25		AS: Office Administration: Management (60-units) AS-T: Economics (60 units) AS-T: Mathematics 2.0 (60 units)
10/23/25		AA-T: Philosophy AA- T: Political Science

Cert of Achievement: Biomedical and Biological
Engineering

Cert of Achievement: Chemical and Materials
Engineering

Certificate of Competency: Low-Intermediate –

Noncredit ESL

Certificate of Competency: Intermediate –
Noncredit ESL

11/13/25

AA-T: Law, Public Policy and Society

AA-T: History

Deactivations – Effective Spring 2026

ACCTG 138: Work Experience (1-8 units)

MATH 052: Math for Elementary Education (3 units)

SERV 002: Service-Learning: Personal and Career Development (3 units)

Deactivations Effective Fall 2026

AUTO 172: Chassis and Drivetrain Systems (2.5 units)

BIS 011: Computer Keyboarding (1 unit)

BIS 095: Microsoft Windows (1 unit)

BIS 106: Microsoft Word (3 units)

BIS 121: Web Techniques for Business (1 unit)

Associates in arts: Engineering (88-90 units)

Associates in science for Transfer: Mathematics (60 units)

CIT 101: Storing and Retrieving Big Data (4 units)

CIT 054: UNIX/Linux System Administration (3 units)

ENGR 066: Properties of Materials (3 units)

SPAN 038: Introduction to Spanish Linguistics (3 units)

SPAN 039: Introduction to Spanish and Latin American Literature (3 units)

2) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia

- Almost complete after three years.
- This will be our first semester where we are evaluating for graduations to see whether we go with CSU or GE.

3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada

- A memo from CCCCO was sent 2/2/26 that Phase III templates will NOT be released until systemwide articulation assurance has been updated. A CCN Update webinar will be held on Monday, March 2 from 1-3PM.

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

- The first meeting is on 2/27.
 - Fall 2025 and Winter Intersession SLO Assessment Reports are due by March 1. Recent reports have been reviewed; remaining feedback going out tonight.
 - Updating SLO Assessment in CurriQunet for better usability; hoping to have updates in sandbox by first SLOAC.
 - Hoping to look at PLO Assessments this semester.
- 5) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez
- Guided Pathways has not met yet this semester.
 - Ongoing item: outreach to students with ~45 degree-applicable units to encourage filing graduation petitions.
 - Graduation petition appointments are due March 13; students should schedule early.
 - Research office pulling student lists; planned outreach with Niall.
- 6) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
- Meeting on 2/19 to review goals for the semester.
- 7) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo
- Thank you to January PDD breakout leaders.
 - Food required negotiation after funding pushback. Feedback on the food was positive.
 - No budget for March PDD; the President will likely push for in-person with no meals however the committee is to vote on pushing for online March PDD due to lack of funds. Note, the budget does not increase annually, and we have a history of going over budget. Perhaps look at submitting AURR in the Fall.
 - Funds remaining for development: \$7,750; submit requests soon.
 - Chair's term ending; position to be reopened; Binh would like to reapply.
- 8) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
- Our first meeting is February 10, 2026. Since the start of the term, I have continued chair work that does not require a committee meeting, including:
 - DE certification and eligibility verification and support, including status checks and refresher documentation guidance.
 - Faculty support related to course readiness, online course tools and assessment settings.
 - Spring scheduling logistics, including sending calendar invites for DEC meetings.
 - IOTL Workshop schedule for Spring 2026. Last Friday, we held a workshop on Respondus proctoring software. The recording will be posted in the IOTL Canvas Course soon for on demand viewing.
 - Expiring credentials; Henry will work with DE Coordinators and SJCC to ensure we have a policy that is consistent across the district and can be included in Union negotiations.
- 9) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson
- Will meet next Wednesday.
 - Suggest submitting an AURR in the Fall for PD, bringing awareness to the budget issues.
- 10) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson
- Met on January 29.

- Foundation rebuilding donor database; launched new fundraising appeal. They don't know who has given it since the pandemic.
 - Recent donations highlighted (e.g., \$100k SJ Clean Energy, \$70k Chang family, \$398k to SJCC softball program).
 - Foundation net revenue is about \$400k after expenses of \$650,000.
- Discussion of high-level admin salary adjustments, the chancellor is now paid over \$400k.
 - Concern brought about raises amid campus budget cuts (\$1.7M savings target).
 - District revised budget: \$171M, mostly (\$164M) from local taxes of 3.79%, assume 3.5%. With an 8% drop in enrollment the district budget deficit is ~14 M. Federal funding ends last day of September with TRIO and ASPIRE Plus affected.

11) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin

- Program Review (PR) Status
 - To date, 13 of 15 expected submissions have been received. Sociology and the VP of Academic Affairs office are currently outstanding.
 - Mentors and second readers are scheduled to complete all rubric by February 6. Initial reviews highlight exemplary submissions from Math and Foster Youth programs.
 - Authors will have until February 20 to make revisions. Final IEC approval votes are scheduled for March 16.
- SLO/PLO Compliance for Program Review
 - The committee addressed persistent challenges regarding SLO/PLO assessment completion for courses led by associate faculty.
 - Ambiguities in contractual obligations and lack of compensation for non-teaching duties have created compliance gaps.
 - The IEC emphasizes that maintaining these standards is critical for upcoming accreditation.
- Establishing a Framework for Institutional Service Area Outcomes (SAO)
 - To bolster institutional effectiveness for the upcoming accreditation, the IEC is establishing standardized framework for SAO assessment. Ensuring every department with SAOs has a manageable, uniform method for tracking impact.
 - Aligning SAO processes with established SLO practices ensures that Student Services and administrative areas have the data required to justify funding and staffing requests during program reviews.
- CurriQunet Improvements
 - Efforts are underway to correct the departmental hierarchy within CurriQunet to ensure Student Services programs are correctly categorized, preventing technical errors during the PR proposal process

12) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min

- CTC provided training on new printing system (Oct 17 and during this committee).
- CTC shared updated printing resources; student printing now more complex (ID card + cash required).
- Printing flyer available on Campus Technology webpage and emailed to faculty; recommended to share with students.
- CTC will provide technology request recommendations from AURR/program reviews.
- Working on EVC Technology Master Plan aligned with ASCCC minimum technology standards; the plan will come to Senate later this semester.

- 13) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada – no report
- 14) **Student Equity:** Victor Garza – no report
- 15) **College Council:** Henry Estrada
 - Did not meet.
- 16) **District Council:** Henry Estrada
 - Did not meet
- 17) **District Academic Senate: David Hendricks**
 - Concerns raised about AURR process and inequitable distribution of discretionary funds.
 - Suggestion to push district admins to rethink funding models to better support students.
 - Ongoing issue of faculty attrition and lack of replacement hires; many programs left without full-time faculty. Call to reconsider automatic loss of faculty positions when retirements occur.
 - Concerns about inadequate lab tech staffing, especially in astronomy/physics.
 - Student trustee also noted impacts on classes and student experience.
 - Overall push to reorient district priorities toward instructional needs over upper-management support.

VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- District task force met; identified priorities in student success, workforce/community engagement, and institutional effectiveness.
 - Six draft district priorities are being finalized; faculty will have a chance to give feedback.
 - Only two faculty reps on task force: college presidents and Senate representative – Henry and Mark Branom.
- The District is requesting faculty for two committees: Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success (DSSIC). Each committee needs two faculty per college, meeting monthly. Names to be provided to Jeremy Brown by February 13.
 - Henry asked whether we should limit selection to Senate members or open campus-wide for volunteers.
 1. Eric moves that membership is kept in the Senate or Chair of a Senate Committee, Laura 2nd, Alessandro abstained, Melissa votes no, motion approved.
 2. Kelly nominates Laura, Sylvia nominates herself for the Student Success Committee, unanimously approved.
 3. Grace nominates Henry, Kelly nominates Tina for the SEM Committee, unanimously approved.
- President announced hires but not to College Council; update coming Monday. Two hires approved: English/ENLACE and EOPS Counselor. The Counselor role is Fund 17; follow-up planned.
 - Five retirements may allow us to negotiate for a third hire.
- AURRs updated by early March; next prioritization starts at the end of spring. We need faster hiring timeline next cycle.
- Senate Dues; participation has increased to 19 total following a direct appeal at division meetings by Henry, Melissa and Dave. Requesting all Senators provide payroll deduction forms at their next meeting.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report

- Kelly recognized Nasreen Rahim for her excellent outreach to our adult learner communities.

- Senate Leadership reminded VP Pouncil to put out a call for reassigned time positions in February, with selections made in early March, so faculty can manage their teaching and noninstructional load.
- As faculty work on their fall schedules, Kelly will remind Senators at the next meeting and confirm if they will continue to serve in the Senate.
- Alessandro and Binh need to leave Senate Meetings at 4:50 pm and 5 pm, respectively.

VIII. Consent Items

IX. Action Items

- A. Committee Assessment Form – Kelly Nguyen-Jardin - Laura 1st, Eric 2nd, unanimously approved.

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

- A. Program Viability Review Committee Members – Henry Estrada
- We need a pool of people from our Senate that can serve on these committees, as needed, when we assess whether programs are viable.
 - Eric, Melissa, Rahmon, Laura, Binh, Tejal, Sravani
- B. Friday Senate Office Hours – Henry Estrada
- Henry to join in coordination with SLOAC, Curriculum and Union Leadership once a month.
 - Henry will keep Wednesday from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm via Zoom as well.

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

- A. New Website (Modern Campus) - Niall Adler
- EVC website was hit with a BOT attack over the summer due to security issues. Moving to Modern Campus, used by the majority of California Community Colleges with a year-to-year cost that is similar.
 - Not a full redesign, accelerated timeline with a launch on August 3.
 - Backend is user friendly.
- B. NSF-ATE Badging ProSkills Grant - Tejal Naik & Nasreen Rahim - Tabled
- C. AI COP – Tejal Naik
- The DEC is creating an AI Community of Practice (AI COP), which was recommended in the Generative AI Guidelines the Senate approved last spring and supported by results from the AI survey last semester indicating faculty interest.
 - The AI COP is being developed as a flexible and lightweight forum to support faculty AI use, with updates to be shared with Senate.
- D. Dual Enrollment: Faculty Roles and Involvement - Tina Iniguez
- Classes and the number of students is growing. Faculty needs to be involved at the beginning of the process to ensure student success and age-appropriate material. How do we start the process of being included? Tina provided a draft resolution for consideration.
- E. Class Caps – Sylvia Min and David Hendricks for Rachel Lazo
- Concern raised about class caps exceeding actual usable workstation capacity (e.g., metalsmithing: 22 stations vs. 24 cap).
 - Over-enrollment in specialized classrooms impacts safety, access to equipment, and learning outcomes. Enrollment limits should align with the actual number of functional stations in discipline-specific spaces.
 - Issue reflects broader problems with facility allocation and the AURR process not supporting instructional needs.

- Request for a statement of support affirming that physical space and equipment should determine class capacity.
- F. EVC to host Area B Curriculum Meeting, March 14 – Henry Estrada
- An invitation will be sent to Senators to attend.

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Next Academic Senate meeting: February 17, 2026

XIII. Adjournment – 5:05 pm – Dave (1st), Eric (2nd)