Evergreen Valley College
Academic Senate Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Mishra Conference Room

Present: Henry Estrada, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, David Hendricks, Juan Gil, Melissa Hornstein, Nancy Lin, Eric Narveson, Grace Estrada, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Tina Iniguez, Alessandro Bailetti Saez, Judith Girardi, Binh Vo, Sravani Banerjee
Absent: Laura Garcia, Maria Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo
Guest(s): Tejal Naik, VP Pouncil (Remote)

I.   **Call to Order –** 3:01 pm

II. **Adoption of Agenda** with amendments – Grace (1st), Dave (2nd), unanimously approved
   - Kelly requests to move Action Item A after public comments.
   - Tejal Naik will proxy for Laura Garcia.
   - Grace requests to add Tina Iniguez to Information Item A: Retention Priority Group

III. **Approval of Minutes** from February 3, with amendments – Kelly (1st), Rahmon (2nd), unanimously approved
   - Update spelling: Neil to Niall (Adler)
   - Item 10, bullet point 2, sub-bullet point 2: $650,00 to be $650K.
   - Senate President Report, bullet point 1, reference was to Mark Branom, rather than Mark Bernbeck.

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.

   - Tejal Naik - ITSS will block international access to Canvas/SSO starting in March; users abroad must submit an ITSS ticket for temporary access (up to 90 days). Change is for cybersecurity reasons; DE committee raised concerns about limited communication and suggested additional messaging.

   - Dave Hendricks - Proposal to move presidential election/special assignments to March for earlier clarity on fall assignments; would require bylaws adjustment with a two-thirds vote. Bylaws can be suspended/changed with two-thirds approval to allow earlier elections if desired.

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

   1) **All College Curriculum**: Grace Estrada - report sent
      - The first ACCC meeting was on Thursday, February 12. Eleven courses and three program update proposals were reviewed and approved. When updating a course or program, consider reaching out to the faculty who developed the original course/program proposal in case they would like to participate in the update.
      - One agenda item for discussion is the topic of course repeatability for courses already passed (e.g., BIOL 080). After some discussion Adam decided that he will create non-credit versions of the courses and offer them in concurrence with the credit version. This is a similar approach taken for several ART, MUSIC, and KINS courses.

- Another discussion item at ACCC pertained to the need to update 49 degrees impacted by the CCN prefix changes. One option may be to enable the degrees to be updated with only prefix changes and have them be processed as consent items. We will vote on the item at the next meeting.
- The AS-T Business Administration 2.0 degree will include the option of either BUS 060 or STAT C1000 to meet one of its core requirements.
- Starting Fall 2026, course proposals will need to include sample reading, writing, and critical thinking examples.

MEETING	PROPOSAL	COURSE/PROGRAM
02/15/26	Program update	AA-T English
	Program update	AS-T: Business Administration
	Program update	AA Business Administration

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 – no report

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
- First meeting is scheduled for February 27 – expecting sandbox updates to be completed before the meeting.
- Following up with faculty to finish pending items and clean up reports.
- Working on SLO/PLO compliance report for program review preparation.

5) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez
   - Guided Pathways met last Thursday, focusing on boosting website/social media presence and creating student video content with ASG.
   - Working on combined program-map/degree-sheet template and process flyer for low-enrollment class, troubleshooting with deans.
   - Handshake is now divided by CAPS to improve career-aligned alerts for students.
   - Vice Chancellor plans to attend next month's meeting.

6) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
   - First meeting this Thursday via Zoom.
   - Committee will review spring goals and form a team to attend the April 20 regional training in Sacramento (one-day, in-person).

7) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo
   - Request for a food budget for the March PDD is currently with President Lopez; awaiting confirmation, otherwise likely online rather than in person.
     - Committee to take official vote Thursday; feedback survey being finalized and distributed.
     - Breakout session proposal form and agenda prep underway for March PDD.
     - Discussion on rising costs, lunch funding, and exploring long-term budget solutions (e.g., fundraising).
   - PD budget nearly depleted; faculty are encouraged to submit funding requests ASAP.

8) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
   - No quorum: continued issues with attendance, quorum, and maintaining representation.
   - Discussion focused on current membership with the following suggestions;
     - Managers being ex-officio.
     - Purge membership if members miss three meetings.

9) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson
   - Budget Committee met February 11; unanimously approved a statement to reopen discussion on district resource allocation model.
   - Formed Mission Critical Definition Subcommittee; report due March 11.
   - AURR subcommittee postponed pending President Lopez's review of AURR process.
   - VP Alexander absent; duties split between Kathy Tran and President Lopez, creating uncertainty for AURR vetting and budget workflows.
   - Budget Committee will release its working calendar this week to stay on schedule for fund allocations.
   - ASCCC Standards & Practices reviewing discipline list updates; four disciplines originally submitted.
     - Sign Language Interpretation withdrawn; math update likely to be pulled due to procedural issues. Remaining items: Counseling/Mental Health and Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Technology.

10) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson
    - No meeting to report.

11) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin

- Programs that are due for a program review (PR) in 2026-2027. All courses, programs, and SLO assessment reports must be up to date for the PR to be accepted.
  - ASTRO
  - BIM
  - BUS
  - CADD
  - CHEM
  - COMSC
  - Certified Nursing Assistant
  - DANCE
  - DE
  - Entrepreneurship
  - ENGR
  - Health Sci
  - Intercoll. Athletics
  - Med Front Office
  - Paralegal
  - Physical Science
  - Physics
  - POLSC
  - PSYC
  - THEAT
  - T&I

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

13) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada – no report

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

15) **College Council:** Henry Estrada
- The Technology Committee will submit regular reports as tech changes accelerate; updates expected on computing investments for staff and students.
- President's office hours February 24 & March 26.
- EVC co-sponsoring Women's Conference on March 7.
- Dean Garza will retire in June; the screening committee is being selected. College is facing $1.7M deficit; only two faculty hires moving forward (English ENLACE and EOPS counselor).
- DE coordinator position extended one more year (full-time, non-tenure track); role to be reimagined with an AI policy focus and partnership with SJCC. Enrollment shift: 55% face-to-face.

16) **District Council:** Henry Estrada
- Did not meet.

17) **District Academic Senate: David Hendricks**
- Discussed dual enrollment; highlighted lack of faculty role and need for clearer oversight and collaboration on curriculum and hiring.
- Reviewed inconsistencies in Distance Education eligibility processes between campuses; working toward alignment with SJCC Senate and union involvement.

VI.   Academic Senate President's Report

- Task Force on District Priorities meets first Monday next month to refine priorities under student success, workforce/community engagement, and institutional effectiveness; aim to align College Master Plans and future budget allocation. Put together two priorities for each category.
- Faculty leadership raised concerns with Chancellor/Vice Chancellor about civility and adherence to process following recent board disruptions; emphasized maintaining integrity and collegial collaboration.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report
- Screening committee members selected for the Dean position: Tina Iniguez, Janina Espinoza, and Jose de Jesus Sanchez; notification emails forthcoming.
- Several Senate terms are ending this spring: divisions to hold internal elections in March for April confirmation. We need to confirm our Senate membership at the first meeting in April.
- Kelly's Sabbatical was approved for next year; LA division to appoint a one-year substitute representative.

VIII. Consent Items
A. Spring 2026 Faculty Evaluations from SSHAKA
- Maryam Farshadfar – Evaluator: Mark Gonzales
- Cindy Bevan – Evaluator: Mark Bernbeck
- John Carrion – Evaluator: Mark Gonzales
- Ambica Gill – Evaluator: John Carrion
- Mark Gonzales – Evaluator: Cindy Bevan
- David Hendrics – Evaluator: Eric Narveson
- John Kaufmann – Evaluator: Bhawana Mishra
- Eric Narveson – Evaluator: David Hendricks
- Ralph Nichols – Evaluator: John Kaufmann
- Felicia Perez – Evaluator: David Hendricks
- Karen Rowe – Evaluator: Rachel Lazo
- Rachel Lazo – Evaluator: Ralph Nichols
- Bhawana Mishra – Evaluator: Maryam Farshadfar

B. Spring 2026 Faculty Evaluations from Business & Workforce
- Fahmida Fakhruddin – Evaluator: Bob Brown
- Lucia Lawson – Evaluator: Loc Lam
- Patricia Maroudas – Evaluator: Nasreen Rahim
- John Powell – Evaluator: Loc Lam
- Shawnterry Cato – Evaluator: Nasreen Rahim

IX. Action Items
A. Screening Committee, Dean of Counseling – Kelly Nguyen-Jardin
- The Senate selected the following faculty: Tina Iniguez, Janice Espinoza, and Jose de Jesus Sanchez

X. Discussion Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)
A. Dual Enrollment: Faculty Roles and Involvement - Tina Iniguez
- Tina stressed the need for stronger faculty involvement in dual enrollment as a key 10+1 issue.
- A draft resolution was introduced; ideas included forming a subcommittee and increasing coordination with the CCAP office. Bring back for further discussion and action.
B. Senate Involvement in the AP 4000 Series – Henry Estrada

- Henry, Dave, and Mark from SJCC reviewed priorities, budget alignment, and academic standards.
- More faculty input on 4000–5000 series APs is needed.
- Program Viability (AP 4021) is a top priority; committee forming next week with VPAA, dean, and prior members. AP 4020 will be reviewed next.
- Credit for Prior Learning (AP 4235) draft needs faculty authority restored. MAP version is more robust than the CCLC/district template. Henry's analysis is to be shared before meeting with the Chancellor next Thursday.
- AP 5031: focus on lowering instructional material costs, promote day-one access and low/zero-cost textbooks.
  - The current "reasonable steps" language is too vague; plan to clarify with concrete guidance and examples of what is low cost.

C. PDD Alternate Plans Review Committee – Henry Estrada
- Henry, Tejal, Rahmon, Kelly

D. AI COP Proposal – Tejal Naik
- Taskforce from last spring, as well as a faculty survey, recommended an AI CoP. Faculty are interested but worried about the workload.
- Seeking feedback on structure and implementation.
  - Flexible model: asynchronous course shell, brief division-meeting sessions, and optional drop-ins that support all faculty skill levels; PD only (not DE refresher training).
  - Open-semester discussions; notifications recommended for asynchronous discussions.

XI. **Information Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)**
A. Reports from the President's Priority Groups – Grace Estrada & Tina Iniguez – Scheduling Priority Group
- A survey was sent out for Course Scheduling. Student response is currently greater than Faculty response. Faculty are reminded to complete the faculty survey and to encourage their students to complete the student survey.
  - Faculty survey response is low (114/400+); student responses high (230+).
  - Early data: both groups prefer late mornings; students prefer Tue/Thu.
  - Scheduling group exploring 8-week blocks, expanded evening/Friday/Saturday options, and space/safety/custodial needs.

XII. **Announcements & Recognitions**
- Congratulations to Juan Gill for achieving Tenure!
- Next Academic Senate meeting: March 3, 2026

XIII. **Adjournment – 5:06** pm – Eric (1st), Grace (2nd)