



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, March 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): Tejal Naik, Matais Pouncil (remote)

I. Call to Order – 3:00 pm

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

- Consent Item B, update William Nguyen to Mentor – Kelly Nguyen-Jardin
- Correct spelling of Doriann's name.

III. Approval of Minutes from February 17, with amendments – Dave (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved

- Update SLOAC to reflect that we did not expect them to be updated in Sandbox.

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.

- Dave Hendricks – Women's History month with 3 events.
 - March 5, Reception & Film Screening for *Glass Ceilings*.
 - March 10, Dave Hendricks presents Women's History of Gender Inequality and Why Gender Equity is Important Today.
 - March 12, Scholarship Workshop
- Sravani Banerjee – March 25 – Women's History Month Book Discussion and Tea
- Melissa Hornstein - March 19 – Women and Financial Literacy: An Introduction
- Melissa Hornstein - March 26 equal pay day.
- Grace Estrada – Faculty Scheduling Survey opens until the end of the week. Students' Scheduling Survey ends this week
- Sravani Banerjee – Early Alert ends next weekend
- Tina Iniguez – There will not be special program graduations this semester
- Tejal Naik – Some emails are not going to all faculty – Use EVC All Faculty List – this will go to all faculty

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

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

- During the ACCC meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2026. We approved 13 courses and 3 program update proposals, as well as 4 deactivations.
- Grace plans to attend the ASCCC Curriculum North meeting on Saturday, March 14. ACCC members are looking for guidance pertaining:

- How to implement the new requirement to assign disciplines to courses.
- The kind of verbiage needed to establish that faculty are implementing UDL (Universal Design for Learning).
- Where to include details of Credit for Prior Learning. If included in a course proposal, the CPL Chair would need to participate in the Tech Review and ACCC meetings, similar to the DE Coordinator and SLOAC Chair.
- ACCC members reviewed Chapter 2 of the updated ACCC handbook.
- List of New/Updated Programs and Deactivations

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

Associate's 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)

KINS 031: Lifetime Physical Fitness and Wellness (3 units)

KINS 058: Introduction to Athletic Injuries (3 units)

KINS 060L: Fitness Center Laboratory (.50 unit)

MATH 014: Geometry (3 units)

2) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia

- Updating transfer evaluation tests; reviewing other states' common course numbering.
- States reviewed: FL, OR, WA, OH, SC, AZ, TX.
- Oregon's recent English unit changes noted, Florida's system very streamlined.
- Question regarding CCN changes to Anatomy. This CCN template release has been delayed due to concerns about removing all biology prerequisites for the course.

3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada

- Grace attended the CCN Update webinar on Monday, March 2 from 1-3 PM.
- Faculty in departments that have CCN courses as prerequisites have been notified of the need to launch course modifications to update the prerequisites. If the course has

been updated within the last 5 years, faculty will be compensated for 2 hours for the course modification, attending Tech and ACCC review meetings to represent the course, and making any requested adjustments.

- There is proposed legislation, AB 2236 (Berman) for the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates of the University of California, California State Universities, and California Community Colleges to establish a streamlined system level articulation by using the CCN templates rather than individual course review.

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

- SLOAC met on February 27; annual goals are nearly complete.
- SLO reports were due March 1; reviews are in progress.
- Working on SLO/PLO process improvements.
- Minor SLO form updates are coming soon.
- Exploring ways to make PLO reports more meaningful; outreach planned for feedback.

5) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez

- Met with Vice Chancellor Jeremy Brown to showcase Evergreen's Guided Pathways work.
- Encouraging support for student success teams and greater collaboration.
- The Progress tab in student planning is being disabled due to inaccuracies.
- Very low completion of online orientation; major impact on registration priority.
 - Marketing push planned to increase orientation completion.
 - Welcome email being revised for clarity.
 - Student ambassadors producing short outreach videos (grad fair, petitions, FAFSA, orientation).
 - Students are strongly encouraged to complete online orientation in Self-Service (Comevo), as this will give them the best registration dates.

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

- EVC, City, and District leaders met to discuss AP4235; meeting offered little new direction. AP4235 was approved after long delay; future revisions are expected.
- Ongoing concerns from City College chemistry faculty about some CPL proposals.
- Updated hyperlink on the website now directs visitors correctly to CPL information.
- Juan presented a CPL overview and Q&A to counselors.
- Next CPL committee meeting: March 19 at 10 a.m.
- Henry will forward Juan's name as Liaison to the ASCCC Pathways to the Credit Committee to represent EVC.

7) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo

- President Lopez requested a basic in-person meal plan for March PDD; follow-up call scheduled to clarify food budget.
 - Breakout proposal form was sent out last Friday.
- Discussion of long-term budget issues: PDD meals consume half of annual PD funds.
 - Grace and Adam gave public comments, thoughts on PDD meals and budget. \$45K budget is split in half – half for food, half for conferences.
 - Suggested future model: attendees bring their own meal or purchase on campus with a potential shift of savings toward conference funding.
- Campus-wide survey forthcoming once feedback form is finalized.

- PD committee budget nearly depleted (~\$2,960 remaining).
- 8) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
- Achieved quorum, approved minutes.
 - Annual spring update of the DE Handbook has begun; revisions will go to the Senate.
 - AI co-op implementation model reviewed with committee support.
 - AI exploration workshop set for March 12 at 5 PM (location TBD).
 - New AI tools (e.g., Ignite AI Search, discussion summaries) being reviewed for Canvas.
 - Noted upcoming regional AI “watch party” on April 17; EVC is not currently registered.
- 9) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson
- Budget Committee met online Feb. 25; AURR workload expected to increase.
 - Mission-critical subcommittee finalizing criteria; to be presented for committee approval.
 - 15 AURRs submitted; total available funds will be under \$285,000.
 - Kathy Tran is now handling most of the VP duties and AURR routing.
 - Committee reviewed rubric scoring process in Teams.
 - In-person meetings resume March 11 in Gullo 111.
 - President Lopez is open to redesigning the AURR process; planning follow-up work in April, with potential summer development for a new fall rollout.
- 10) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson
- Executive management received a 5% salary adjustment and added step levels after comparison showed the district paid least among peers.
 - Concerns noted about limited funding elsewhere.
 - Board revisiting RAMS and broader budget prioritization.
 - Discussion on ensuring consistent budgeting definitions across campuses.
 - Board expects college budget committee input to guide policy decisions.
- 11) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin
- Institutional Set Standards & ACCJC Reporting - the IEC is currently preparing data for the ACCJC Annual Report, due in April.
 - Due to district centralization, student success and award data is now provided by the Chancellor’s Office rather than campus researchers.
 - The committee expects to review this data and finalize the 2025-2026 institutional set standards and aspirational goals by the next meeting.
 - Program Review Status (2025-2026 Cycle)
 - The committee reviewed the progress of current and pending program reviews:
 - Instructional Programs: Most programs are currently in "pending" (yellow) status due to outstanding SLO/PLO compliance or required curriculum updates.
 - Administrative & Student Services: A grace period has been granted for Service Area Outcome (SAO) assessments this year as the process is still being institutionalized. Strict compliance will be required starting next cycle.
 - Hard Deadline: Programs remaining non-compliant by March 16 will face formal disapproval and will not be forwarded to College Council.
 - Program Viability Review (PVR) Updates
 - BIM Program: A PVR committee has been formed. They are currently awaiting data from the Dean of Business and Workforce to determine if the review will be a full-length comprehensive PVR or a Level 2 (short version).

- Technical & Process Improvements
 - CurriQunet Module: To reduce confusion, the header for Enhanced Career Education Program Review has been renamed "Career Education Year 2 Program Review" to distinguish it from the four-year Comprehensive Instructional Program Review.
 - Notification System: The IEC has implemented a three-tier notification system to alert departments one year in advance of their review due date to improve submission rates.
- Policy Clarification: Women's and Gender Studies
 - Following a query from the Academic Senate President, the IEC clarified that while ASCCC or Title V or Education Code do not require a program review author to have a specific Faculty Service Area (FSA), any associated curriculum or SLO assessment work must still be completed by faculty with the appropriate FSA. Therefore, the faculty coordinator for Women's and Gender Studies will be able to complete the program review in the next cycle.

12) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min

- CTC reviewed annual goals and delivered multiple tech trainings (OneDrive/SharePoint, printers, PDD workshop).
- Shared campus tech updates (DVD players, streaming, call-forwarding, printing issues).
- Ongoing advocacy for improved printing access, including 11×17 capability.
- Student tech survey completed (~180 responses) to inform the Technology Master Plan.
 - Identified issues: projectors, sound systems, loaner laptops, printing.
- CTC to review and provide feedback on technology-related AURRs.

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

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

15) **College Council:** Henry Estrada

- Met with the District Advisory Council and discussed AP4235 (Credit for Prior Learning) and AP4022 (Course Approval).
- Concern raised that Senate authority over Chapters 4 & 5 APs had been informally traded away in the past. Emphasis that the Academic Senate must retain primary responsibility for these APs, as protected by law. Reminder that safeguarding this role is essential for future Senate leadership.
- Task force – district priorities are complete. They are an improvement, but we must insist the goals be SMART (measurable and time bound) when we implement them.

16) **District Council:** Henry Estrada

- Did not meet

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

- Senate presidents collaborated on AP language; Chancellor accepted revisions preserving "relies primarily on" authority.
- Need identified for cross-campus Senate oversight of AP 4000/5000 series: plan to form a joint working group by the two Senates.
- Chancellor and VC planning an April session on collegiality and collaboration; details forthcoming.

VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- Henry emphasized new district priorities and the need for long-term commitment to master planning, urging faculty to support plans benefiting students despite retirements or turnover.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report

- EOPS counselor position has three internal applicants: unlikely to open externally.
- English/ENLACE faculty position still awaiting HR posting; hiring may extend into June.
- Three VP positions, plus Jovita Valdez's and Sean Dickinson's positions, have been sent to HR for posting.
- Special-assignment/reassigned-time announcements are expected next week.
- Concern was raised that internal transfers may further reduce counseling staffing and impact priority hiring needs.

VIII. Consent Items

- A. Spring 2026 Faculty Evaluations from Language Arts & Library
 - Sherryanne Lim - Evaluator: Sara Jacome
 - Heather Ott - Evaluator: Judith Girardi
 - Lorena Mata - Evaluator: Judith Girardi
- B. Spring 2026 Tenured Faculty Mentor
 - Himani Tiwari (DSP Faculty Coordinator) – William Nguyen (Mentor)
- C. Priority Groups Faculty Representation
 - Scheduling - Tina Iniguez and Grace Estrada
 - Student Success - Fahmida Fakhruddin and Tina Iniguez
 - Retention - Doriann Tran and Tina Iniguez
 - Dual Enrollment and Microcredential - Nasreen Rahim and Claudia Schalesky
- D. Equivalency Committee – Math (STEM) - Robert Knight (Math) and Laimi Cong-Huyen (Math)

IX. Action Items

- A. Proposal to Suspend the Bylaws and start Senate Officer elections on March 17 with a call for nominations.
 1. Eric motions that the Senate Membership may have their Elections in March rather than April - Grace (2nd), unanimously approved.

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

- A. Dual Enrollment: Faculty Roles and Involvement - Tina Iniguez
 - Dual enrollment expanding with limited faculty input.
 - Academic Senate considering resolution with District Senate involvement.
 - Possible need for a Senate committee.
 - Draft resolution exists; to be reviewed as Action at the next meeting and shared with Mark Branom.
- B. Friday Class Scheduling – Melissa Hornstein
 - Friday-only classes face frequent cancellations and inflated contact hours.
 - Long class periods and attendance rules create instructional challenges.
 - Administration restricts pairing Friday with other single-day schedules.
 - STEM division avoids Fridays due to standing meetings.
 - Schedule Survey may be biased due to few Friday offerings.
 - College needs decision on viability of Friday instruction. Some suggestions
 - English finals 2 different days a week.
 - March PDD goes to January.

- SJCC does Friday/Saturday Chemistry classes.
- Table for now and bring back to Discussion with additional data.

C. ITSS International Access to Canvas/SSO – Dave Hendricks & Kelly Nguyen-Jardin

- New security settings now block Canvas and SSO access outside the U.S. unless an international-access request is submitted before travel. Travelers cannot sign in once abroad without prior approval; processing is quick but not available last-minute.
- Communication has been insufficient, causing students and faculty to discover the issue only after being locked out.
- Vice Chancellor acknowledged concerns and committed to providing clearer guidance and communication.
- Faculty request:
 - Clear steps for submitting international access.
 - A defined processing timeline.
 - Raise with the District Senate

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

A. Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 Series Taskforce Composition – Dave Hendricks & Henry Estrada

- A review of the district packet on proposed AP revisions prompted recognition of a need for a joint task force (both campuses, both senates) to increase active faculty engagement in reviewing, proposing, and shaping AP modifications.
 - Seeking input on the composition and size of such a group; feedback from both senates will be compared.
- Concern raised that the Community College League of California (CCLC)-driven changes may gradually shape district practices without reflecting faculty governance perspectives. CCLC does not represent faculty governance, and its recommendations do not reflect Title 5 faculty purview.
- Reminder to remain vigilant, so district processes aren't shaped by CCLC cost-saving or profit-driven motives at the expense of faculty authority.

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Henry reminded the committee to register by March 6 for the ASCCC Curriculum meeting.
- Tejal shared that there will be a presentation for the launch of the MSF Badging Plan.
- Scheduling Survey is still open.
- Tina acknowledged the Automotive and Engineering Department for an impressive facility tour.
- Dave reminded the committee that Spring Plenary is the second weekend in April.
- Tina reminded the committee that March 13 is the deadline for Graduation Appointments.
- Next Academic Senate meeting: March 17, 2026

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