



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, May 5, 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, Sravani Banerjee

Absent: Laura Garcia

Guest(s): Tejal Naik, Nasreen Rahim, Robert Gutierrez, Sean Stewart, Sterling Harwood, Sylvia Min, Vince Cabada

I. Call to Order – 3:01 pm

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

- Eric moves to bring Discussion Item E forward after Public Comments.
- Kelly moves to add under Consent; Dr. May Chen to serve on Dr. Melissa Hornstein's TRC as dean's choice, Eric (2nd).

III. Approval of Minutes from April 21 – Kelly (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved

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.

- Sylvia Min –Period Poverty Awareness Week: May 11–17. CA AB 6–7: Requires free menstrual products on campus; access is a human right. Awareness efforts include Library exhibits, ASG outreach, and campus postings with a goal of improved access, attendance, and focus.
- Dean Sean Stewart – in October the Division approved a name change to Social Sciences, Humanities, Arts, and Kinesiology (SSHAKA). The Division requests that the full division name is used in communications.
- Dr. Sterling Harwood –suggested adding “outcomes” or “SLOs” to course descriptions in order to help students better understand courses, support informed enrollment, and increase transparency.
- Nancy Lin – the Nursing Department has a hiring process concern regarding whether discipline-specific roles (e.g., nursing skills lab, tutoring) classified as special assignments must follow the same open, campus-wide posting requirement given by VP Dickerson. These are specific skills to Nursing and should not be open to campus wide.
- Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo – AANHPI Heritage Month event; a screening of Finding Virgo with producer Q&A on Thursday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the LA Building.
- Eric Narveson motions to move the Resolution for Nasreen Rahim as an Action item. Alessandro (2nd); unanimously approved.
 - Eric read the resolution for Nasreen Rahim and provided a copy to the Senate. Many Senators expressed their personal appreciation for Nasreen.

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

- 2) **All College Curriculum:** Grace Estrada

- Presented an ACCC 2026 update at College Council on April 27.
- Attended the ASCCC Non-Credit Institute April 30 – May 1.
 - Discussion about the need for Basic Aid Districts to offer more non-credit courses but not at the expense of transfer or for-credit courses.
 - Addresses employability skills.
 - Bridge to credit classes and opportunity -> open-entry, no cost, no barriers.
 - Mirrored courses must have the same pre-requisites and outcomes as credit courses.
 - Recommendation for non-credit students to receive a grade for CPL.
- NONCREDIT CURRICULUM
 - Need a sequence of 2 or more courses for CDCP.
 - Short-term vocational program with high employment potential.
 - Allied health – completion, not competency.
 - Course length – ideally short-term; complete in one semester or one academic year.
 - Wide variability 4 hours to 300.
 - At Tech Review, discussed potential vendors being considered for curriculum management, assessment, program review, catalog, and scheduling.

Deactivations Effective Fall 2026

Associates in Arts: Engineering (88-90 units)

Associates in Science for Transfer: Mathematics (60 units)

AS-T in Physics (replaced by AS-T Physics 2.0)

AUTO 172: Chassis and Drivetrain Systems (2.5 units)

BIS 011: Computer Keyboarding (1 unit)

BIS 095: Microsoft Windows (1 unit)

BIS 104: Microsoft Access

BIS 106: Microsoft Word (3 units)

BIS 121: Web Techniques for Business (1 unit)

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

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

DLIT 106: Getting Started with Chromebook (.50 unit)

DLIT 108: Introduction to Google Apps (.50 unit)

DLIT 109: Creating Effective Digital Portfolios (1 unit)

DLIT 506: Getting Started with Chromebook (0 unit)

ESL 514: Healthy Life Encounters (0 unit) Confirm

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)

3) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia – no report

4) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada

- Continuing work:
 - Update courses that have CCN prerequisites.
 - Update degrees that have Phase IIA CCN courses.
- 5) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar
- The committee discussed PLO assessment reports and expectations; clearer direction was established.
 - Plan to propose a revised PLO framework at the final meeting. Meeting moved to Friday the 15th (last meeting of the semester); committee to be notified.
 - Rahmon will compile PLO assessments due Nov. 1, 2026, and begin early outreach to the deans.
- 6) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez
- 2.0 maps delayed due to importing data from CurriQunet; expected live in June. Program revisions are largely complete; Common Course Numbering (CCN)
 - Should be automatic with the 2.0 software update.
 - CAPS Day debrief: strong turnout; scheduling and faculty involvement need improvement due to timing with Community Day.
 - Early fall planning for CAPS Day revisions.
 - Hiring CAPS student ambassadors for outreach and events.
- 7) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
- Juan was re-elected CPL Coordinator for 2026–2028.
 - Final committee meeting: May 21 via Zoom to discuss next-year goals.
 - Continuing work on MAP Initiative – Veteran Sprint.
 - Goal is to award CPL to veterans for basic training, including applicable kinesiology credit.
- 8) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo
- Next meeting is Thursday where we will finalize the UDL theme. The committee has had since April 16 to review.
 - Binh discussed the selection process for the PD Coordinator.
 - Co-chair model was proposed during his interview; workload division and reassigned time concerns were raised. Binh is not interested in the co-chair position.
 - Issue to be elevated to the Senate; Henry and Kelly to review bylaws for clarification.
- 9) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
- We met quorum at the last meeting; handled housekeeping items and approved minutes.
 - The committee shared updates and followed up offline on some items (including AI-related discussion).
 - Volunteer request was raised and deferred for further committee review.
 - Ongoing work on developing a clear equivalency process for faculty/course review (similar to CPL).

- Need was identified to define criteria beyond outcomes when evaluating equivalency.
- Committee agreed current submissions are not equivalent, but rationale lacked consistency. Further discussion is scheduled for next week to establish clearer standards and guidance.
- Title II update: one-year extension remains; alignment requirements unchanged.
 - Continued need to identify accessibility gaps and action steps.
 - Tejal is exploring Accessibility Maturity Model (AMM) with the CCC Accessibility Center.

10) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson

- The Final Budget Committee meeting is tomorrow. We will finalize AURRs and program review pros/cons. Eric and Kathy Tran will present to the College Council on May 11.
 - \$285,000 total funds; \$7,000 reserved for inflation, \$278,000 allocated.
 - Some requests were not funded due to insufficient justification.
 - Not all departments were awarded funds.
- Next year's co-chairs: Kathy Tran and Dean Lu Crary as no faculty came forward due to reassigned time removed for the chair position.

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

- Committee met on April 30.
- The district plans to replace PayPal with a no-fee student payment system.
- The district is developing a financial terms/acronym glossary.
- Foundation update: website previewed; leadership transition noted as Amy Pizarro has left her role.
 - Concerns raised about missing foundation/trust funds.
- Lottery funding is down (lower FTES, variable lottery revenue).
- Property tax revenue is flat, residential resales are flat; limited district budget growth expected.

12) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin

- The IEC has successfully concluded its operations for the 2025-2026 academic year. Key efforts focused on streamlining the Program Review process, improving curriculum compliance, and initiating the institutional transition toward Universal Design for Learning (UDL).
- Curriculum & Compliance Milestone
 - Through proactive support, IEC achieved a 68% reduction in out-of-date courses compared to the previous year.
 - Of the instructional programs due for review this cycle, only 1 out of 8 remains out of curriculum compliance—a historic high for institutional alignment.
 - Formally recommended the first Program Viability Review (PVR) for Building Information Modeling (BIM) to ensure program alignment with institutional standards.
- Program Review (PR) Updates
 - Managed 21 comprehensive reviews and 15 annual updates. IEC approved 13 of 14 submitted reviews this year.

- Feedback survey results showed 91% satisfaction with the overall PR process and 82% satisfaction with the CurriQunet Maverick module.
- Added a new section regarding Template Assignment for Special Programs to the PR Handbook.
- Modified the CurriQunet workflow to lock the "Dean Tab," ensuring administrators prioritize resource requests and maintain quality control before final submission.
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Implementation
 - In alignment with Title 5 mandates, the Curriculum Committee has established a multi-year roadmap.
 - Beginning Fall 2026, the committee will develop rubrics for Course Outline of Record (COR) elements, starting with catalog descriptions.
 - The UDL Implementation question in the program review template will be effective in Fall 2027.
 - Full implementation of UDL rubrics across curriculum and program review by Spring 2029, providing a one-year buffer for the 2030 Title 5 deadline.
- Strategic Planning & Institutional Standards
 - IEC officially adopted a 74% floor and a 76% aspiration goal for student success metrics for the 2025-26 cycle.
 - Completed reviews of the EMP 24-26 Key Action Plans; progress reports on these plans will be required from departments in Fall 2026.
- Challenges & Future Recommendations
 - The committee is monitoring district-level decisions regarding the future of the program review and curriculum platform.
 - A primary goal for next year is to better align IEC, Budget, and Technology Committee timelines to ensure smoother resource allocation.

13) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min

- CTC completed 4 surveys, 4 training courses, and tech resource development.
- Finalized CTC reviews for 2025–26 (14 departments, 27 requests).
- Completed employee computer refresh survey (~100 responses).
 - Results: 60% laptop / 40% desktop preference.
 - Findings to inform Technology Master Plan; general move toward laptop standard, with role-based and accommodation exceptions.

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

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

16) **College Council:** Henry Estrada

- Reports were given from College Budget, All College Curriculum, and Distance Education Chairs.
- Discussion was held on renaming the César Chávez Plaza; decision was deferred to next term pending campus survey and feedback.
- All Program Reviews submitted were approved.

17) **District Council:** Henry Estrada

- Did not meet.

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

- Did not meet. Will defer to Discussion item.

VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- Will defer to the last meeting.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report

- Congratulations to Henry; elected Senator-at-Large for a two-year term.
- Senate membership confirmed; one remaining position to be addressed at the next meeting.
- Ongoing issues with special assignment process were noted; Henry, Tina, Dave, and Senate leadership to review.
 - Request to advocate for office space for associate-faculty committee chairs (SLOAC, PDC, and IEC).
 - Committees under Senate (ACC, SLOAC, PD, DE) should be in two-year terms.

VIII. Consent Items

- A. At-large Senator (Fall 2026 – Spring 2028) – Henry Estrada
- B. Senate Membership Confirmation – Division Reps - Fall 2026 – Spring 2028
 - Library & Learning Services: Judith Girardi
 - Language Arts: Tejal Naik (Fall 2026 – Spring 2027); Kelly Nguyen-Jardin (Fall 2027 – Spring 2028)
 - STEM: Melissa Hornstein
 - Nursing & Allied Health: Nancy Lin
 - SSHAKA: Grace Estrada
- C. TRC for Dr. Melissa Hornstein - add Dr. May Chen as Dean's choice.

IX. Action Items

- A. Resolution for Nasreen Rahim, Eric (1st), David (2nd), unanimously approved.
- B. Binh Vo was selected as District Senate Representative. Alessandro (1st), Rahmon (2nd) unanimously approved.
- C. Summer Senate to include Dave Hendricks, Tina Iniguez, Laura Garcia, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Binh Vo and Eric Narveson. Alessandro (1st), Eric (2nd) unanimously approved.
- D. EVC District Senate Representative: Binh Vo. Kelly (1st), Dave (2nd), unanimously approved
- E. Summer Senate Membership: Dave, Tina, Laura, Rahmon, Binh, and Eric. Alessandro (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved.

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

- A. EVC District Senate Representative – Dave Hendricks
 - One at-large Senate position is open, with in-person meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2:00 pm -5:00 pm. Binh Vo volunteered. Kelly moves to Action, Dave (2nd); unanimously approved.
- B. Summer Senate Membership – Henry Estrada
 - Summer Senate needs to be selected. Membership should include Senate leadership, Articulation Officer, PD Chair and one additional Senator.
 - Dave, Tina, Laura, Rahmon, Binh, Eric – selected.
 - Move to Action, Alessandro (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved.
- C. Credit by Exam – Student Costs – Juan Gill – tabled.
- D. Potential Senate Bylaws Revision regarding Senate Representation for Officers and Past President – Henry Estrada.
 - Do we want to revise the by-laws, potentially expanding the Senate allowing Senate leadership to represent the college as a whole and not their divisions.

- Eric moves to table this item, pass a sense of the Senate at the next meeting, take up in the fall.
- E. Resolution for Nasreen Rahim – Eric Narveson.
- This item was moved up after Public Comments. Eric read the Resolution and moved it to Action.

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

- A. EVC ENGL/ESL Friday Common Final Schedule, Discontinuance Spring 2027 - Robert Gutierrez
- EVC currently has a proctored final: in-person, board-graded exam for English and ESL (~2,300 students/year) which is held on the last Friday of the semester. It is currently required for all modalities with two POOCR online courses exempt.
 - EVC will be discontinuing this final exam model effective Spring 2027, with courses moving to a standard 16-week schedule; with no common exam day.
 - Rationale: Title V + UDL alignment, reduce barriers, increase faculty flexibility.
 - Dean Gutierrez acknowledged this 33-year practice was central to department culture. He also recognized Todd Martin for his leadership as Exam Coordinator.
 - EVC calendar needs to be adjusted with the Union.
- B. Safety Presentation – Vince Cabada
- Vince provided a summary from the Safety Committee (handout provided).
 - The committee engaged campus/district leaders on safety and facilities.
 - Key outcomes: Facilities Master Plan was finalized, and two campus safety tours were completed.
 - Ongoing: communicate issues, submit work orders, and share updates.
 - Note: the old Student Services building reopening depends on the district central plan project currently under RFP.
 - Vince will have all restrooms checked for appropriate signage on menstrual supplies.
- C. Campus Technology Master Plan – Sylvia Min
- Sylvia presented a draft Technology Master Plan (2026–2031) for Senate review.
 - The plan is aligned with Vision 2030, Title II, and institutional plans with an emphasis on:
 - Accessibility compliance.
 - Faculty/staff tech training.
 - The committee is seeking feedback on training as equity strategy.
 - Digital literacy certificate (9 courses) has been developed and underway.
 - Noted a need for:
 - Better training awareness.
 - Consideration of compensation for required training.
 - Senate feedback is requested before submission to the College Council.
 - Sylvia shared an exclusive EVC scholarship for women and provided a flyer to share.
- D. Committee Assessments – Henry Estrada
- Committee assessment reports are due at the next meeting; committees are to report progress toward goals using Senate assessment form.
- E. NSF-ATE Badging ProSkills Grant (Phase 2) - Tejal Naik and Nasreen Rahim
- Embed soft skills (communication, teamwork, adaptability) into our CTE/STEM courses.
 - The model uses digital badges (shareable on LinkedIn/Handshake) with defined criteria to make skills visible to employers.
 - Two pathways:
 - Student pathway: earn badges through coursework.
 - Faculty pathway: training on integrating skills into curriculum.

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Next Academic Senate Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Last meeting of Spring 2026

XIII. Adjournment – 5:01 pm – Kelly (1st), Eric (2nd)