

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
15-May 2025**

present

At-large	Brandon Floerke, Karen Markley, Porsha Boyd, Perry Webster, Nicole Rossi
Business/CIS	Dale Craig
Coun/SSS	Kaylan Rasch, Deanna Smedley, Citlally Santana
Fine Arts	Stephen Klippenstein, David Lopez
Humanities	Mary Bogan, Danielle Fouquette, Mike Mangan, Kim Vandervort
Library	Anya Shyrokova
Math/Comp. Sci.	Bill Cowieson, Laura Loney
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji
Part-time	Naveen Kanal, Nicole Winborne
Physical Ed.	Marcia Foster
Social Sci.	Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe, Jeanna Wolfe
Tech./Engineering	Jessica Langlois
Associated Students	Emily Kim
Classified Senate	Antoinette Triefenbach
Acting President	Bridget Kominek
Acting President-Elect	Ziza Delgado Noguera
DEIA Ombuds	Archie Delshad
Treasurer	
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Anthony Antohe, FC student Carlos Antunez, Business/CIS faculty Jodi Balma, Political Science faculty Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning

Mauricio Correa
Jeanne Costello, English faculty
Kristine Dane, Administration of Justice faculty
Roman de Jesus, Earth Science faculty
Carla Falb, Fine Arts faculty
Jorge Gamboa, Dean, Social Sciences
Joshua Gjurivich
Raymond Holliday, VRC
Henry Hua, Vice President, Administrative Services
John Ison, English faculty
Rosie Kar, Ethnic Studies faculty
Brendon Kirby, Welding Technology faculty
Iesha Kitchen, Project Manager, Rising Scholars
Jay Medina
Jennifer Merchant, Director, Educational Partnerships & Programs,
Guided Pathways
Michael Moore, Business/CIS faculty
Collin Nguyen
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Kelly Roberston, Administration of Justice faculty
Jane Troop, CIS faculty

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Kanal/Markley) to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Ashenmiller/Kanal) to approve the 1-May 2025 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Raymond Holliday discussed the many accomplishments and contributions made by Caleb Strouss and encouraged Faculty Senate to honor him with a posthumous degree.

Kristine Dane shared memories of Caleb Strouss and asked senators to support awarding him a posthumous degree.

Kelly Roberston discussed qualities exhibited by Caleb Strouss, his impact on others, and asked senators to support awarding him a posthumous degree.

Roman de Jesus shared BP 3004 Tenure-Track Faculty Hiring Policy.

Rosie Kar thanked faculty for their support of APIDA Amplified events. She shared her concerns about the deadline for submitting final grades for spring.

Kim Vandervort shared that the 3rd Annual First-Year Celebration will be 22-May at 5:30P.

Jodi Balma shared that she stands with our Classified Professionals and believes they deserve a fair contract. She shared concerns about the current scholarship application process. She also encouraged senators to award Caleb Strouss a posthumous degree.

M/S/U (Kanal/Bogan) to extend public comments so all those in line could share.

Jessica Langlois informed senators that the new *Inside Fullerton* is available and a launch party will take place 20-May.

V. REPORT FROM FULLERTON COLLEGE PRESIDENT, DR. CYNTHIA OLIVO

Dr. Olivo thanked Rosie Kar, and the FC APIDA Amplified team, Rachel Reyes and Camille Serrano, who have planned a month of amazing events. She thanked Angela Henderson who helped our Study Abroad students earn a Gilman Scholarship for \$3,000. Three students awarded a scholarship will be going to Costa Rica and one to Ireland. She also thanked Ziza Delgado and Iesha Kitchen for their leadership in our Rising Scholars Program. Through their efforts the program secured a grant of \$174,463 with an additional two years of funding.

Dr. Olivo shared that Jonathan Guardado, FC student, was recently accepted into the Polymath Jr Program, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Jonathan will be transferring in the fall to UCI and will also participate in collaborative research with Steven Miller. She reported that a team from FC competed in an AI drone competition in Abu Dhabi and finished in 9th place out of fourteen international teams. She shared that Teddy Rodriguez-Velez, adjunct faculty in the Theater Department, was selected to have an original script read as part of the LA Staged Readings at the Frida Kahlo Theater. FC students in the Experimental Theater class also came to perform. Dr. Olivo reminded senators that May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and our Foster Youth Success Initiative (FYSI) has been and will continue to host events. She reported that there has been a realignment of enrollment services. Outreach & Promise and Call Center/Assessment will now report directly to Dean Albert Abutin. The Hornets Resource Center, which houses basic needs and pop-up enrollment services during peak periods, will report to Rena Stluka Martinez.

Dr. Olivo ended her report by thanking faculty for their participation in shared governance and thanked faculty serving on Senate Exec. She mentioned many of our accomplishments and the results of our collaborative efforts.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report

Campuswide

- **Welcome to the new division Senators and congratulations to newly elected at-large reps: Brandon Floerke, Michael Moore, and Amber Rose Gonzalez.** At this point, we do not have nominees to serve as alternates for our at-large representatives. I am asking for a sense of the Senate regarding whether we should hold an election before the end of the semester for an alternate for the at-large representatives or if we should wait until Fall 2025.

There was a “Sense of the Senate” to hold at-large elections in the fall. Bridget reminded everyone that adjunct senators are also elected in the fall.

- **Thank you to senators who are terming out!** Doing this work really is a service to your division colleagues and faculty in general, and it’s a service to our students as your voice shapes the experience they have here. I’d like especially to extend my gratitude to Archie Delshad, who has served on Faculty Senate Executive this year as our first DEIA Ombudsperson. While I know we have not made the progress that we need to make in advocating for better support for our SWANA and specifically our Palestinian students, I do want to acknowledge that his commitment and consistent voice has inspired work that we will continue in the fall with Ziza serving in this role. All Senators who are terming out are invited to grab a thank you gift. Thanks to Ziza for coordinating the lovely flowers.
- For new and continuing senators, our **meeting schedule for 2025-2026 is set**. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 3-5pm in 224/226/228. If needed, we also meet on fifth Thursdays as they occur. In November, the first meeting of the month conflicts with the statewide academic senate Fall Plenary, so we will plan to meet in October for the fifth Thursday, and we will not meet the first Thursday in November. Our meeting dates for Fall 2025, then, are: 9/4, 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/20, and 12/4. In the past, the first meeting of the semester has been a retreat, not an official meeting. However, Senate Exec has decided that we will jump right in with that 9/4 meeting as we expect a busy semester and don’t think we can wait until the middle of September to get to our agenda.
- In spring, Senate subcommittees do their annual reports. Senators received **written committee reports** for subcommittees that are not presenting in person along with the Outlook invitation for today’s meeting. Please review these, share them with your constituents, and communicate any questions or concerns to me or the committee chairs.
- As we are getting into the phase of the semester where full-time faculty hiring is coming to a close, I want to remind faculty that we do have [Board Policy related to hiring full-time faculty](#). It isn’t easy to find as it is not included in the BPs listed on the website. Rather, it’s in the “Administrative Guide” section of the [district document library](#), but I want to ensure that all faculty serving on committees are aware of the processes it describes. The BP was last revised in 2000, and it’s possible for practices to drift over the course of time, so it’s important for us to be proactive in knowing the policy. Please share this information with faculty serving on hiring committees in your divisions.

- The **2025-2029 FC Strategic Plan was approved at the President's Advisory Council (PAC)** meeting yesterday, 5/14. This is the final step for the plan at the campus level. The revised mission and proposed addition to the values will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their 5/27 meeting. **PAC also endorsed the recommendations from the Planning and Budget Steering Committee (PBSC) for funding resource requests from the Fall 2024 Program Review Annual Updates (PRAUs) which Faculty Senate has agenda'd for later in this meeting.**
- The APIDA Amplified Program is working with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to [survey students regarding the AANHPI Student Achievement Program Grant](#). Please share with your students. There is an opportunity to win a \$100 gift card.
- For the past couple of years, Faculty Senate or one of its subcommittees has hosted a forum for faculty on the first Friday of each semester to give us a chance to talk about issues relevant to our work outside of the action items on agendas. **In Fall 2025, we are working to host an event for us to learn more about the [one-tier faculty system](#),** which the statewide academic senate supported in a resolution at the Spring 2025 Plenary. Please save the date for the early afternoon on Friday, 8/29. The Program Review and Planning Committee is also planning an orientation that day for the instructional program review comprehensive self-studies, which are taking place in Fall 2025. We'll make sure the times complement each other so faculty can attend both.

Districtwide

- At the 5/12 Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF), Fred Williams, the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, gave an **update on the budget**. Based on current FTES numbers, the district expects to stay in hold harmless, and 2025/2026 revenue projections have been updated. We discussed district position control efforts and received a report on the IT budget. There is an effort at the district to create a comprehensive list of software expenditures to allow for more thorough review.
- **CBF also discussed potential future changes to how we fund district services.** Currently, the district distributes funds to the campuses and charges back a percentage to pay for district services' operations. The assertion from the office of Finance and Facilities seems to be that the district is not receiving enough funds to provide the services expected of it by the campuses. So, we can expect conversations to happen in fall about possible changes. The key questions seem to be: Should the money be allocated differently? Should the percentage the district charges back from the campuses to fund its operations be increased?

Should a certain amount be retained at the district for CBF or the District Consultation Council (DCC) to recommend the chancellor allocate?

- Our district's Office of Diversity, Culture, and Inclusion (DCI) is **seeking an FC faculty member to serve as our Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Fellow**. Fellows work up to ten hours per week with the DCI office and are compensated through a PE contract. Individuals interested in the Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Fellow position should submit their resume/CV and a letter of interest addressing their qualifications for the position by Monday, June 30, 2025. Send submissions to Flavio Medina-Martin, District Director, Diversity, Culture, and Inclusion and type D&I Faculty Fellow (Fullerton College) in the subject line.

Statewide and Nationwide

- Yesterday **Governor Newsom released his fiscal year 2025-2026 state budget May revision**. [This report from School Services of California](#) was distributed to members of CBF. Their takeaway is that we “can be cautiously, mildly optimistic about the 2025-26 fiscal year, with an emphasis on *cautious*...With continued uncertainty in the near term, we suggest you embrace the mild optimism when you can.”
- The statewide Academic Senate is seeking **faculty volunteers who are willing to do statewide service**. This includes serving on committees that facilitate the Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID), the Open Educational Resource Initiative (OERI), the Transfer Alignment Project, and curriculum resources. [Applications](#) are collected year-round, but the best time to submit is now through mid-June as committees are being formed for the 2025/2026 school year.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Naveen Kanal, Laura Loney, and Nicole Rossi for providing snacks for this meeting.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

I send thanks to everyone for a successful school year, and I look forward to working with you in the fall.

Curriculum Development Reminders:

We are processing and approving curriculum for Fall 2026. Proposals should be approved by the curriculum committee by early October, to guarantee Board and State approval, and inclusion in the Fall 2026 schedule and the 2026-2027 schedule and catalog.

Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update:

Phase 2B CCN templates are being published late May or early June. 2B, along with Phase 3, will have an effective date of Fall 2027.

Evaluating Prerequisites:

At the May 7 curriculum committee meeting, we responded to Faculty Senate's "task," as defined in the March 6 Senate meeting minutes: to "refer course prerequisite consistency to the curriculum committee. [. . .] If the committee deems this to be an issue, they will bring back recommendations to the Senate."

The committee provided the following feedback.

The committee spends a great deal of time evaluating prerequisites and co-requisites. We have a separate vote for requisites, in fact. We scrutinize requisite proposals very carefully. Our guidance comes from state and federal law, including Title 5 of the California Ed Code; district BP/Aps; past practice and procedures (such as content review and content review/statistical validation), as well as prerequisites of comparable courses, particularly at UCs.

We encourage, but do not force, faculty originators to add every variation on the same discipline's course to their list of requisites for a course. These include honors versions, and "enhanced" or "support" versions of the course.

There are situations in which different disciplines will teach the same subject, and the state approves each discipline's course outline. We ask faculty to justify their reasons for not listing every discipline's version of the course in their list of prerequisites. In fact, we ask them to justify all their choices in the creation and revision of curriculum.

The committee reviews each proposal on a case-by-case basis, using the guidelines mentioned earlier.

It's worth mentioning that course prerequisites are among the "identical and required" elements that must be in each Common Course Numbering (CCN) course outline of record at every community college. The curriculum committee will accept, and enforce, state-mandated prerequisites.

I thank Faculty Senate for raising the concern, and I think it would be worthwhile to revisit this topic after Phase 3 of CCN is implemented.

Please feel free to contact me at jison@fullcoll.edu.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

No report.

Associated Students Report

Emily Kim reported that ADA compliant tables have been added to the Dining Hall. At the last AS meeting, the College's missions and values were approved. Beginning in fall, AS meetings will now be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, from 4-5:30P.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Associated Students (AS) resolutions

M/S/U (Craig/Bogan) to adopt the AS resolution to improve disability services, advocacy, and community support.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Conferral of posthumous degree

M/S/U Acclamation (Halverson/Mangan) to confer a degree on Caleb Strouss posthumously.

Rising Scholars update

Jorge Gamboa was awarded “Manager of the Year” by the Faculty Senate.

Program Review and Planning Committee (PRPS) report

Mary Bogan shared the Program Review and Planning Committee report.

Planning and Budget Steering Committee (PBSC) report and proposed recommendations for funding requests

M/S/U (Kanal/Vandervort) to endorse PBSC recommendations for funding Program Annual Update resource requests from Fall 2024.

Emeritus Status

M/S/U (Craig/Mangan) to confer emeritus status to all faculty who are retiring in the 2024/2025 academic year.

Senate Executive Actions during Summer

M/S/U (Vandervort/Webster) to empower Senate Executive to act on behalf of Senate during summer including appointing faculty to committees and workgroups.

IX. ELECTIONS

Faculty reader for graduation **Bianca Sabau (Hum)**

Study Abroad Committee, 2025-2027 **Audrey Baltazar (Coun)**

Diversity Advisory Committee, 2025-2027 **Jewell Taylor (Coun), Citlally Santana (Coun)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee – At Large, 2025-2027 **Minh Bui (Math/CS)**

President’s Advisory Council, 2025-2027 **Cynthia Guardado (Hum)**

Program Review and Planning Committee Social Science division substitute for Josh Ashenmiller, Fall 2025 **Leonor Cadena (Soc Sci)**

Counseling Representative on Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2025-2027 **Deanna Smedley (Coun)**

Social Science Representative on Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2025-2027 **Brian Lopez (Soc Sci)**

Senate Representative – Natural Sciences alternate **Christopher Persichilli (Nat Sci)**

Senate Representative – Math/Computer Science, 2025-2027 **Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu (Math/CS)**

Senate Representative – Fine Arts, 2025-2027 **Carla Falb (Fine Arts)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee, 2025-2027 **Kelly Klassen (Math/CS)**

X. **LIASON REPORTS**

AdFac

Naveen Kanal reported that AdFac is still in negotiations with the district.

United Faculty

Archie Delshad informed senators that UF will be sending out an email update regarding the Governor's 2025-2026 May Revision and as well the ZTC/OER/POCR MOU. He also announced he will serve as the UF Grievance Representative starting fall 2025.

Classified Senate

Antoinette Triefenbach shared some good news after a successful resolution with the district. IT professionals will not lose longevity, and they will receive a \$4,000 stipend. While this issue is now resolved, the Administrative Assistant II grievance is still ongoing.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary