

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate  
approved minutes  
4-Sept 2025**

**present**

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| At-large            | Brandon Floerke, Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Business/CIS        | Carlos Antunez, Dale Craig                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Coun/SSS            | Kaylan Rasch, Citlally Santana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Fine Arts           | Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Humanities          | Mike Mangan, Meg O'Rourke, Kim Vandervort                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Library             | Anya Shyrokova                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Math/Comp. Sci.     | Bill Cowieson, Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Natural Sci.        | Seung Ji, Chris Persichilli, Kim Rosales                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Part-time           | Naveen Kanal, Nicole Winborne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Physical Ed.        | Phil Austin, Perry Webster                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Social Sci.         | Leonor Cadena, Matt Tribbe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Tech./Engineering   | Ben Cuatt, Brendon Kirby                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Associated Students | Amanda Rivada                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Classified Senate   | Antoinette Triefenbach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| President           | Bridget Kominek                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Treasurer           | Cynthia Guardado                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Secretary           | Heather Halverson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Guests              | Kelly Adams, FC OER Liaison<br>Josh Ashenmiller, History faculty<br>Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning<br>Dana Clahane, Math faculty<br>Jeanne Costello, English faculty<br>Roman de Jesus, Earth Science faculty<br>Archie Delshad, Political Science faculty<br>Bianca Gladen, Office of Institutional Effectiveness |

John Ison, English faculty  
Lorena Marquez, Counseling faculty  
Flavio Medina-Martin, District Director – Diversity, Culture and Inclusion  
Jennifer Merchant, Director, Educational Partnerships & Programs,  
Guided Pathways  
Cynthia Olivo, FC President  
Bepa Perez, Associated Students  
Jeremy Peters, United Faculty/Cypress College  
Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Earth Science faculty  
Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Foreign Language faculty  
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor  
Klutch Stanaway, Art faculty  
Jane Troop, CIS faculty  
Johnny Weil, English adjunct faculty  
Vinnie Wu, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The Fullerton College Mission Statement was moved to the first item under New Business.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**M/S/P (Kanal/Webster) to approve the 15-May 2025 meeting minutes.**

Abstain: Persichilli

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Archie Delshad informed senators that after today's Senate meeting, he will provide a presentation regarding UF elections and events that took place over summer. He also reported that the International Association of Genocide Scholars recently declared the Palestinian genocide official and asked FC leaders to recognize the Palestinian genocide.

Klutch Stanaway invited faculty to participate on the Health and Safety Committee.

Josh Ashenmiller thanked Angela Henderson for her work as the previous Study Abroad Coordinator and urged senators to elect Mike Mangan as the Acting Study Abroad Coordinator.

Jeanne Costello shared that EOPS will be implementing a new Academic Progress Report process using Starfish. Guided Pathways will be offering 30-minute training sessions for faculty.

Dana Clahane shared his perspective regarding the recent UF election and election challenge appeal, as well as the UF President's response to the decision and directives made by CTA.

Roman de Jesus shared that there are openings on the Sustainability Committee and shared information about the Student Climate Fellows opportunity for students.

Leonor Cadena shared information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Study Abroad Scholarship Fundraiser.

Bepa Perez shared that Open Mic Con Mi Genta will take place 17-Sept 11A-1P in the Cruz Reynoso Courtyard. Come celebrate Latina/o/x Heritage Month with an empowering Open Mic showcasing the voices, stories, and talents of the Latina/o/x community.

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

Dr. Olivo thanked senators for their participation in Convocation and providing hope to our students as we begin the fall semester. The college reached a significant milestone with our student enrollment as we have reached 20,000 student headcount so far! She announced that the Ribbon Cutting for the Student Support Center and new Maintenance and Operations buildings will take place 19-Sept, from 9A-12P. She encouraged everyone to attend. Dr. Olivo and Miranda Bates have worked to expand the invite list to all the communities in our service area so they can be aware of all the amazing services we offer to students.

Faculty are invited to attend the Budget Forum on 9-Oct 3-4:30P. Dr. Olivo is hosting office hours on 11-Sept at 11A and 15-Sept at 10A. She is also hosting a Meet Up on 22-Sept at 10A.

The Hornet Resource Center will now have extended hours and be open until 7P, Monday through Thursday. To respond to students' basic needs, we will be using \$300,000 of our basic needs state allocation to order more laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots for students.

She congratulated Nicole Winborne who was selected as a one-year faculty hire for EOPS/CARE.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

**President's Report**

**Campus:**

- The **faculty allocation process has begun for full-time faculty hiring scheduled to start in Fall 2026** ([here is the timeline](#)). The deans received the forms yesterday and requests for full-time faculty hiring are due to the VPI by 5pm on Friday, 9/12. The Faculty Allocation Committee (FAC) meets on the second Thursday in October, 10/9, from 3-7pm to develop the faculty prioritization list. I've reached out to all current FAC representatives to confirm who is serving in these roles. The committee will need to select a chair who will lead the 10/9 meeting. Tentatively, Faculty Senate will consider FAC's recommendation as a first read on 10/16 and vote on 10/30.
- The Friends of **Fullerton College Foundation will be implementing new software starting in Spring 2026 called AwardSpring**. There will be training to support students and faculty with the new system; keep an eye out for announcements as we get closer to the opening of the scholarships in early spring.
- Tomorrow, 9/5 at 10am on Zoom the **Program Review and Planning Committee is holding training for the instructional program review comprehensive self-study** that all instructional programs are completing this semester. [This flyer](#) has information and the link to join.

**District:**

- On 7/24, Dr. Breland sent an email to district leaders **requesting partnership in supporting students impacted by immigration enforcement**. Please [read the](#)

[message](#) and share thoughts about how or Faculty Senate may work with his office to support these efforts.

- On 7/9, **Dr. Breland responded to our resolution No. 2025-1: Call for NOCCCD to Offer Employment-Based Immigrant visas**. He acknowledged the contributions of undocumented and DACAmented staff. He clarified the legal and administrative context, and committed to initiate a review to assess the operational, legal, and fiscal implications of visa sponsorship, engage with the bargaining units and legal counsel regarding this forward, and bring forward a report that outlines options and barriers with recommendations for possible future policy development.
- At the **8/25 District Consultation Council meeting**, Fred Williams gave a budget update and invited the FC community to attend a budget forum on our campus from 3-4:30pm. While the community college system was treated favorably in the state budget, the loss of one-time federal funds is expected to impact our fiscal health. There is an interest at the district services level to change our resource allocation model because all of their expenses are not covered by the current model. We also discussed the development of the 2026-2030 districtwide strategic plan and changes to AP 3415: Immigration Enforcement Activities. While this AP was approved at DCC just a few months ago, DCC is working to strengthen the language around student privacy. We'll look at a draft of this and I'll ask Senate to vote on it so I can vote on our behalf at the 9/22 DCC meeting.

#### **State/Nation:**

- I will be attending the **Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall Plenary in November**. This meeting conflicts with our Faculty Senate meeting on 11/6, so we will not be meeting on that day. Prior to Fall Plenary, I will be sharing proposed resolutions with Senate to get guidance regarding how you'd like me to vote as our college's delegate.
- **Common Course Numbering adoption continues**, led by ASCCC. There are [several open surveys](#) for a variety of disciplines including accounting, administration of justice, art history, biology, Chicana/o studies, child development, communication studies, ESL, history, kinesiology, math, music, philosophy, business, psychology, sociology, and statistics. Many of these close at the end of the month. Please share with department coordinators and other faculty in your areas to ensure our faculty can weigh in on the draft templates.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Cynthia Guardado thanked Senate Exec for providing snacks for this meeting. A sign-in sheet for snacks was passed around to senators.

#### **Curriculum Chair Report**

John Ison shared the following report:

##### **Curriculum Development Reminders:**

This month, we finish processing and approving curriculum for Fall 2026. In the first week of October, we focus on processing and approving curriculum for Fall 2027. We strongly

recommend that faculty prelaunch courses in October 2025 if they require approval from UC transfer and Cal-GETC.

We've learned that it's important to stick to established deadlines, now that Fall registration begins in April.

There were many changes in 2025, due to Cal-GETC, Common Course Numbering and the new Associate GE, and these caused delays in the catalog. Please let us know if you find any catalog errors and we will correct them ASAP.

**Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update:**

Phase 2B CCN templates have been published. I'm grateful to those who have prelaunch their CCN revision proposals already.

2B, along with Phase 3, will have an effective date of Fall 2027.

Phase 3 templates are expected to be published in January or February 2026. Phase 3's processing schedule will be accelerated, since Phase 2B and Phase 3 CCN proposals must go to UC TCA on June 1, 2026 for approval.

It's important to acknowledge Fullerton College's success with Phase 1 CCN courses. The state and Cal-GETC approved all our courses, while several other community colleges had course denials due to insufficient course outline information.

When revising for CCN, please keep your already approved and active course outline, and simply add the template's required elements. It's important not to attempt a course revision at the same time as a CCN revision, as well.

**Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) update:**

At the September 3, 2025 meeting, the curriculum committee discussed Credit for Prior Learning. In May, we approved catalog language for CPL. It's important that discipline faculty decide what would be acceptable as "prior learning," and it's suggested that the prior learning be measured against the content of an existing course to determine "credit." In other words, students should get credit for courses based on their "prior learning." There are many projects, starting with the state Chancellor's Office, that are willing to help faculty carry out their ideas and plans for CPL.

**Title 5 and Lower-Division GE revisions:**

Over the summer, the state approved revisions to the Ed Code regarding community college baccalaureate degree requirements. Minimum qualifications for faculty were established. However, the guidance for establishing a lower-division general education requirement allows individual colleges to determine how students reach the 36-unit requirement. According to Title 5, students who complete Cal-GETC will have met the lower-division standard. It is possible that completion of the local Associate GE pattern, with a few extra courses, will satisfy the requirement. Shared governance committees will discuss and vote on recommended patterns. It will start with the curriculum committee, then Faculty Senate, then DCCC, then Board of Trustees. Board policies will be revised, as well. The curriculum committee hopes to bring to Senate a recommended pattern soon.

**Accreditation Steering Committee Report**

No report.

### **Associated Students Report**

Amanda Rivada, AS President, shared that AS had their first meeting yesterday and swore in seventeen new senators. AS will start a campaign to better inform students about AS and to encourage students to join. Faculty advisors are needed for the Active Minds Club and PTK Club.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Fullerton College Mission Statement**

Daniel Beruman provided an update on the Fullerton College Mission Statement. The Mission Statement was on the BoT agenda at a meeting this past May. At that meeting, BoT members asked questions, shared concerns, and ultimately decided not to vote on this agenda item. Board members also stated that this Mission Statement should not be placed on any future meeting agendas. A work group will be created to evaluate next steps.

### **NOCCCD Scholarly Symposium and employee mediation program**

Flavio Medina-Martin gave a presentation on the NOCCCD Scholarly Symposium. This first year, the symposium will focus on academic areas and instructional practices. The plan is to have three presentations for the 2025-2026 academic year, with one presentation per campus. These presentations will be in-person, and \$250 will be provided to selected presenters.

The Employee Mediation Program will be on the agenda for a future Senate meeting.

### **Zero Textbook Cost/Open Educational Resources**

Jeanne Costello provided information clarifying the campus ZTC/OER efforts. When the Chancellor's Office put a call out for community colleges to apply for grant funding for the creation of ZTC degree and certificate pathways, FC had four programs submit applications. These programs, Ethnic Studies, Theater Arts, Geography and Art History applied for the funding. When the Chancellor's Office chose to then give block grants to the colleges, Guided Pathways then distributed that money to those four programs. Jeanne also clarified that the funding was not to support individual OER efforts.

### **Credit for Prior Learning**

John Ison presented this as first read and it will be on the agenda for the 2-Oct Senate meeting.

### **Immediate Past President and DEIA Ombuds**

**M/S/U (Craig/Kanal) to move forward with the plan presented to elect a DEIA Ombuds and Acting Immediate Past President.** The goal is to have these positions on the ballot for the 18-Sept Senate meeting.

## **VIII. ELECTIONS**

Faculty Senate Elections Subcommittee, 2025-2026 **Naveen Kanal (PE), Kim Vandervort (Hum)**

Acting Study Abroad Coordinator, through the current Study Abroad Faculty Coordinator's leave **Mike Mangan (Hum)**

Executive Director of the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation hiring committee  
faculty representative **Leonor Cadena (Soc Sci)**

Sustainability Committee faculty representative one-semester substitute, Fall 2025  
**Johnny Weil (Hum)**

Program Mapping Task Force, 2024-2026 **Kim Vandervort (Hum)**

Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services hiring committee, Fall 2025 **Mike Mangan (Hum)**

District Strategic Planning Design Team, 2025-2026 **Bridget Kominek (Hum)**

Counseling/Student Support Services Faculty Senate one-year substitute, 2025-2026  
**Lorena Marquez (Coun)**

Ethnic Studies and Equity SEAC representative, 2025-2027 **Anita Juarez (Ethnic Studies)**

Ethnic Studies and Equity Curriculum representative, 2025-2028 **Amber Gonzalez (Ethnic Studies)**

Humanities Faculty Senate representative alternate, 2025-2026 **Jeanne Costello (Hum), Geoff Smwith (Hum)**

Humanities Faculty Allocation Committee representative, 2025-2027 **Toni Nielson (Hum)**

Humanities Faculty Senate one-semester substitute, Fall 2025 **Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair (Hum)**

Library and Learning Resources, Instructional Support Programs and Services Faculty Senate representative alternate, 2025-2026 **Dave Brown (LLRISPS), Minique Delatte (LLRISPS)**

Natural Sciences Faculty Senate one-semester substitute, Fall 2025 **Kavita Rajah-Boyer (Nat Sci)**

Physical Education Faculty Senate representative alternate, 2025-2026 **Marcia Foster (PE)**

#### IX. LIASON REPORTS **AdFac**

Naveen Kanal that AdFac successfully secured a contract with the district and will celebrate at Roscoe's on 12-Sept. One Faculty conversations continue taking place across the state.

**United Faculty**

No report.

**Classified Senate**

Antoinette Triefenbach reported that Classified Senate held its first meeting earlier today. At that meeting, Flavio Medina-Martin shared information regarding the Future Instructor Training (FIT) Program and stated that ten spots were available for NOCCCD classified professionals.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02P.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Halverson, secretary