

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

present

At-large	Porsha Boyd, Brandon Floerke, Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez
Coun/SSS	Lorena Marquez, Citlally Santana
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein
Humanities	Mike Mangan, Meg O'Rourke, Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, Kim Vandervort
Library	Anya Shyrokova
Math/Comp. Sci.	
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji, Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Kim Rosales
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado, Naveen Kanal
Physical Ed.	Phil Austin, Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Leonor Cadena, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	
Associated Students	Bepa Perez
Classified Senate	
President	Bridget Kominek
Treasurer	Cynthia Guardado
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Ericka Adakai, Director, Career Education Magaly Agredano, Guided Pathways Paulette Chaffee, Bond Oversight Committee Jeanne Costello, English faculty Wesley Cox, Ethnic Studies faculty Sonia De La Torre, Vice President Student Services Scott Giles, Athletics Director

Henry Hua, Vice President, Administrative Services
Thydan Huynh, Counseling faculty
John Ison, English faculty
Anita Juarez, Ethnic Studies faculty
Rose Kar, Ethnic Studies faculty
Khaoi Mady, Interim District Director, Information Technology
Jennifer Merchant, Director, Educational Partnerships & Programs,
Guided Pathways
Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Director, Student Development &
Engagement
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
José Ramón Núñez, Vice President of Instruction
Alex Rosales, EOPS Counseling faculty
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor
Jennifer Vega La Serna, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services &
Institutional Effectiveness

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/P (Kanal/Marquez) to approve the 4-Sept 2025 meeting minutes.

Abstain: Boyd

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cynthia Guardado shared that employees are eligible for travel funding every other academic year. She encouraged those applying to overestimate hotel costs. She also shared information regarding the HBCU Caravan taking place 30-Oct, 11A-2P. Volunteered are needed for this event.

Mike Mangan shared that a Study Abroad Fundraiser will take place 20-Nov 6-9P. Early bird price for tickets prior to 6-Nov is \$75 and regular price tickets will be \$90. Come enjoy food, drinks and a raffle. All proceeds will go to fund scholarships for students participating in Study Abroad.

Rosie Kar shared that APIDA Amplified is collaborating with the South Asian Network (SAN) to host a "Know Your Rights" Workshop on 23-Sept, 1:30-3P. On Oct-2, in honor of Filipino American History Month, they will host a career panel featuring former FC student Chloe Serrano as one of the panelists. In partnership with the Professional Learning Office, APIDA Amplified is hosting an Open Mic + Book talk with Brandy Nālani McDougall on 8-Oct.

Joel Salcedo encouraged faculty to vote in the upcoming UF run-off election.

Khaoi Mady shared that the district is moving to Banner 9 and will be using a new searchable schedule. An email will soon be sent with more information regarding a live demo taking place 25-Sept, 11am.

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

Dr. Olivo expressed her gratitude to faculty. She shared that we have increased student graduation rates for those earning Associate Degrees to 3,180, which is 163 more degrees than were awarded last year to our students. We awarded 2,030 Career Technical Education Certificates, which is 75 more than last year. Our current student headcount is 20,507. Restoring enrollment and increasing student success helps the college be stronger financially and to do more for our students, since our funding model is 70% based on enrollment and 30% based on student success. She thanked faculty for all their efforts to recruit, retain and help our students succeed.

Dr. Olivo also reported that FC has developed an ICE Protocol toolkit designed to help employees protect themselves and our students. The toolkit includes steps to take if ICE comes to campus, designated office signage and more. To access the toolkit, employees must be signed into SharePoint with their Fullerton College credentials.

Fullerton College is honoring Latinx Heritage Month from 15-Sept. through 15-Oct. Following a successful Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Week event, this exciting month-long celebration aims to bring together students, faculty, staff and the community to celebrate and learn about Latinx culture, provide a space to elevate Latinx voices and advance educational opportunities. Several events take place during this time to celebrate our Latinx community.

Fullerton College is excited to celebrate Asian American and Native American Pacific-Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) Week from 22–28-Sept. A proud AANAPISI, Fullerton College reflects its commitment to amplifying the powerful stories, voices and contributions of the Asian American, Native American and Pacific Islander community. Please follow the APIDA Amplified Instagram account to learn more.

Fullerton College now has a new Instagram handle at @fullertoncollege. Be sure to follow and tag us to stay updated on the campus buzz.

Art Professor Nixon Borah passed away on Thursday, Sept. 4 after a long and well-lived life. Nixon taught a variety of studio art courses for the Art Department at Fullerton College from 1962-2003. He also helped create the Fine Arts Honors Program and founded the printmaking program in the 1970s. A well-renowned artist, his artwork has been shown in museums and galleries all over California. His work is currently being displayed in the department's art exhibition, "Dark Room: Selections from the Fullerton College Art Collection." Fullerton College will great miss Borah and always appreciate his incredible impact on our college and its history.

Fullerton College recently kicked off Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Week with a celebration including Baile Folklorico, conchas with counselors and paletas with President Olivo. The event had an excellent turnout, and we couldn't be more grateful for the staff and colleagues who worked to make it happen.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

**Faculty Senate President's Report
Campus:**

- **Welcome to our newly elected Adjunct Faculty Senators: Naveen Kanal and Laura Anaya Juarado.** Thank you as well to Ty Keith who has volunteered to serve as an alternate Adjunct Senator. Thank you to Nicole Winborne, our previous Adjunct Senator. She stepped down from her seat as she accepted a temporary full-time appointment on campus.
- **Tomorrow, 9/19 at 9am the [grand opening of the Student Support Center](#)** is happening at the corner of Chapman and Newell. If you're able, I encourage you to attend.
- Last semester Faculty Senate Executive asked Dr. Olivo and president's staff to **pilot priority registration for Associated Students Senate Exec.** This pilot is in place for registration for Spring 2026. We are also working with Dr. Olivo and her team to look at changes needed to district administrative procedures to ensure that student leaders have priority registration moving forward.
- I shared **Associated Student's resolution on accessibility** with the Vice President of Student Services and DSS Director, both of whom are new to FC since the resolution was adopted at AS and Faculty Senate in Spring 2025. I've also asked for this to be on a future PAC agenda for updates on what has been addressed as well as what can be done to meet the needs of students.
- As a reminder, **revised proposed Credit for Prior Learning catalog language** will be on the 10/2 agenda for a vote; we first looked at it on 9/3. The final draft of the proposed language will be distributed the Monday before with the 10/2 agenda.

District

- **Welcome to Dr. Jennifer Vega La Serna**, the new Vice Chancellor of Educational Services & Institutional Effectiveness. She's here to contribute as necessary to our discussion of Coursedog and get to know our Faculty Senate.
- At our last meeting, I shared that on 7/9, **Dr. Breland responded to our resolution No. 2025-1: Call for NOCCCD to Offer Employment-Based Immigrant visas.** He committed to producing a report, and I followed up with him about the timeline after our 9/4 Faculty Senate meeting. He has agreed to attend our 12/4 meeting with the report.
- Please apply (or encourage colleagues to apply) to the **scholarly symposium to share your research with the district community.** Faculty were sent a reminder email by Flavio Medina-Martin through the district Professional Development email address on Tuesday, 9/16 and the deadline to apply is 9/30.
- Over the last few weeks, Senate Executive has been approached by faculty with **concerns that emeritus faculty lose access to their district email.** We've shared the concern with president's staff; Gary Graves, our representative on the

District Technology Committee (DTC), is bringing questions about the relevant Administrative Procedures to DTC. If making this possible requires change in policy or procedure, we'll participate with that at the District Consultation Council, but I did encourage folks to communicate with the bargaining units and looped in some of the UF leadership on the request as this seems more like a working conditions issue. At the Senate meeting, Khaoi Mady clarified that the emails are still active and that the district is working on guidelines.

- At the 9/8 Council on Budget and Facilities meeting and the 9/9 Board of Trustees meeting, the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities and the Executive Director of Fiscal Affairs **presented the [proposed 2025-2026 budget](#)**. Some highlights: 91% of our money is spent on personnel, and that's where we have the most opportunity to maximize "operational efficiencies" per Dr. Breland. The proposed budget was approved by the Board of Trustees.
- At the 9/9 presentation on the budget, the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities said that our district will need full-time faculty to start in Fall 2026 to maintain compliance with the [Faculty Obligation Number](#).
- Please save the date to attend the **Budget Forum on Thursday, 10/9 from 3-4:30pm**. Location details and remote viewing opportunities and a question form will be sent to the campus community closer to the event.

State/Nation

- **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. Surveys close on 9/29/25.
- Last week the [U.S. Department of Education ended funding for grants to Minority Serving Institutions](#). Our campus leadership has been on the forefront of this, and plans are in place to do what we can to maintain services and programs.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Brandon Floerke and Meg O'Rourke for providing snacks for this meeting.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

He welcomed Amber Gonzalez as the new Ethnic Studies and Student Equity representative and acknowledged her efforts to revise fifteen courses for Cal-GETC submission.

Curriculum Development Reminders:

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.

Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update:

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

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.

If you need help with CurricUNET, please let us know.

INDS: Social Science AA:

John reported that the committee voted 7-4 in favor of moving the INDS: Social Science AA from the Counseling Division to the Social Sciences Division.

Associated Students Report

Bepa Perez reported that all AS senator seats have been filled. AS has concerns about parking on campus, and plans to address safety in the parking structure and to ensure there are enough handicapped parking spots in the lot for the new Student Support Services building. AS is also concerned about that lack of available therapists on campus and wants to ensure students have support for their mental health. AS is looking into grading policies in STEM courses and why some FC students choose to take STEM courses at Cypress.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

AP 3415: Immigration Enforcement Activities

M/S/U (Kanal/Moore) to direct the Faculty Senate representatives on DCC to support AP 3415 at DCC.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Academic Progress Report (APR)

Jeanne Costello and Alex Rosales shared information regarding the Academic Progress Report for students in EOPS. These reports will now be completed using Starfish, and training sessions will be offered to faculty.

Draft of the Student Equity and Achievement Plan (SEA Plan)

Anita Juarez and Ericka Adakai shared the draft of the SEA Plan as a first read.

Coursedog Adoption

John Ison reported that all three campuses have endorsed Coursedog. The Curriculum Committee recommends to the Faculty Senate that the district purchases Coursedog. Senators will vote on this at the 2-Oct meeting.

XI. ELECTIONS

Study Abroad Committee, 2025-2027 **Miguel Powers (Hum)**

Faculty Senate representative alternate, Counseling/Student Support Services, 2025-2026 **JP Gonzalez (SSS), Nadia Gabaldon (SSS)**

Faculty Senate representative, Ethnic Studies and Student Equity, 2025-2027 **Wesley Cox (Ethnic Studies)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee representative, 2025-2027 **Rosie Kar (Ethnic Studies)**

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee representative, 2025-2027 **Anita Juarez (Ethnic Studies)**

Faculty Allocation Committee representative, 2025-2027 **Amber Gonzalez (Ethnic Studies)**

Faculty Senate representative alternate, Humanities, 2025-2026 **Stefani Okonyan**

Faculty Allocation Committee representative, 2025-2027 **Ken Collins (Nat Sci)**

X. LIASON REPORTS

AdFac

Naveen Kanal welcomed Laura Anaya Jurado as a new Adjunct Faculty Senator. He reported that AdFac had a new contract and will begin negotiations in spring. AdFac met last week to celebrate the new contract and were also joined by some representatives from the district.

Classified Senate

No report.

United Faculty

Matt Tribbe shared that he had no report since the UF meeting had been cancelled. He reminded faculty to vote in the UF runoff election.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary