

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
2-October 2025**

present

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	Jeanne Costello, Meg O'Rourke, Catherine Reinhardt-Zacair, and Kim Vandervort
Library	Monique Delatte
Math/Comp. Sci.	Bill Cowieson, Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji, Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Chris Persichilli
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado, Naveen Kanal
Physical Ed.	Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Leonor Cadena, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	Ben Cuatt
Associated Students	Bepa Perez
Classified Senate	Antoinette Triefenbach
President	Bridget Kominek
Treasurer	Cynthia Guardado
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Ericka Adakai, Director, Career Education Cecilia Arriaza, Transfer Center Director Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning Paulette Chaffee, Bond Oversight Committee Sonia De La Torre, Vice President Student Services Gracie Galaviz, Human Resources Coordinator/EEO & Compliance Gary Graves, Business faculty

John Ison, English faculty
Anita Juarez, Ethnic Studies faculty
Rose Kar, Ethnic Studies faculty
Rachel Mendiola, Communications Specialist
Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Director, Student Development & Engagement
Stefani Okonyan, English faculty
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Jeanette Rodriguez, Dean of Humanities
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor
Jane Troop, CIS faculty
Gilberto Valencia, Student Services Coordinator, Cadena Cultural Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/P(Kanal/Webster) to approve the meeting agenda.

No: Cowieson

The Credit for Prior Learning and Inclusive facilities proposed policy and procedures items were removed from the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/P (Kanal/Craig) to approve the 18-Sept 2025 meeting minutes.

Abstain: Persichilli

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Vandervort shared that the FYE Campus Resource Showcase would take place 6-Nov, 10A-1P.

Laura Anaya Jurado shared Undocumented Student Success Week is 13-Oct through 17-Oct. Several events will be taking place to celebrate.

Connie Moreno Yamashiro shared that there are many events taking place to celebrate LGBTQIAS2+ History Month.

Gary Graves provided AI updates and distributed an AI Newsletter.

Cecilia Arriaza reminded senators that the UC and CSU application filing period for students transferring fall 2026 has begun. The Transfer Center offers workshops and application assistance for students. The Transfer Center is hosting a college fair on 21-Oct.

Gilberto Valencia shared information about the Indigenous People's Day event on 13-Oct and Día de los Muertos on 23-Oct.

M/S/U (Vandervort/Santana) to extend time so that people already in line could share their public comment.

Rosie Kar shared that APIDA Amplified will be hosting an Open Mic and Book Talk with Brandy Nalani McDougall on 8-Oct and a Filipino AF Comedy Show on 23-Oct.

Jeanne Costello reminded faculty to complete the Academic Progress Reports (APR) using Starfish. She shared that 20% of the APR's have been completed.

Naveen Kanal shared information regarding upcoming golf tournaments. He invited faculty to attend tournaments taking place 27-Oct and 29-Oct.

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

Dr. Olivo congratulated former Fullerton College student Ian Kolaja, who finished his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering at UC Berkeley. We have invited him to be a guest on our Alumni podcast called Siempre Fullerton College. She thanked Dana Clahane for letting her know about this student.

She reported that the college will receive an additional \$1 million dollars from the private foundation that we have already secured \$3 million dollars for Work Based Learning and Undergraduate Research Opportunities.

She reminded senators that students can access mental health therapy in the Student Health Center. We have five therapists with appointment availability. We also have our Grads to Be Program and free legal immigration support from our community partner Carecen. Check out our many resources available on the Grads to Be website. We are also exploring 24/7 mental health services for our students using a one-time basic needs grant we have on hand.

In September, the college received notice that our Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) grant has been canceled. We have one year left to complete activities funded by this grant, and Dr. Olivo is proud of our organized team, which will ensure the funds have a lasting legacy of impact.

Additionally, we have submitted our architectural design plan for the new Softball Field to the Department of State Architects. Rising costs due to tariffs have challenged our progress, but we remain committed to creating equitable athletic facilities for our students.

Last week Dr. Olivo served as the Keynote for the Association of Chief Human Resources Officers Association for the CCCCCO and next week she will be the closing Keynote for the 20th Annual Research and Planning Group Student Success 20th Annual Conference. As well as presenting with Dr. Gina Ann Garcia as the lunchtime keynote sharing our work w our HSI Transformation Team. She is proud that Bridget Kominek will serve on a workshop panel and our students will be featured artists for the opening of the conference and during lunch thanks to our brand new club, Ballet Folklorico Mariachi y Mas and our Performing Arts Department. Last week our Alumni of the Year invited Dr. Olivo and Janeth Manjarrez to a networking session at Northgate Gonzalez Market Headquarters and they met an alumnus who works in the Import/Export Food Industry.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

Faculty Senate President's Report

Campus

- Remember that we'll have **three Faculty Senate meetings in October and just one in November**. In addition to today, we meet on 10/16 and 10/30. The 11/6 Faculty Senate meeting is cancelled so I can attend the statewide Academic Senate (ASCCC) Fall 2025 Plenary. We will meet as usual on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays the rest of the semester: 11/20 and 12/4.
- At our 10/16 meeting, Faculty Senate will consider and vote on the **Faculty Allocation Committee (FAC) recommendations** for full-time faculty hiring for Fall

2026. Because that committee meets on 10/14, I encourage Senators to work with your division representatives on FAC and your constituents to make sure you come ready to vote on the recommendations on 10/16. We need to get our rankings to Dr. Olivo in time for her to bring her hiring plans to chancellor's staff on 10/29.

- Please encourage your constituents to attend the **Budget Forum to learn about district and campus funding and budgeting processes on 10/9 from 3-4:30pm in 224/226/228 and on Zoom**. The details were sent to the campus community by VPAS Henry Hua on 9/23. There is a link to submit questions in advance.
- If you want to do some **homework to prepare for the budget forum**, the "Current Year Overview" section of the [2025/2026 budget book](#) starting on page 18 is useful summary; the section going into detail on the general fund starts on page 36.
- On 9/19, Heather Halverson and I joined faculty leaders from the senates, UF, and AdFac in a continuation of the work we started last year to improve communication and collaboration. One key takeaway is a plan to **develop some communication protocols** for when we encounter issues that cross into both the Senate purview and union scope, like the academic calendar we have on the 10/2 agenda. I am optimistic that we can have some protocols in place by the end of the school year; any proposals will come to Senate for a vote.

District

- Over the last few weeks, Senate Executive has been approached by faculty with **concerns that emeritus faculty lose access to their district email**. After our 9/18 Senate meeting, I learned that while some retired faculty did briefly lose email access over summer, that is being rectified while the District Technology Committee (DTC) brings questions about the relevant Administrative Procedures (AP) to DTC. If there are changes to APs, we'll bring drafts to Senate and vote as your representatives at the District Consultation Council (DCC). In the meantime, I encourage folks to communicate with the bargaining units as this seems more like a working conditions issue for specific email access problems.
- At the 9/22 District Consultation Council (DCC) meeting, there was a **detailed budget presentation** following the Board of Trustees approval of the [proposed budget](#). This is part of an annual process by which the district's Resource Allocation Model (RAM) is reevaluated; I believe there will be proposed changes to the RAM based on conversations at recent DCC and CBF meetings.
- At the 9/22 DCC meeting members also voted unanimously to **adopt AP 3415: Immigration Enforcement Activities**. At a future DCC meeting, members will be considering Administrative Procedures revisions related to service animals on campus and conference travel reimbursement. I've asked the Professional Learning

Committee (PLC) to consider the draft AP on travel reimbursement, and they'll have input for Senate when we consider the draft.

- At a future DCC meeting, I expect we'll consider the **APs and BP draft on inclusive facilities** that was initially on our agenda for today. When those are ready for a vote at the district level, I will bring the finalized proposed language to Senate for a vote.

State

- The American Sign Language (ASL) department has submitted a proposal to **add to the minimum qualifications for the discipline established by ASCCC**. This proposal asks for a master's or PhD in a related discipline to meet the minimum qualifications; currently, work experience is a minimum qualification to teach ASL regardless of the degree earned. I will be at our ASCCC Area D meeting on 10/10 and plenary on 11/6 through 11/8 to participate in the discussion of this proposal.
- At the Fall 2025 Plenary I will also vote as our delegate on resolutions for the ASCCC. At the Area D meeting on 10/10 the resolutions will be given feedback and pulled from the consent calendar ahead of Plenary in November. **Check out the [draft resolutions](#)** and share any input with me; I'll bring final versions to our 10/30 meeting to get direction for voting. Here are some topics in the current draft resolutions I think are relevant to our context:
 - Updating the ASCCC guide for effective curriculum approval processes and principles for faculty evaluation
 - Allowing for partial certification of Cal-GETC
 - Adopting [a paper to clarify the role of the counseling discipline within the system](#)
 - Resisting adoption of auto-billing programs for course materials
 - Ensuring consultation and transparency in technology procurement processes
- **ASCCC is hosting a free, [equity-focused data literacy webinar series](#)**. Consider signing up and please share this opportunity with constituents. The topics and timeline align well with the comprehensive program review self-studies that instructional programs are engaging in on our campus, so department coordinators are a good audience for the webinars.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Nicole Rossi and Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu for providing snacks for this meeting.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

Curriculum Development Reminders:

Starting this month, we focus on processing and approving curriculum for Fall 2027. We strongly recommend that faculty prelaunch Fall 2027 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.

Last week, ASCCC held a CCN office hour on Zoom. We learned that the state chancellor's office will allow us to update ADTs for CCN Phases 2 and 3 without submitting them to the state, if the CCN update is the only revision. Like we did in May of 2025, we'll sign a form to be sent to the chancellor's office.

Furthermore, departments wishing to employ the 4-digit numbering system when creating or revising courses should use the following for non-CCN courses: 1400-1499, 2400-2499, and 3400-3499.

Other news:

The curriculum committee continues to discuss the following items:

- a recommendation for the lower-division GE pattern for the baccalaureate degree
- issues related to courses on the Associate GE pattern that were denied Cal-GETC approval
- a strategy for implementation of Credit for Prior Learning.

Associated Students Report

Bepa Perez reported that the RPR Committee has a final draft of a survey that will be sent out to students regarding STEM classes. An additional set of questions is also being developed regarding parking and campus safety. ICC and AS have mutually agreed that AS will not absorb ICC. ICC will now have a voting seat on AS Executive Council and two AS senators will have voting power on ICC. Dr. Olivo and senators discussed appropriate repercussions for unreturned library equipment. AS did not support students having registration holds, but were interested in recommending other possible holds, and encouraged a lenient policy for students. AS continues to look into the availability of therapists on campus. AS will host a Mental Health Day event on 7-Oct and an AS mixer on 8-Oct.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Draft of the Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Plan

M/S/P (Halverson/Craig) to adopt the proposed 2025-2028 SEA Plan.

Abstain: Antunez, Cadena, Cowieson, Kanal, Moore, Perez, Webster

Coursedog adoption

M/S/P (Craig/Costello) to adopt Coursedog as the district's curriculum management software.

Abstain: Perez

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Employee Mediation Program

Gracie Galaviz shared information on the district's Employee Mediation Program.

Interdisciplinary Studies Degree (INDS) data overview

Daniel Berumen presented a data overview of the Interdisciplinary Studies Degrees.

Academic Calendar Proposals

Senators provided feedback on the proposed calendars.

XI. ELECTIONS

Acting Immediate Past President, 2025-2026 **Brandon Floerke (Hum)**

Health and Safety Committee, 2025-2026 **Kevin Hughes (PE)**

Dual Enrollment Committee, fall 2025 one-semester substitute **Deanna Smedley (Coun)**

NOCCCD Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, 2025-2026 **Kavita Rajah-Boyer (Nat Sci)**

Faculty Allocation Representative, Fine Arts, 2025-2027 **Stephen Klippenstein (Fine Arts)**

Program Review and Planning Committee one-semester substitute, Social Sciences **Leonor Cadena (Soc Sci)**

X. LIASON REPORTS

AdFac

Naveen Kanal reported that the current AdFac President, Marlo Smith, will be serving as an Interim Dean at NOCE. AdFac will soon have an Interim President.

United Faculty

Matt Tribbe reported that UF has not met, and that the rerun election ends at 5P on 3-Oct.

Classified Senate

Antoinette Triefenbach reported that Classified Senate met today. They are still seeking someone to serve as Vice President, and Antoinette will continue to serve as the Faculty Senate liaison until someone else is elected. The Spooky Door contest takes place from 1-Oct through 24-Oct and judging will be on 28-Oct.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary