

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
5-February 2026**

present

At-large	Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez, Dale Craig
Coun/SSS	
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein
Humanities	Danielle Fouquette, Meg O'Rourke, Kim Vandervort
Library	Monique Delatte
Math/Comp. Sci.	Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu, Cindy Zarske
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji, Stephanie Nobles, Kim Rosales
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado
Physical Ed.	Phil Austin, Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	Ben Cuatt, Brendon Kirby
Associated Students	Bepa Perez
President	Bridget Kominek
Acting Past Pres.	Brandon Floerke
Treasurer	Cynthia Guardado
DEIA Ombudsperson	Doug Eisner
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Magaly Agredano, Guided Pathways and FYE Special Projects Coordinator Miranda Bates, Director, Campus Communications Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning Paulette Chaffee, Bond Oversight Committee Jeanne Costello, English faculty

Sonia De La Torre, Vice President Student Services
John Ison, English faculty
Darnell Kemp, Director, Distance Education
Katrina Lashlee, AS VP of Records
Grant Linsell, Dean, Fine Arts
David Lopez, Music faculty
Khaoi Mady, Interim Executive Director, IT
Rachel Mendiola, Communications Specialist
Jennifer Merchant, Director, Educational Partnerships & Programs,
Guided Pathways
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Amanda Rivada, AS President
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President
Gilberto Valencia, Coordinator, Cadena Cultural Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Ashenmiller/Craig) to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/P (Craig/Moore) to approve the 4-Dec 2025 meeting minutes.

Abstain: Ashenmiller, Fouquette

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Rivada shared that due to recent ICE activity, Associated Students is creating a video to get accurate information and resources out to students. Once available, she asked that faculty share with students in their classes.

Laura Anaya Jurado shared resources and upcoming events offered by the Grads to Be Program to support our undocumented students. Students can become an UndocuScholar by contacting the Grads to Be Office. The 3rd Annual Monarch Conference will be held 2-Mar.

Katrina Lashlee, along with our students from AS, wished their advisor, Joel Salcedo, a happy birthday and presented him with a cake to celebrate the occasion.

Kahoi Mady summarized some of the recent modifications to the class search tool and advised faculty to reach out using the ishelpdesk@nocccd.edu email with any issues.

Cynthia Guardado reminded faculty to submit their Flex Day evaluations and provided information regarding the Spring 2026 Speaker Series presented by the Professional Learning Office.

Gilberto Valencia shared information regarding the 16th Annual Beat Café on 11-Feb and KinderCaminata on 24-Apr.

Paulette Chafee shared that a Same-Day Solutions Fair will take place 26-Feb, 9A-2P at the Placentia Presbyterian Church. There will be a wide range of support services available that day and she encouraged faculty to share with students.

Matt Tribbe brought Mexican limes from his tree to share with senators.

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

Dr. Olivo wished Joel Salcedo a very happy birthday. She thanked faculty for the environment they have created at our college. She reported that over 100 faculty attended the Grads2Be Program session at Flex Day to learn more about how to support our immigration impacted community.

She also reported that the college is up 5.2% in student headcount and 1.3% in full-time equivalent student enrollment. Overall, for the entire academic year, enrollment is projected to be at 4% student enrollment growth which will help our district climb completely out of hold harmless. This will put us on the road to fiscal recovery even though we are not yet at our student enrollment levels of 2017-2018 before the pandemic. Being on the road to fiscal health includes the state counting these past two years of enrollment growth towards our three-year average, and that is how we earn apportionment from the state. We are also provided with Cost-of-Living Allowances. She thanked faculty for working towards fiscal stability. Student retention is key to helping our college and our students to achieve their goals.

She thanked Khaoi Mady for responding to some of the challenges with our current registration system. He has improved how courses are displayed and students must first choose a campus before searching for courses. He collaborated with Admissions and Records to create PDF directions and videos for faculty to look at the ways in which Banner 8 and 9 are different. He and his team have been responding to trouble tickets submitted by faculty and addressed issues in the class search tool. Associated Students will create a student workgroup to continue to refine the registration system.

The college continues to support our students by offering resources through our Hornets Resource Center. Our Dining Hall will continue serving Healthy Hornet Meals and will stay open until 7P, Monday through Thursday. Students enrolled in nine or more units can borrow laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots from the library. She reminded faculty to contact Jeanne Costello and Victor Meza to adopt OER/ZTC for their courses. Our Health Center has been renamed to the Student Health and Wellness Center, and that office has hired an additional mental health therapist, Arturo Daz. Our food bank had a slight name change as well and will now be known as the Chris Lamm Toni DuBois Walker Memorial Food Pantry. Student Services key offices (Admissions, Financial Aid, Counseling and HRC) will be open until 7P, Monday through Thursday and employees will be working in person during the first two weeks of the semester to increase student access to services. Dr. Olivo invited everyone to attend the Meet and Greet with actor, filmmaker and activist Bambadjan Bamba on 6-Feb 12-1P in the President's Lobby and A Conversation with Dr. Edward C. Bush on 9-Feb 12-2P, in Cruz Reynoso Hall, Rooms 224/226/228.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report Campus

- This semester, Faculty Senate will be electing several positions on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee: president elect, secretary, DEIA ombudsperson, and treasurer. Elections will take place at the March 19 meeting. Look out for the

call out that will go out to faculty on March 16 for details. Interested faculty are encouraged to reach out to me anytime with questions.

- Faculty Senate will also be electing faculty to key leadership roles for the next school year including at-large Senate representatives. Please encourage colleagues to nominate themselves when the elections take place.
- At yesterday's Curriculum Committee meeting, Jodi Balma was elected to serve as the chair of the INDS Workgroup that was established in Fall 2025. The Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) workgroup selected Gary Graves as the faculty co-chair to serve alongside Flor Huerta, the manager co-chair. Thank you to Jodi and Gary for their leadership in these key roles.
- Over winter break, the Faculty and Academic Senate presidents from Fullerton College, Cypress College, and North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) worked with their executive teams to draft a Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding. This document will be discussed at today's Faculty Senate meeting and agendized later in spring. In the process of this work, the presidents and our executive teams decided to plan a faculty family picnic co-hosted by the five bodies. Save the date for Saturday, April 19 from 12-4pm. Details about location will be shared soon.
- The three Faculty and Academic Senates are also selling 10+1 merchandise to raise funds to purchase food and drinks for the family picnic and express solidarity amongst faculty across the district. Check it out and rock your 10+1 bona fides in your spaces across campus!

District

- Over winter break, I heard from several faculty members regarding challenges experienced with the transition to the new registration system. Khaoi Mady, the NOCCCD Interim Executive Director of Information Technology Services, will be on the agenda at our 2/19 meeting for updates. Brandon Floerke and I have been sharing concerns at our meetings with the president's staff as well as the District Consultation Council. I have also agendized it for future meetings that I have with Dr. Breland and the Cypress and NOCE Senate presidents. If faculty encounter issues, they are encouraged to submit a trouble ticket with district IS.
- Dr. John Parker has been board approved to serve as the new Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services for the district. Quyen "Q" Vuong has been board approved to serve as the inaugural District Director of Campus Safety. I plan to invite them both to a future Faculty Senate meeting so they can introduce themselves to FC's faculty. For more information on both of these new district managers, check the email sent to the district community by the chancellor on 1/16/25.

- At the January 26 District Consultation Council (DCC) meeting and the January 27 Board of Trustees meeting, the governor's proposed budget was shared. It was described as overall positive for the community college system and includes funding for deferred maintenance and the planned FC STEM vocational center. The state Legislative Analyst's Office believes it is an overly optimistic budget with regard to predicted revenues. I will continue to share updates as the budget is refined at the state level. P1 FTES is strong and the district still expects that we will be out of hold harmless this year.
- At the January 26 DCC meeting, the body approved AP 3440 Services Animals, which our Senate voted to support in Fall 2025. We also approved changes to AP 3415 Immigration Enforcement Activities to add notification requirements in the event that immigration enforcement activities are confirmed on campus in alignment with revisions to Education Code.
- At the January 27 Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Mark Lopez invited the community to attend his Tea with a Trustee event on each campus. He will be at FC on March 24 from 12-1:30pm with specific details of location to follow. Trustee Lopez expressed concern about the large number of professional expert contracts that the Board is asked to approve each meeting and invited faculty on professional expert contracts to share with him their experience of this type of work.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Mike Mangan and Kim Vandervort for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

TOP to CIP Transition

The state Chancellor's Office is making a sweeping transition of codes from TOP (Taxonomy of Programs) to CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) in 2026. It will have a major impact on community college curriculum. Curriculum reps are being tasked with working with deans and department chairs in order to establish the accurate and appropriate CIP code for each course and program. (I am including the chancellor's memo on this topic with this report.) The new TOP/CIP code crosswalk has been released, but you have to have a Google account to access it. By summer 2027, TOP codes will be phased out, and CIP be the code of record.

Coursedog Surprise

Over the winter break, Coursedog started the transition from CurricUNET, with the help of district technology staff. The goal is to implement Coursedog as the district's curriculum management and scheduling platforms as soon as Fall 2026. More will be revealed. Data migration is the first step, and the district is involved in carrying out that process. In the next

couple of months, Fullerton will set up the curriculum platform, and check the accuracy of the migrated data, particularly the courses and programs.

Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update:

As of Monday, February 2, the chancellor's office will **pause** Phase 3 of the Common Course Numbering (CCN) process, to convince CSU and UC to accept the CCN templates as pre-approved and transferable BEFORE individual colleges integrate the templates into their existing courses. If the state chancellor's office and ASCCC "win the battle," so to speak, then we will have time to process Phase 3 courses in plenty of time for the Fall 2027 effective date. If they "lose," that means that we need to submit courses to UC transfer, and then Cal-GETC, for approval, which means that the earliest effective date would be Fall 2028. Please be aware that Phase 2 (both A and B) are moving forward. I'm thankful for committee members and faculty who have worked very hard the last 1.5 years.

Here's an important message re: phase 2A: Please check with your division's classified staff, particularly those working on the Fall 2026 schedule. The Phase 2A CCN courses have an effective date of Fall 2026, and the schedule should contain the CCN changes. For example, ENGL 102 F is now ENGL C1002. If there are errors or omissions, please let me know. Phase 2B CCN templates have been published. 2B will have an effective date of Fall 2027.

In Brief:

The committee continues to discuss DCCC's concerns about class size inconsistencies among the two community colleges, as well as a general lack of adherence to the Class Size Planning and Resource Document.

At DCCC, we were reminded of the need for similar departments at Fullerton and Cypress to communicate with each other when making major curriculum changes. At the beginning of the spring 2026 semester, the curriculum committee discussed the workgroup regarding the INDS degree and the curriculum committee electing a chair at the first Curriculum Committee meeting of the spring semester. Yesterday, Jodi Balma was elected chair.

Both the curriculum committee and DCCC are addressing ways of approaching the numerous Title 5 changes requiring revisions to our course outlines.

Curriculum Development Reminders:

We're now processing and approving curriculum for Fall 2027. We strongly recommend that faculty prelaunch Fall 2027 courses now. The target date to enter the courses into CurricUNET, and the approval process, is Friday, February 6, 2026.

Cal-GETC timeline:

Courses that were Board-approved and accepted for UC TCA (UC transfer) were sent to Cal-GETC. In May 2026 or June 2026, Cal-GETC will inform the articulation officer which courses are approved or disapproved.

If you have any questions about curriculum timelines, six-year review or other topics related to the committee, please feel free to email me at jjson@fullcoll.edu. Thank you.

Associated Students' Report

Bepa Perez reported that AS held its first meeting on Tuesday and had an amazing turnout. Students from AS will be attending the Federal Advocacy Academy at the end of February and also plan to attend the General Assembly where they will learn about and vote on resolutions being put forward by student senates from across the state.

The Research, Policy and Resolutions Committee is continuing to look at ways to improve student parking and STEM outreach and are also working on a statement addressing the student perspective on social issues that are affecting students shared mental health and wellbeing. The Judiciary Committee is finalizing the governing documents. Their current bylaws have AS capped at thirty-three students, and the committee wants to expand their capacities using a proportional ratio to our total student demographic. The committee is also investigating if it is feasible to pay student senators for their services on student and campus committees to mirror the benefits students gain while serving on district-wide committees. The Activities & Communications Committee is planning a handful of fun events for students to attend, including Sugar Rush which is a collaboration event with the Promise Program. All programs & clubs are invited to join them 25-Feb, 11A-1P in the quad. The Finance Committee had a productive meeting with Dr. De La Torre and Henry Hua to better understand their budget and better envision what AS could accomplish this semester.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Human Resources Training and Flex Credit

M/S/P (Fouquette/Guardado) to extend time for this agenda item by five more minutes.

No: Zarske

M/S/P (Tribbe/Moore) to amend the wording in the original motion to add “unless approved by the Professional Learning Committee” to the end of the original language in the motion.

Abstain: Ji, Perez, Webster

M/S/P (Fouquette/Ashenmiller) to accept the Professional Learning Committee’s recommendation that Human Resources compliance trainings will not qualify as Flex activities for Flex Day.

No: Rossi, Taguchi-Trieu, Webster, Zarske

Abstain: Ji, Nobles, Rosales

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Revised Campus Collaborations Committee description

Bridget Kominek shared suggested revisions to the Campus Collaborations Committee descriptions as a first read.

Revised Distance Education Advisory Committee description

Darnell Kemp shared suggested changes to the Distance Education Advisory Committee description as a first read.

Aspen Institute College Excellence Program Unlocking Opportunity Network update

Grant Linsell provided senators with an update on the college’s participation in the Unlocking Opportunity Network. For additional information, or for an opportunity to ask questions, faculty can attend the 3-Mar Campus Collaborations Committee meeting from 1-2P on Zoom or reach out directly to Grant at glinsell@fullcoll.edu.

M/S/U (Webster/Austin) to extend time for this agenda item for five more minutes.

Rapid Response Recommendation

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee shared the following recommendation to Senate:

The FC Faculty Senate recommends college president Dr. Cynthia Olivo use available and appropriate resources and collaborate with the Professional Learning Office to provide rapid response training in the event of immigration enforcement activities on or near the campus. The goal is to ensure faculty and staff are aware of current protocols and AP 3415: Immigration Enforcement Activities.

M/S/U (Mangan/Craig) to amend the wording in the original motion to remove “in the event of” and replace with “to prepare for.”

M/S/U (Vandervort/Craig) to adopt the proposed recommendation and direct Faculty Senate Executive committee to share with the president and her staff.

Academic Senates and Faculty Associations Proposed Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding

A draft of the Academic Senate and Faculty Associations Proposed Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding was presented to senators. This will be on the 3-March agenda for information/discussion and in April, it will likely be agendaized as a formal action item.

IX. ELECTIONS

M/S/P (Vandervort/Mangan) to extend the meeting time for 10 more minutes.

No: Webster

Faculty of the Year Selection Committee faculty representatives **Jodi Balma (Soc Sci), Mark Henderson (Fine Arts), Shelby Perlis (Hum)**

Faculty of the Year Section Committee alternates **Bridget Kominek (Hum)**

Faculty Senate Representative on the President’s Advisory Council (PAC) completing 2025-2027 term **Kim Vandervort (Hum)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee representative, Ethnic Studies, Spring 2026 substitute **Stephanie Lemus (ES)**

Faculty Senate representative, alternate, Ethnic Studies **David Ramos (ES)**

Faculty Senate representative, Fine Arts, 2025-2027 **David Lopez (Fine Arts)**

X. LIASON REPORTS

AdFac

On behalf of Naveen Kanal, Heather Halverson shared that AdFac will be holding its first meeting of the executive council on 11-Feb 3-5P via Zoom. AdFac will have elections for 2026/2028 will occur between March and May of this year.

Both the AdFac President and the AdFac Committee on Public Education Chair attended the faculty work group in January along with United Faculty and Senate leadership from all three campuses. Adjunct faculty looks forward to working closely with United Faculty and the Senates.

Classified Senate

Heather Halverson reported that Classified Senate is working with Associated Students to bring back the Kindness Campaign.

United Faculty

Matt Tribbe shared that UF has not yet met, but reported that faculty will get a modest raise, UF will soon begin negotiations with the district, and UF is creating a new website.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary