

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

present

At-large	Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez
Coun/SSS	Lorena Marquez
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, David F. Lopez, Stephen Klippenstein
Humanities	Jeanne Costello, Meg O'Rourke, Geoff Smith, Kim Vandervort
Library	Monique Delatte
Math/Comp. Sci.	Abraham Romero Hernandez
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji, Stephanie Nobles
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado
Physical Ed.	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	Janna Anderson, English faculty Carlos Ayon, Dean, Business and CIS Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning Barbara Dunsheath, President, NOCCCD Board of Trustees John Ison, English faculty Khaoi Mady, Interim Executive Director, IT

Lisa Nashua, Director, Friends of Fullerton College Foundation

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/Romero Hernandez) to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/P (Moore/Ashenmiller) to approve the 5-Feb 2025 meeting minutes.

Abstain: Kanal

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorena Marquez invited everyone to participate in Major Discovery Day (MDD) on 10-Mar, 11A-1P. MDD is a great opportunity for faculty to highlight their departments and support students as they explore majors, pathways, and courses at Fullerton College.

Naveen Kanal invited senators to the Men's and Women's Basketball games on 20-Feb.

Cynthia Guardado reminded senators about A Conversation with Danez Smith on 25-Feb, 3-5:30P, in Cruz Reynoso Hall. Danez Smith is the author of four collections including Don't Call Us Dead, Homie, and, most recently, Bluff. They are also the curator of Blues in Stereo: The Early Works of Langston Hughes. For their work, Danez has won the Forward Prize for Best Collection, the Minnesota Book Award in Poetry, the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Poetry, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and have been a finalist for the NAACP Image Award in Poetry, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the National Book Award, as well as an array of grants, fellowships, and residencies including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and the Princeton Arts Fellowship. Smith teaches at the Randolph College MFA program and the Black Youth Healing Arts Center in St. Paul, and lives in Minneapolis with their people.

Barbara Dunsheath informed senators about the California Community Colleges Women's Caucus on 6-Mar, 10A-2:30P. The keynote speaker will be Beatriz Porter, co-owner of Porto's Bakery & Café.

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

On behalf of Dr. Olivo, Lisa Nashua shared the following report:

Hi Faculty,

My name is Dr. Lisa Nashua and I'm the new Executive Director of the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation. It is my pleasure to provide the report on behalf of Dr. Cynthia Olivo our College President as she participates in a delegation to Mexico along with 20 other Community College and Higher Education Leaders to explore partnerships with a University in Michoacan and Guanajuato.

She is happy to report on steady progress we're making including:

We received the keys for Building 300 and began moving in furniture in last week. Additionally, one of our alum, Mr. Steve Haddadid, has pledged \$30,000 to name a study area as he was so pleased with his experience as a student and he is now a successful attorney. He has also agreed to provide pro bono estate planning workshops for donors interested in leaving us in their wills and living trusts.

Dr. Olivo was so happy to speak with two alumni who met here over 50 years ago in our Theater Program and they have been happily married and called her before the holidays to inform her of a low six figure donation in their estate planning for our Foundation as they would like to help Theater Students in the same manner they were assisted.

Additionally, in late fall semester, Dr. Olivo also met with alumni who studied here in the 1980's and formed a Vietnamese Student Association. The President of the VSA is now a successful ophthalmologist and has also pledged an endowed scholarship and we will assist the group in hosting a reunion right here in this room in Fall.

Dr. Olivo shares these stories to thank you for everything you do to make a lasting impact on our students, and these testimonials are examples of how much of a difference you make. Thank you!

We will host our annual scholarship ceremony in the quad in late Spring. We will be conducting application workshops in March, and the new scholarship application form will be available in early April with a short turnaround time as we are in the middle of testing new software we are implementing.

Speaking of technology, thank you for your patience as we worked through internet problems due to the rain causing a power outage and interrupting our connection. I want to thank our VP of Administrative Services Henry Hua, our Interim Executive Director of IT at District Khaoi Mady and our Interim Director of ACT Curtis Galvez who worked literally over a dozen hours with teams who zoomed in from different parts of the world to fix this. Also, thanks to the faculty in Nat Sci for your patience as we fixed the unexpected blip in our AC & Heating system last week. Thanks Henry, Larry, John for your hard work.

It is this team spirit that will help us continue to make progress & navigate challenges along the way. My appreciation is extended to each of you as we also plan for the year ahead amidst the reality that instead of pushing for new student enrollment growth, together, we must shift to student retention. In Fall 27-28—we will earn our apportionment from the state based the Student-Centered Funding Formula & also address our expenses in all areas of the college as we continue to live with the reality of no more pandemic funding support. These past few years a fund source called “Hold Harmless” has helped us as we were trying to restore enrollment. And we should be proud of ourselves for growing by 21%! It is an extraordinary achievement we collectively earned especially in our region. Data shared yesterday by the regional strong workforce leadership released by MIT shows that to live in Orange County-one must earn \$36.53 per hour which is up nearly \$5 since last year due to rising costs in housing, healthcare, and inflation.

While these circumstances are not ideal-I have faith in us and our ability to continue to center the needs of our students in everything we do. Like the alumni whose stories I shared earlier--we transform lives & will continue to do so-no matter what. Thank you! Please know we will continue to offer the supports to our students that counter the experiences that make life outside the college challenging-- we have one hot meal for each student every day and \$5 for employees, a Food Bank, free Health Clinic and Mental Health Therapy, Technology equipment to check out for the term and the list goes on.

Thank you for sharing these resources with our students. Thanks for everything you do!

In appreciation,
Cynthia

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.
- A [faculty family picnic co-hosted by the three NOCCCD Academic and Faculty Senates, UF, and AdFac is in the works. 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 and the district!
- On February 6, I attended the **Student Equity and Achievement Committee (SEAC) retreat**. The co-chairs Anita Juarez and Ziza Delgado-Noguera led the group in a thoughtful analysis of our SEA plan and activities designed to brainstorm how to turn the plan into action. There, I learned that the Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) is taking the lead on our application to become a recognized Black Serving Institution with the state of California. We had a productive discussion on the difference between enrolling Black and African American students versus being truly Black serving school. Thank you to Anita and Ziza for creating a space for us to discuss meaningful implementation of one of the college's central plans, and thanks to DAC for taking the lead on our BSI efforts.

District

- Brandon and I attended the February 9 **Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF)** meeting at the district. A budget update was shared, including the fact that with our enrollment gains, the district expects to be out of hold harmless and funded by the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) next year; we are one of 21 districts who are in this category system-wide. The district budget office will continue to monitor developments with the state budget and present a proposed budget for our district at the Board of Trustees meeting in June. Overall, the state budget seems favorable for the community college system as a whole.

- There was an extensive conversation at CBF about our local budget. The group **established a workgroup to look at possible revisions to the Resource Allocation Model (RAM)**. Myself and Brandon Florke will serve the workgroup.
- At CBF, it was also shared that the office of the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness is working on **standardized scheduling templates, including the use of Degreeworks** to predict student needs in an effort to streamline scheduling and increase efficiency. I encourage department coordinators to ask their deans for updates. I will share more as I learn more at future meetings.
- The office of the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness is also **proposing the creation of an academic calendar workgroup** that will increase transparency and give more opportunities for various constituent groups to give input while respecting the role of United Faculty in negotiating the calendar. I will share details when the proposal comes to the District Consultation Council for a vote.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Ben Cuatt and Brendon Kirby for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

On behalf of Danielle Fouquette, Kim Vandervort reported that in March and April the ASC will share a draft of the Integrated Planning Manual for review and feedback. The goal is to have a final draft approved in May. She thanked Bridget Kominek for leading this process in fall 2025 while Danielle was in London. ASC has asked DEAC to review the ACCJC's pilot rubric for distance education. The goal is to see how the college's training and certification processes align with standards outlined in the rubric.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

Discipline prefix approvals:

In PE, effective Fall 2027 or later:

ATHL: Athletics (Physical Education courses connected to team sports and intercollegiate competition)

KIN: Kinesiology (Theory/lecture courses)

Prefix Revision of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology disciplines due to Common Course Numbering, effective Fall 2027:

- From POSC to POLS
- From PSY to PSYC
- From SOC to SOCI

Common Course Numbering (CCN) Update:

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 of Common Course Numbering: Most courses have been approved by the curriculum committee, with the intention of Board approval by May, in time for UC TCA submission on June 1, 2026. Exceptions include 3 Astronomy courses and 1 communication studies course.

TOP to CIP Project: 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 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: <https://lookerstudio.google.com/u/0/reporting/62925aaa-3c91-48ab-941b-2473c0e17cb7/page/iCRIF>

By summer 2027, TOP codes will be phased out, and CIP be the code of record.

Curriculum Management System Transition: Over the winter break, Courshedog started the transition from CurricUNET, with the help of district technology staff. The goal is to establish Courshedog as the district's curriculum management and scheduling platforms as soon as Fall 2026. 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. Through the month of April, we won't be able to use CurricUNET for curriculum processing. We may need to extend the 2027 cut-off approval date to November 2026.

Class Size: 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. The curriculum chairs at Fullerton and Cypress have been asked to contribute language for new categories, including upper-division courses, performance activity courses, honors courses, and courses involving safety issues. Yesterday, I asked the committee, "are we willing to raise class sizes in current categories to establish categories with lower class sizes?"

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 jison@fullcoll.edu. Thank you.

Associated Students' Report

Bepa Perez reported that AS has created an ICE Protocol video and asked that faculty share that video with students. The Executive Board is working with the Cypress College Student Senate to create a joint statement regarding ICE presence on both campuses and in our communities. AS is working with Michael Moore to revive the legal clinic and rebranding it as "Ask a Lawyer." Three faculty, who are also lawyers, will be volunteering their time to answer student questions and offer free legal advice. Sugar Rush will take place 25-Feb, 11A-1P in the Quad.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Revised Campus Collaborations Committee description

M/S/U (Ashenmiller/Kanal) to adopt the revised Campus Collaborations Committee description.

Revised Distance Education Advisory Committee description

M/S/P (Kanal/Romero Hernandez) to extend the time for this agenda item for five more minutes.

No: Eisner, Moore

M/S/P (Moore/Romero Hernandez) to adopt the revised Distance Education Advisory Committee description.

Yes: Antunez, Costello, Cox, Cuatt, Delatte, Eisner, Falb, Floerke, Halverson, Kirby, Klippenstein, Lopez, Marquez, Moore, O'Rourke, Smith, Vandervort, Webster

No: Ashenmiller, Kanal, Rossi, Tribbe

Abstain: Anaya Jurado, Guardado, Ji, Nobles, Romero Hernandez

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Professional Learning Committee (PLC) disaggregated data and drop survey report proposal

Senators were given this proposal as a first read. The PLC voted in support of this proposal to direct Faculty Senate to partner with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness to deliver annual disaggregated data and drop survey reports to faculty.

M/S/P (Cox/Costello) to extend the time for this agenda item for three more minutes.

No: Eisner

Banner registration and class search tool updates

Khaoi Mady provided senators with registration and class search tool updates and discussed the work IT is doing to respond to trouble tickets and to continue making improvements to both systems.

M/S/P (Kanal/Ashenmiller) to extend time for this agenda item for five more minutes.

No: Eisner, Costello, Guardado, Moore, O'Rourke, Vandervort

Bylaws revision proposal

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee proposed a change to the bylaws that will give divisions the ability to elect adjunct faculty to be division representatives on Faculty Senate subcommittees, as each division's discretion. This was presented as a first read.

Pathways Steering Committee (PSC) Certificate Process proposal

Jeanne Costello shared a proposal to improve the certificate process on behalf of the PSC. This proposal was presented as a first read.

Pathways Steering Committee (PSC) annual report

Jeanne Costello shared the Pathways Steering Committee's annual report.

M/S/P (Floerke/Kanal) to extend the meeting time for twelve more minutes.

No: Cox

IX. ELECTIONS

Vice President of Instruction Hiring Committee **Brandon Floerke (Hum), Frank Guthrie (Fine Arts), Bridget Kominek (Hum)**

Dean of Student Support Services Hiring Committee **David Andrade (SSS), Porsha Boyd (Coun), Heather Halverson (Coun), Kaylan Rasch (Coun)**

Dean of Ethnic Studies and Equity **Wesley Cox (ESE), Amber Gonzalez (ESE), Anita Juares (ESE)**

X. LIAISON REPORTS

AdFac

Naveen Kanal reported that on 12-Mar he will be in Sacramento for the March in March and will also attend the California Federation of Teachers State Council Summit in Anaheim.

Classified Senate

No report.

United Faculty

Matt Tribbe shared that the state liaison attended the recent UF meeting and encouraged faculty to sign petitions to get Proposition 55 on the ballot. If this proposition is not renewed, in 2030 our district will lose 27million dollars. UF's reopeners are non-credit instructor faculty workload and compensation for additional duties. The district reopeners are leaves of absence and extensive laboratory. The new UF website will be up in March, and will be owned by UF, not an individual person. Elections cannot be held until the new website is up and running, due to Simply Voting restrictions. UF division representatives have contact information for all grievance representatives. Faculty will be getting a raise, but the district has until April to report the numbers on which the amount will be based.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary