

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

**present**

At-large	Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez, Dale Craig
Coun/SSS	JP Gonzalez, Kaylan Rasch, Citlally Santana
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, David F. Lopez, Stephen Klippenstein
Humanities	Danielle Fouquette, Stefani Okonyan, Meg O'Rourke, Kim Vandervort
Library	Anya Shyrokova
Math/Comp. Sci.	Tanomo Taguchi-Trieu, Cindy Zarske
Natural Sci.	Seung Ji, Stephanie Nobles
Part-time	Naveen Kanal
Physical Ed.	Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	Ben Cuatt, Jessica Langlois
Associated Students	Bepa Perez
Classified Senate	Amy Shrack
President	Bridget Kominek
Acting Past Pres.	Brandon Floerke
DEIA Ombudsperson	Doug Eisner
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Magaly Agredano, Guided Pathways and FYE Special Projects Coordinator Cecilia Arriaza, Director, Transfer Center Carlos Ayon, Dean, Business & CIS Miranda Bates, Director, Campus Communications Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning

Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador  
Jeanne Costello, English faculty/Guided Pathways  
Sonia De La Torre, Vice President, Student Services  
Pamela Dunsmore, English faculty  
Ariel Gentalen, Special Projects Manager, LGBTQIA2S+ Resource Program  
Henry Hua, Vice President, Administrative Services  
John Ison, English faculty  
Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Director, Student Development & Engagement  
José Ramón Núñez, Vice President of Instruction  
Ruthie Reed, Primerica  
Jeanette Rodriguez, Dean, Humanities  
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President  
Annika Shellenbarger, Student Services Coordinator, Promise  
Jane Troop, CIS faculty  
Gilberto Valencia, Coordinator, Cadena Cultural Center  
Brittney Vargas, Promise Coach

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The Bylaws Revision Proposal was postponed until the next Senate meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**M/S/U (Craig/Moore) to approve the 5-Mar 2026 meeting minutes.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Mangan announced that the Gilman Foundation has identified Fullerton College as a top-producer of Gilman International scholarships for our students participating in the Study Abroad Program. He announced that the 2028 Study Abroad programs include Costa Rica in winter; Seville, Spain in spring; Kyoto, Japan and Dublin, Ireland in summer; and Florence, Italy in fall.

Pamela Dunsmore shared her support for Mike Mangan to be elected as the Study Abroad Coordinator.

JP Gonzelez provided an update on the number of Academic Progress Reports that have been completed. Faculty were reminded to complete these surveys in Starfish by the 20-Mar deadline.

Cecilia Arriaza informed senators that students are receiving their admission notifications from the four-year universities for fall 2026. The Transfer Center will be providing a campus tour to Cal Poly Pomona and Whittier College on 10-Apr and hosting a college fair on 14-Apr.

Brittney Vargas and Annika Shellenbarger invited faculty to participate in FC Night on 15-Apr by hosting a table. Interested faculty can scan the QR code provided to submit an interest form.

David Lopez informed senators that the spring musical, The Pirates of Penzance, will have performances 19-Mar through 28-Mar.

Gilberto Valencia reminded faculty about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Monarch Conference on 20-Mar and the Know Your Rights & First Responder Training on 24-Mar. Volunteers are still needed for KinderCaminata. Faculty are encouraged to host an activity table and inform students about the opportunity to serve as a Kinderbuddy.

Jeanne Costello reminded faculty of the importance of completing the Academic Progress Reports for EOPS students. Also, she shared rationale for instructional material codes (aka XB12) reporting. All faculty are being asked to submit the questionnaire that guides them through questions that identify the category that best applies to the materials required for each of their courses. This information will ensure that the schedule will more accurately represent ZTC and LTC sections in the schedule of classes for the sake of transparency about cost. The data is also important to meet Title V requirements, set goals for moving forward with the college's OER/ZTC initiative and for CCCO investment and funding.

Paulette Chaffee informed senators that a Career Fair will take place 21-Apr, 10A-1P at the Brea Mall.

Matt Tribbe reminded senators of the statewide ballot initiative petition that would make permanent the existing Prop 55 tax. He has petitions available for faculty to sign.

Jeanette Rodriguez informed senators that volunteers are needed for the Latiné Cultural Grad Ceremony on 22-May.

Naveen Kanal shared that he believes students serving on hiring committees should be compensated. He congratulated Perry Webster, and the Men's Basketball team, for being the 3C2A State Champions.

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

On behalf of Dr. Olivo, Daniel Berumen shared the following report:

Hi Everyone

**Basketball State Champs!**

It was exhilarating to be present for the championship game for our Men's Basketball Team in Visalia this weekend. Congratulations Faculty Member Perry Webster for your leadership and 5th State Championship! It's quite remarkable to have achieved such success with our incredible student athletes who, with your coaching, become a cohesive, collaborative team, relying on each other to push through for the win! I'm so happy for our team! These are memories that will remain imprinted in our students' minds forever. The team and faculty & staff will be honored at the Board meeting next week.

**Major Discovery Day & CSUF Partnership**

I want to thank our Counseling Faculty for doing such an amazing job with Major Discovery Day and to let you all know that our partnership with Cal State Fullerton in the Aspen Transfer Intensive Institute over the past year and a half has resulted in a significant increase in collaboration. At Major Discovery Day, we had more CSUF team members here to help our students and many mentioned to me that they are looking forward to the upcoming CSUF Center in our former food bank. The increased physical presence of CSUF counterparts from

A&R, Financial Aid, Advising and Academic Areas on our campus will help our students in their transfer process.

### **Associated Students Elections & New Video**

I want to thank Associated Student Faculty Advisor Joel Salcedo and ask for your support in two ways.

1. Please encourage stand-out student leaders to pursue running for office for the 26-27 Associated Students. A.S. Extended their election application submission deadline and will be sending an announcement to encourage participation.

2. A.S. Has worked on a video to guide students on how to respond if ICE agents are on or near campus. This project has been in the works for two months and I'm proud of their collaboration on writing the script, editing, including sensitive information, and working with faculty members Joel and Cynthia Guardado on the project. A.S. needs your support to help get the word out regarding the video and elections.

### **Know Your Rights**

Next Tuesday from 4-6 pm several departments including Faculty Senate, Grads2Be, APIDA and The Office of the President have collaborated to bring Know Your Rights Training to our campus. Our community partner, the South Asian Network will provide the training. RSVP information has gone out from Professional Development. We encourage your participation.

### **Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to our Fullerton College 2026 Faculty of the Year Kelly Nelson Wright. She will be honored at the BoT meeting next week. I personally want to thank Kelly for her unwavering dedication to ensuring our campus provides a welcoming environment for our Formerly Incarcerated and System Impacted Students. I've heard from students first-hand about the support she has provided and I'm so happy about her recognition. This kind of collaboration will continue to make our college even better for our students and community we serve.

### **Revenue or Cost Savings Ideas**

In the spirit of collaboration, Campus Communications will be including a link to a form for our campus community to provide ideas on ways to generate revenue for the college or ways to save on ongoing expenses. For example, our college does not have a Flea Market/Swap Meet which other colleges earn several hundred thousand dollars per year from the effort. We also do not promote our facility rentals for Weddings, Quinceñeras, etc. these kinds of efforts can also generate revenue if we list ourselves on The Knot, etc. Additionally, a new member of our campus team mentioned at their previous college, they implemented a campaign to turn off computers over the weekend and shut off the lights at the end of the day, and the campus saved \$1 million dollars in one year. Let's tap into our creative energy and submit your ideas starting next week. As we work towards course scheduling efficiency and address new budget realities in our district, it's important now more than ever to rely on our collaborative energy. As a team, we will get through every challenge together.

### **Dolores Huerta News**

Finally, I want to end by mentioning that as the granddaughter of migrant farmworkers and daughter to my parents who seasonally also worked in the fields -to remember that as we all learn about the news regarding Dolores Huerta & other survivors of sexual assault in the farmworker movement--many of our Latine community members are feeling emotional distress. Please direct our students who express distress to our Mental Health Therapists in our

Campus Health & Wellness Center. Also, being in community at cultural events can also help in healing. Our new Division of Ethnic Studies & Student Equity is hosting several events for Women's Month listed in the email Ziza sent out to the campus including an event on 3/26/26 from 1-3 in 224 honoring Chicana activist Gloria Arellanes. We had not scheduled an event for Cesar Chavez Day, and I ask that if you have a lesson planned regarding him-please consider this news released and refer to a statement from California community college organization COLEGAS for guidance which is posted on LinkedIn. The district will provide more guidance on how we will proceed in the long run w the holiday named in his honor. For now, references to the paid holiday will be posted on our communication channels as Closed for State Holiday. Perhaps in the long run, our system will refer to it as Farmworker Day to honor those who labor to provide food for us every day and the thousands who fought for workers' rights in the fields. I'll also obtain ideas at President's Advisory Council next week. If you as a faculty member need help processing this news one of the resources available is our Employee Assistance Program & information is on the HR website.

#### **Men of Color Center Grand Opening**

Finally, I hope to see you next Wednesday from 12-3P for our Men of Color Center Grand Opening.

Thank you!

Cynthia

## VI. STANDING REPORTS

### **President's Report**

#### **Campus**

- **Congratulations to Perry Webster and the FC Men's Basketball team** for winning the 2026 3C2A State Championship! This is Coach Webster's record-breaking third state championship with FC.
- 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 Sunday, April 19 from 12-4pm](#). The picnic will be at [Craig Park in Fullerton](#).
- 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!
- Our campus Professional Learning Office, Grads2Be, and APIDA are hosting the South Asian Network on Tuesday, 3/24 from 4-6pm to offer a **Know Your Rights & First Responder rapid response training**, which Faculty Senate supported at our first meeting in spring. This is open to all students and employees. RSVP is necessary; when participants RSVP, they will get details on the location.
- At the end of this month, an email will go out to all full-time faculty regarding open **at-large Faculty Senate representative seats**. All five at-large seats are open; three have a term of 2026-2028, two are completing 2025-2027 terms. Please encourage your colleagues to nominate themselves.

- **Fullerton College’s Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees** Samiy Bolivar’s term ends at the end of the semester. The trustee is compensated \$400 a month. Please encourage students you think would be interested to reach out to the Associated Students (AS) faculty advisor Joel Salcedo ([jsalcedo@fullcoll.edu](mailto:jsalcedo@fullcoll.edu)).

#### District

- The most recent revision of the [Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding between the three NOCCCD faculty and academic senates and the two faculty unions is available](#). Please review the draft and share feedback with your Senate and/or union president. You can also leave comments directly on this draft. This will be on the April 30 Senate agenda for a first read and May 7 for a second read and vote, so please share any suggestions for revision by April 13.
- A draft of the **NOCCCD’s 2026-2030 Strategic Plan is available**. Please share any suggested feedback or concerns directly with me by March 23. Once the draft is finalized after members of the district community have shared feedback, it will be presented to the District Consultation Council for a vote on April 27.
- **Budget discussions** have been a focus of conversations at the district Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF), the district’s Resource Allocation Model (RAM) workgroup, and FC’s Planning and Budget Steering Committee (PBSC). At the 3/9 CBF meeting, the fiscal affairs office shared an update on the [district’s fiscal position](#). The RAM workgroup decided to delay making changes to our district’s resource allocation model until it’s time to review the RAM again in Fall 2026, but it will continue to meet to explore alternate models for allocating resources in a multi-college district. PBSC is finalizing recommendations for funding resource requests associated with the Fall 2025 program review comprehensive self-studies and annual updates. Recommendations for funding will be presented to Faculty Senate as a first read on 5/7 and a second read on 5/21.
- A workgroup of the District Consultation Council (DCC) has produced a [revised draft of AP 7400 Employee Travel and Conference Attendance](#). I expect this will be shared at DCC at an upcoming meeting for a formal first read; please take a look at it and share any feedback or concerns you have with the draft with me so I can communicate them to the workgroup leads before the draft is finalized.

#### State

- I’ll be attending the **Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Spring Plenary** April 9-11. There, I will vote as our college’s delegate on resolutions. A draft is not yet available. When it is shared, I will review it and share with Senators.

- The **Faculty Association of California Community Colleges is offering 25 scholarships for faculty to attend this year's Great Teachers Seminar** in San Diego June 7-11. [The scholarship application](#) is due April 10. I encourage faculty to consider applying.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bridget Kominek thanked Josh Ashenmiller, Carla Falb and Stephen Klippenstein for providing snacks for today's meeting.

### **Accreditation Steering Committee Report**

No report.

### **Curriculum Chair Report**

John Ison shared the following report:

#### **TOP to CIP Transition**

We have a December 2026 deadline for implementation, but the state continues to clarify the mission. For now, we are operating on the new TOP/CIP crosswalk, but we don't know how to reconcile CTE TOP codes with non-CTE CIP codes and what that means for processing CTE curriculum. At DCCC, we were encouraged to ask faculty, particularly those with CTE programs, to check their TOP/CIP alignments against the new crosswalk's alignments. The vice chancellor is also encouraging comparable or identical disciplines at Fullerton and Cypress to have the same TOP/CIP codes. How these will be processed, especially at the state level, remains one of the unsolved problems that we face.

#### **INDS Workgroup**

Workgroup chair Jodi Balma has formed subgroups, with each subgroup addressing one of the questions Faculty Senate has given to the workgroup. Most or all of the subgroups have had a first meeting. The goal is to share each subgroup's findings with the chair, who will report the findings to the curriculum committee and to Faculty Senate in May.

#### **Integrating Title 5 Changes into the Course Outline of Record**

A. § 55001.5. (a) (3) "Course Outlines of Record":

- "Course outlines of record shall also include representative descriptions of approaches faculty may use to accommodate and engage diverse student bodies, advance equitable student outcomes, and promote the inclusion of all students."

Status Report: The committee's ongoing discussion focused on integrating Title 5 changes, particularly those related to accessibility and equitable student outcomes, into the COR's existing elements, such as course description, methods of instruction and evaluation, course content, assignments and textbooks. We are inspired by the ways that Common Course Numbering templates have embedded DEI and accessibility within the "identical and required" elements. The committee is interested in creating a template with specific language for accessibility and DEI, but there is debate about using boilerplate statements. Covering this by creating a separate COR section with a "dropdown menu" is appealing to many. However, the goal is to ensure these changes are meaningful and not just a "check mark" exercise, with suggestions to establish clear methods of instruction and evaluation that promote equity and

inclusion. We could not implement a separate section anyway until Coursedog is the new curriculum management platform this Fall semester.

### **Transition from CurricUNET to Coursedog**

We are meeting with Coursedog nearly every week, following the timeline given to us. At present we are working with Banner data validation. The vice chancellor told us that she will continue the CurricUNET contract so that there won't be loss of curriculum data. I am telling everyone not to enter proposals into CurricUNET in order to ensure a smooth transition of data to Coursedog. There will be time in the fall to process Fall 2027 proposals.

### **UC TCA and Cal-GETC Approval Timeline**

The curriculum committee's March 18 meeting was the final meeting to approve courses bound for UC and Cal-GETC submission for Fall 2027. The goal is approval at DCCC and the Board of Trustees by May, in order to meet the UC submission deadline of June 1, 2026. Approvals are only once a year, so following the timeline is crucial. In May or early June 2026, Cal-GETC will announce which courses were approved, and which were not.

### **Reminder: Distance Education Proposals**

I ask faculty to plan ahead if they would like to propose a course for distance education modality. It takes a minimum of 4 months to get the necessary approvals, including Board and state. It's too late to approve DE for Fall 2026. You should aim for Winter/Spring 2027 or later. Please complete the DE addendum found on curriculum.fullcoll.edu under Curriculum Resources. Here's a helpful link: <https://curriculum.fullcoll.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2023/11/Distance-Education-Addendum-F2023-v3.pdf>

### **Class Size Issues**

I'd like Faculty Senate, and Union reps, to be aware that there is heightened scrutiny of class sizes at DCCC and Board. Faculty have helped me justify the chosen class sizes, but there continues to be interest in revising the Class Size Planning and Resource Document and encouraging Fullerton and Cypress to have the same class sizes for comparable or identical courses.

Feel free to email me at [jison@fullcoll.edu](mailto:jison@fullcoll.edu) if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for listening.

### **Associated Students' Report**

Bepa Perez shared that AS executives attended the SSCCC federal advocacy academy earlier this month. They also went to Capitol Hill and spoke with their congressional representatives about the difficulties the 2.1 million community college students in California are facing such as SNAP benefits, housing, financial aid, and Pell grants. They will attend the General Assembly at the end of March where they will vote with other colleges on over seventy student-lead resolutions to advocate for improvements to our system.

The AS Executive applications are now open. The application period has been extended to 1-Apr. Please encourage students to apply and become involved in student government.

She also reported that student senators will now be compensated. In addition, AS is no longer subject to Sodexo's right of refusal. AS is working on making student fees opt out on the student registration landing page, with included language that explains what the fee is and how it is used for students. Bepa thanked Vice President De La Torre and Vice President Hua for their help with this issue.

AS is currently discussing how to best publicize crucial resources on campus. They are hosting a Study Sesh for midterms event on 23-Mar and 24-Mar.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

**Draft Inclusive Facilities Administrative Procedures (APs)**

**M/S/P (Floerke/Vandervort) to direct the Faculty Senate representatives on DCC to support the draft APs.**

Abstain: Rasch

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**Enrollment data presentation**

Daniel Berumen provided an enrollment update to Senate.

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

No: Zarske

**Integrated Planning Manual revision**

Danielle Fouquette and Daniel Berumen presented the Integrated Planning Manual revision as a first read.

**Themed Flex Day proposal**

Bridget Kominek shared the Themed Flex Day proposal as a first read. Senators were asked to share the draft with their constituents and direct questions or suggested rewording to Senate Exec by 13-Apr.

IX. ELECTIONS

Faculty Senate President Elect, 2026-2030 **David Francisco Lopez (Fine Arts)**

Faculty Senate DEIA Ombudsperson, 2026-2027 **Cynthia Guardado (Hum)**

Faculty Senate Secretary, 2026-2027 **Heather Halverson (Coun)**

Faculty Senate Treasurer, 2026-2027 **Brandon Floerke (Hum)**

Professional Learning Faculty Coordinator and Professional Learning Committee Chair, 2026-2029 **Cynthia Guardado (Hum)**

Study Abroad Faculty Coordinator and Study Abroad Committee Chair: Replacement for 2025-2028 term **Mike Mangan (Hum)**

Curriculum Committee Chair, 2026-2029 **John Ison (Hum)**

Distance Education Faculty Coordinator and Distance Education Advisory Committee Chair, 2026-2029 **Darnell Kemp (Hum)**

Student Learning Outcome and Assessment Committee Chair, 2026-2029 **George Bonnard (Tech/Eng)**

Student Equity and Achievement Committee Chair, 2026-2029 **Anita Juarez (Ethnic Studies)**

Study Abroad Committee at-large faculty representatives: one-semester substitute for Fall 2026 term **Kristin Mihaylovich (Fine Arts)**

Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Liaison, 2026-2029 **Naveen Kanal (PE)**

Management Third Year Evaluation Committee:

Alexander Brown (International Students) **Meg O'Rourke (Hum)**

Gregory Ryan (Financial Aid) **Matt Tribbe (Soc Sci)**

Rena Martinez Stluka (Admissions and Records) **Kim Vandervort (Hum)**

Naomi Abesamis (Student Life and Leadership) **Brandon Floerke (Hum)**

Theresa Ullrich (Health Services) **Jessica Langlois (Tech/Eng)**

Marrietta Gilliard (CDES Lab School) **Heather Halverson (Coun)**

Connie Moreno Yamashiro (Student Development and Engagement) **Anya Shyrokova (LLRISPS)**

Cecilia Arriaza (Transfer Center) **Citlally Santana (Coun)**

Scott Giles (Athletic Director) **John Ison (Hum)**

Carlos Ayon (Dean Business & CIS) **Nicole Rossi (Math/CS)**

Kenneth Starkman (Dean Tech & Engineering) **Stephen Klippenstein (Fine Arts)**

Grant Linsell (Dean Fine Arts) **Mike Mangan (Hum)**

Jennifer Merchant (Educational Partnerships and Programs) **Jeanne Costello (Hum)**

Student Equity and Achievement Committee representative, Business & CIS, replacement for 2025-2027 **Richard Ghidella (Bus/CIS)**

Curriculum Committee representative, Business & CIS, 2026-2029 **Michael Moore (Bus/CIS)**

Curriculum Committee representative, Technology and Engineering, 2026-2029 **George Bonnard (Tech/Eng)**

#### X. LIASON REPORTS

##### **AdFac**

Naveen Kanal reported that AdFac elections are now open. He stated he would be attending the California Teachers State Council Summit.

### **Classified Senate**

Amy Shrack reported that at today's Classified Senate meeting, senators reviewed the proposed update to the campus map and Integrated Planning Manual and approved the Certificate Process Proposal. Two classified representatives are still needed to serve on the Dual Enrollment Committee. Nominations for Classified Spring Recognition close on 25-Mar and the Spring Luau will take place 30-Apr from 11A-1P and on 1-May from 5:30-6:30P.

### **United Faculty**

Matt Tribbe reported negotiations with the district began last week. The district reopeners are bereavement leave and leaves of absence. UF's reopeners are compensation for duties beyond the 10-month contract and compensation for office hours for faculty at NOCE. He also reported that there has been an increase in complaints and grievances this year, often due to class cancellations and class scheduling issues. Preliminary figures indicate that faculty will get a 4.38% salary increase for next year and a one-time payment of around \$5,600 for this past year. These amounts might be impacted by a "state deficit factor" which could impact how much funding our district receives from the state, which in turn could impact the amount faculty may actually receive. UF encourages faculty who plan to retire this year to wait until after receiving the one-time payment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09P.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Halverson, secretary