

**Draft Minutes
President's Advisory Council
April 22, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT *Chair:* Cynthia Olivo *Deans:* Jeanette Rodriguez *Management:* Grant Linsell *Faculty:* Kim Vandervort, Brandon Floerke, Bridget Kominek, Danielle Fouquette *Classified:* Amy Shrack, Yadira Aguillon *Students:* Daniel Son *Resource Members:* Daniel Berumen, Evelyn Lindley, José Ramón Núñez, Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Lisa Nashua, Miranda Bates, Sonia De La Torre

Members Absent: Henry Hua, Jennifer Merchant, Yareli Hernandez

Guests: John Krok, Bianca Gladen, Carlos Ayon, Angela Henderson, Annika Shellenbarger, Cecilia Arriaza, Valerie Salazar, Brenda Perez, Joel Salcedo, Courtney Standley (Hornet)

INFORMATION

- **Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2026:** Approved as submitted. Daniel Son abstained.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Approved with revisions, removed item Adding “Bachelor’s Degrees” to Mission Statement.

REPORTS

1. MEMBER UPDATES

Annika Shellenbarger shared on behalf of Classified Senate that next week is the Classified Luau on April 30th and May 1st to encompass day and evening classified staff. The recognition award winners will be announced at these events. She thanks Miranda and her team for their assistance at this event as well as for the Classified Appreciation event that will be held in June. She invites everyone to attend. Annika shared that nominations are open for those wanting to join Classified Senate to fill the executive roles. Information will be sent out and encourages classified members to apply. This is also Annika’s last meeting as Classified President.

Bridget Kominek shared that at the last Faculty Senate Meeting they endorsed the revised Integrated Planning Manual. They discussed several proposals that will be voted on at their next meeting on April 30. One is to theme their Flex Proposal, another is to change their bylaws to include Adjunct Faculty as representatives on Senate subcommittees. They also had a first read of the Planning and Budget Steering Committee recommendations and voted to support the revised changes to the AP 7400 Employee Travel and Conference Attendance. Senate will also have a first read of the Senate Union Joint Understanding and are working on the draft for a possible Faculty Technology Coordinator role.

Jeanette Rodriguez shared on behalf the Deans a Happy Administrative Assistant’s Day. The Deans have been discussing room utilization and working to make sure all rooms are coded correctly. Also shared that the ADA Title II requirements deadline was extended.

Amy Shrack shared on behalf of CSEA that they have prioritized focus on the Job Study negotiations. The next step in the process will be for McKnight to send out all the newly revised

proposed job descriptions to classified staff, and the union will provide a forum to gather feedback and start negotiations from there. Amy shared that the updated proposal to freeze longevity to current employees to reduce costs was taken off the table. They will be working on the proposal regarding eliminating longevity benefits for new hires instead.

Grant Linsell shared on behalf of DMA that they appreciate the upcoming meeting and communication regarding the Job Study. The managers are also very engaged with the budget development process and working to have a good draft budget.

Daniel Son shared that A.S. has completed the elections, and their current Vice President Julieta will be the new President next year. They are also looking into providing stipends for the senators who serve this next term. He also shared that Bepa brought up an issue regarding treatment of workers based on race with Sodexo, as well as working to partner with another food vendor on campus.

2. **President's Report:** President Olivo sent out a campus communication regarding FC Night and thanked the Promise and Outreach team for their work on this event. There was also the 100th Anniversary for Alpha Gamma Sigma which started at Fullerton College with William T. Boyce. She was excited to see past alumni in attendance and listening to their achievements after college. The Athletic Hall of Fame also took place on April 17, which also included past alumni who were inducted into the Hall of Fame. At the Foundation Board meeting, they approved new by-laws that will enable recruitment of new board members. At the Board of Trustees meeting there was a great presentation from the Student Services area, and thanked Sonia for her work on this. Dr. Olivo stated that the Board of Trustees wants updates on our progress as they will be sharing this information at their Trustees Annual Retreat. She also shared that at the next Board of Trustees meeting they will be honoring the tenured faculty.

3. **President's Staff Reports:**

- a. **Sonia De La Torre** acknowledged Administrative Professionals Day and gave thanks for their support. This week is Black Student Success week and shared appreciation to all the different programs to support this effort. She also thanked Connie Moreno Yamashiro for the UndocuAlly Training facilitated by the Grads to Be Program for the State Chancellor's Office. They had over 1000 participants statewide. There are lots of end-of-year celebrations that are planned and looks forward to participating. She shared that Dr. Naomi Abesamis was appointed and approved by the Board for a Dean position at another college. Her last day will be May 8 and she will be recruiting an interim director position and is grateful to the classified professionals who are stepping up to provide support. Dr. De La Torre is seeking feedback from classified professionals regarding Senate Bill 148, where community colleges are to provide access to campus food pantries starting July 1, and is looking at different ways to operationalize access.
- b. **Miranda Bates** shared that commencement season is here and the RSVP deadline is May 3rd. She is asking the group to encourage students graduating to RSVP.
- c. **Daniel Berumen** shared that he will be participating in the first-ever Latine Graduation on Friday, May 22. Background on this cultural recognition and celebration was shared by Jeanette Rodriguez. RSVPs are due by May 1st, and so far, there are 100 students registered and 570 guests coming. Dr. Olivo shared

that these cultural celebrations are in response to student requests for a sense of belonging.

4. **ASPEN Transfer Intensive Partnership with CSUF (Cecilia Arriaza, Information):** Cecilia shared about the program, and how there is a national goal to improve the transfer pathways between 2-year and 4-year colleges. Fullerton College has partnered with CSUF as most of our students transfer there. The Vision Statement was crafted by the President's based on student input. Shared that they are working to create the end-to-end redesign to provide clear requirements and guaranteed admission, seamless transfer experience, student support, and campus-to-campus integration. Their measurable goals include increasing transfer rates at Fullerton College to CSUF and establishing a sense of belonging. They are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding with top priorities. A CSUF Center will be opening and Fullerton College in August. Cecilia thanked the FC team for their participation and support.
5. **Student Services Realignment (Dr. Sonia De La Torre, Information):** Dr. De La Torre shared that the intentions and approach for this realignment is to best support students and employees. She stated that this creates an ecosystem of like programs co-located within the division to create synergy and build bridges across programs, establishes a clear essence for each division, creates guideposts to inform future program co-location, creates parity in the composition of Student Services dean portfolios, and mirrors strong alignment across the CA Community College system. These changes were widely discussed with Deans, Managers, Faculty and Classified Professions, and announcements were made to the Student Services groups across all division. As of July 1, 2026, these changes will be implemented. Shared the organizational structure to include current and new areas focus of portfolio. This information will also be shared via email campuswide.
6. **Accessibility Compliance (Miranda Bates, Information):** Director Bates clarified that the extension to comply is now April 26, 2027. She recently met with the Vice President's to discuss how to go about phasing this in and will be sending out a communication to the campus about the process. Campus Communications will be hosting a series of accessibility workshops to share how to audit their websites for digital accessibility and review accessible best practices. Jennifer, Anita, and Ellie are also happy to do presentations to the shared governance groups. Dr. Olivo thanked Miranda and her team for their work.
7. **Integrated Planning Manual Updates – Second Read (Daniel Berumen, Action):** Daniel shared that this was discussed with shared governance groups and was approved. Daniel will be working on publishing, creating a web version and making sure it's compliant.

A motion to entertain the updates was made. Motion to approve the updates to the Integrated Planning Manual was unanimously approved.

8. **Friends of Fullerton College Foundation Gala for Fall 2026 – Planning Committee Call for Names (Lisa Nashua/Dr. Olivo, Information):** Dr. Olivo shared her vision/inspiration for this first big fundraising event. Would like it to be called "Viva Fullerton College Gala" and for it to build on college traditions honoring the legacy of people who have contributed to the Fullerton College. She is asking for feedback and recommendations on who should be honored and ways to gain support. There was discussion regarding volunteers to join the planning committee. Additional communications for committee support will be sent out. Tentative date for the event is for Saturday, October 23 in the evening. Lisa Nashua asked the group to please forward any recommendations for community members to also participate.

- 9. Naming the New Performing Arts Center (Dr. Olivo, Information):** Dr. Olivo shared that after group discussion that the new building would be called Performing Arts Center (PAC).

A motion was made to name the new building Performing Arts Center. Motion was unanimously approved.

- 10. Adding “Bachelor’s Degrees” to Mission Statement (Daniel Berumen, Information):** Agenda item was tabled to share at another PAC meeting.

- 11. PBSC funding for Program Review – First Read (Bridget Kominek, Information):** Bridget shared that the Planning and Budget Steering Committee took into consideration all of the resource requests that were associated with strategic action plans in the comprehensive self-studies. The general recommendations are to make all remaining available funds to be distributed to the divisions to fund operational resource requests from the 2025 program review cycle at the discretion of the deans and in collaboration with department coordinators. And for any unencumbered 2022/2023 carryover funds that are swept in April 2026 per the processes established by the Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services, should be retained to fund resources request associated with the non-instructional program review comprehensive self-studies happening in Fall 2026. Daniel Berumen shared that on website there is a list of all the Strategic Action Plans so that anyone can explore all the data. Dr. Olivo asked to share this information with the constituent groups, and this item will be brought back to the next PAC meeting for a vote.

- 12. Associated Students Proposal (Brenda “Bepa” Perez, Information):** Bepa shared that there have been concerns about the high pricing of Sodexo vs. local businesses, and overall dissatisfaction with the company itself and its products. She shared the concerns from students over the years, as well as from the campus community. Information on their past ethical issues was also shared. A.S. will be presenting this information with other constituent groups to gather their perspective and will be asking the district not to renew their contract with Sodexo. Discussions were made to come up with possible solutions and suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2026