

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
7-May 2026**

present

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| At-large | Porsha Boyd, Michael Moore, Nicole Rossi |
| Business/CIS | Carlos Antunez |
| Coun/SSS | Lorena Marquez, Kaylan Rasch, Citlally Santana |
| Ethnic Studies | Wesley Cox |
| Fine Arts | Carla Falb, David F. Lopez |
| Humanities | Jeanne Costello, Danielle Fouquette, Mike Mangan, Kim Vandervort |
| Library | Anya Shyrokova |
| Math/Comp. Sci. | Cindy Zarske |
| Natural Sci. | Seung Ji, Stephanie Nobles, Kim Rosales |
| Part-time | Laura Anaya Jurado, Naveen Kanal |
| Physical Ed. | |
| Social Sci. | Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe |
| Tech./Engineering | Ben Cuatt, Brendon Kirby |
| Associated Students | |
| Classified Senate | Amy Shrack |
| President | Bridget Kominek |
| Acting Past Pres. | Brandon Floerke |
| DEIA Ombudsperson | Doug Eisner |
| Treasurer | Cynthia Guardado |
| Secretary | Heather Halverson |
| Guests | Magaly Agredano, Guided Pathways and FYE Special Projects Coordinator Carlos Aguirre, Director, Academic Support Programs, MESA Nick Arman, Counseling faculty, Veteran's Resource Center Carlos Ayon, Dean, Business & CIS |

Jodi Balma, Political Science faculty
Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning
Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador
Sonia De La Torre, Vice President, Student Services
JP Gonzalez, Counseling faculty, EOPS
Henry Hua, Vice President, Administrative Services
John Ison, English faculty
Katie Meneses, Counseling intern
Francis Mummery, Economics faculty
Kelly Nelson Wright, Sociology faculty
Connie Moreno Yamashiro, Director, Student Development & Engagement
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Julio Reyes Cabezas, Grads to Be Program
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President
Nicole Winborne, Counseling faculty, EOPS

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/Marquez) to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Kanal/Marquez) to approve the 30-Apr 2026 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Mangan encouraged faculty to serve on the Study Abroad Committee.

Paulette Chaffee shared information and resources to help seniors be aware of and know how to protect themselves against scam phone calls, texts and emails. Although the flyer is designed for seniors, the information is helpful for everyone.

Jeanne Costello reminded faculty about the OER/ZTC mini grant opportunity.

Nick Arman shared information regarding an event on 19-May to remember and honor those who served in the United States military and are no longer with us.

Naveen Kanal provided an athletics update. The FC Baseball team is playing in the Super Regionals and Women's Lacrosse plays in the Nationals on Sunday. He also highly recommends that faculty attend the South Coast Repertory production of Fremont Ave.

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

Dr. Olivo reminded senators that Fullerton College is celebrating APIDA Heritage month and has several events scheduled. She acknowledged the current issues with Canvas and reported she is coordinating with the district regarding efforts to bring it back online. Faculty and students have been notified. She asked that faculty be patient and flexible with students.

She thanked faculty who attended the Student Centered Scheduling Academy and for their participation in discussions to align the scheduling of classes with student needs. These

efforts will help increase enrollment. Next week she will deliver our State of the College, and she is proud of all our college has accomplished. She will be highlighting the eSports program as part of this presentation. She invited faculty to attend the Budget Forum on 13-May and learn more about the impact our efforts have made to increase enrollment and the impact those efforts have had on our budget. She reported she has finished 21 interviews and that we are halfway through the faculty hiring.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report

Campus

- It's **Teacher Appreciation Week!** I appreciate you, and so does the Board of Trustees. They said so at their 4/28 in a resolution celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week.
- The **Summer 2026 Race Consciousness Certificate** training is starting soon, and the applications are open now until 5/8. Please consider applying for this opportunity (compensated with a \$1000 stipend). Details can be found in the email from the campus Professional Development office sent on 4/14 and again to all full-time faculty on 5/6. Applications are [available here](#).
- At the 5/21 meeting, Senate Executive Committee is considering agendizing for action the **recommendation that Flex breakout sessions that are proposed outside of those hosted by the PLC (including but not limited to department- or division- specific sessions) be encouraged but not required to align with topics selected by the Professional Learning Committee (PLC)** in support of the [college's strategic plan](#) and [Student Equity and Achievement \(SEA\) Plan](#). We've discussed this idea at several Faculty Senate meetings, but I wanted to share this potential with Senators to talk with colleagues about this ahead of time if possible so they are ready to take action on 5/21.

District

- On 5/1, Brandon Floerke, John Ison, myself, and department coordinators from across our campus joined deans, members of the president's staff, and faculty leaders from our sibling schools for a training coordinated by the office of the Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness on the **Student Centered Funding Formula and related efforts in the district to learn about enrollment management and the impacts of the SCFF on college budgets** including new data tools developed to support scheduling. One issue—the “dangling lab” unit is on the 5/7 Senate agenda. Other priorities were discussed and will come to Senate in the future as appropriate. **Department coordinators are asked to save the date for the first Friday in fall** to meet with each other and deans to learn more about the Student Centered Funding Formula and

discuss implications for enrollment management. More information will be shared as soon as possible.

- The Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Vega La Serna, convened two groups in the last week that I participated in as our representative:
 - In the first, she convened the Senate and UF presidents to discuss a **process for addressing issues with the class size guidelines**. We recommended that the District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) convene a workgroup to review the class size guidelines related to classes that are part of the baccalaureate degrees and honors and develop a list of concerns about the guidelines. The workgroup will be discussed and voted on at DCCC.
 - The second group is **developing a proposal for an Academic Calendar workgroup** to guide the district and UF in negotiating the calendar. The District Consultation Council will hear the proposal at the 5/18 meeting.
 - I find the creation of these two workgroups a positive step forward in addressing some long-standing concerns about our class size guidelines and academic calendar development processes that respects faculty purview. If the workgroups are established, I will serve on both and report back about the work to Senate.

State

- Applications are now open for the **statewide academic senate's [Faculty Empowerment and Leadership Academy](#)**. This program focuses on “the development of faculty from historically underrepresented groups in higher education.” Applications due 6/15.

Treasurer's Report

Cynthia Guardado thanked Senate Exec for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

No report.

Curriculum Chair Report

No report.

Associated Students' Report

No report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Academic Senates and Faculty Associations Proposed Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding

M/S/U (Floerke/Fouquette) to adopt the proposed Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding.

Revised Campus Technology Committee description

M/S/P (Moore/Kanal) to approve the revised Campus Technology Committee description.

No: Ashenmiller, Fouquette

Draft Faculty Technology Coordinator description

This was presented as first read. It will be presented as a second read and for a vote at the 21-May meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

Danielle Fouquette shared a resolution opposing the changes to the Institutional Eligibility Under the Higher Education Act.

M/S/P (Ashenmiller/Kanal) to adopt the resolution and direct Faculty Senate president to submit it as feedback when the public comment period opens on behalf of FC faculty and share it with the college and district leadership.

Abstain: Zarske

Attendance accounting method change and lab units

Bridget Kominek shared changes to the accounting methods at the state level. These changes will mean that our college stands to lose a significant amount of money because “dangling” lab units will not be funded. Senators are asked to speak with their division colleagues about these changes and come to the 21-May meeting prepared to vote on an action item expressing support for the Curriculum Committee prioritizing this in Fall 2026.

Interdisciplinary Studies (INDS) Workgroup report

Jodi Balma and John Ison shared the INDS Workgroup report.

Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) recommendations

Connie Moreno Yamashiro and Julio Reyes Cabezas shared draft recommendations to support immigration-impacted students. Senators will vote on a motion at the 21-May meeting to guide how the four faculty representatives at PAC will vote on these at the 27-May PAC meeting.

Connie reported that DAC is also working on recommendations on how to better serve our African American and Black students. DAC will continue this work in the fall.

IX. ELECTIONS

Manager of the Year, 2026 **Dani Wilson (LLRISPS)**

District Technology Committee at-large faculty representative, 2026-2028 **Marwin Luminarius (Bus/CIS)**

Study Abroad Committee at-large representative, 2026-2028 **Naveen Kanal (PE), Lorena Marquez (Coun)**

Pathways Steering Committee at-large Instructional faculty representative, 2026- 2028 **Rene Price (Math/CS)**

Three faculty Commencement Marshals **Heather Halverson (Coun), Seung Ji (Nat Sci), Marwin Luminarius (Bus/CIS)**

Two faculty Commencement Readers **Wesley Cox (ES), Cynthia Guardado (Hum)**

Faculty Senate DEIA Ombudsperson Fall 2026 substitute **Danielle Fouquette (Hum)**

Faculty Senate Liaison to Associated Students Fall 2026 substitute **Brandon Floerke (Hum)**

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

Faculty Senate division alternate representative, Business and CIS, 2026-2027 **Marwin Luminarius (Bus/CIS)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee representative, Business and CIS, 2025-2027 **Carlos Antunez (Bus/CIS)**

Faculty Senate division representative, Counseling, 2026-2028 **Lorena Marquez (Coun)**

Curriculum Committee representative, Counseling, 2026-2029 **Cristina Arellano (Coun)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee representative, Counseling, 2025-2027 **Deanna Smedley (Coun)**

Faculty Senate division alternate representative, Counseling, 2026-2027 **Alexandria Rosales (Coun)**

Faculty Senate division representative, Fine Arts, replacement for 2025-2027 term **Mike Scott (Fine Arts)**

Faculty Senate division representative, Humanities, 2026-2028 **Daniel Scarpa (Hum)**

Distance Education Advisory Committee representative, Humanities, 2025-2027 **Janna Anderson (Hum)**

Strategic Enrollment and Retention Committee, Humanities representative, 2025-2027
Toni Nielson (Hum)

Faculty Senate division alternate representative, Technology/Engineering, 2026-2027
Jessica Langlois (Tech/Eng)

The meeting adjourned at 5:04P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary