

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
3-Sept. 2026**

present

At-large	Juan Pablo Gonzalez, Ming-yin Scott
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez, Dale Craig
Coun/SSS	Robert Gamboa, Lorena Marquez, Citlally Santana
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstien, Mike Scott
Humanities	Pamela Dunsmore, Daniel Scarpa, Geoff Smith, Kim Vandervort
Library	Victor Meza
Math/Comp. Sci.	Paul Farnham, Cindy Zarske
Natural Sci.	Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Kim Rosales
Part-time	Naveen Kanal
Physical Ed.	Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	Brendon Kirby
Associated Students	Jenn Gomez
Classified Senate	Amy Shrack
President	Bridget Kominek
President-Elect	David F. Lopez
DEIA Ombudsperson	Danielle Fouquette
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Magaly Agredano, Guided Pathways and FYE Special Projects Coordinator Brandi Avila, Dean, Student Support Services Carlos Ayon, Vice President, Instruction Miranda Bates, Director, Campus Communications

Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning
Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador
Sonia De La Torre, Vice President, Student Services
Ziza Delgado Noguera, Dean, Ethnic Studies and Student Equity
Ron Farol, English faculty
Rachel Gonzalez-Mendiola, Campus Communications
Flor Huerta, Dean, Counseling and Student Development
Haia Kang, APIDA Amplified
Grant Linsell, Dean, Fine Arts
Christian Martinez, The Hornet
Jennifer Merchant, Director, Educational Partnerships & Programs,
Guided Pathways
Toni Nielson, Communication Studies faculty
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Nancy Phan, APIDA Amplified
Ayinde Rochon, Director, Men of Color Center
Jeanette Rodriguez, Dean, Humanities
Mashonda Salsberry, Coordinator, Umoja Community Program
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President
Vinnie Wu, Office of Institutional Effectiveness

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02P 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/U (Ashenmiller/Antunez) to approve the 21-May 2026 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Vandervort shared information about Hornet Pathways and informed senators that Campus Communications would begin a campaign to highlight one pathway each month.

Ron Farol shared ways that faculty could promote the Hornet Pathways campaign by adding an assignment to Canvas and hosting events and information sessions during the month a related pathway to their discipline is being promoted.

Nancy Phan shared information about upcoming APIDA Amplified events.

Vinnie Wu, on behalf of DAC, shared that the committee will continue to get input from Black students, to inform the committee's recommendations regarding this student population.

Juan Pablo Gonzalez shared information regarding applying too and program eligibility for EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs and FYSI.

Paulette Chaffee shared information about an Anonymous Gun Buyback Event taking place 27-Sept.

Ayinde Rochon shared information about the Men of Color Center Kickback event on 9-Sept in Rooms 1901 and 1902.

Grant Linsell invited everyone to attend the Faculty Biennial Exhibition taking place this evening.

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

Dr. Olivo congratulated Perry Webster on being named the 2026 John Altobelli Coach of the Year by the Orange Empire Conference.

She reported that the college's student enrollment is strong and the headcount is up 5% from this time last year at 20,400. Our current fill rate is 93.1%, which is nearly 5% higher than this time last year. This indicates that our class schedule meets the needs of our students. She also thanked those involved in Dual Enrollment and reported that we currently have 500 more students participating in Dual Enrollment than this time last year.

She thanked Bridget Kominek for doing such a great job representing faculty at Fall Convocation and joining her team in visiting the Division Meetings. She thanked her for teaching the Race Conscious Certificate this fall and presenting at the National Society for College & University Planning Conference.

She announced that the Building 300 Grand Opening was an awesome event.

She also thanked everyone who volunteered to serve at information booths during the start of the fall semester. These efforts provided guidance for our students and are an important part of our retention efforts.

She welcomed new tenure track faculty. She also welcomed Carlos Ayon as our new VPI, Brandi Avila as our new Dean of Student Support Services, Ziza Delgado Noguera as our new Dean of Ethnic Studies and Student Equity, and Ayinde Rochon as the new Director of the Men of Color Center and A2AMEND Charter Program Special Project Administrator. She thanked Daniel Berumen for agreeing to serve as the lead for ACT and Dani Wilson for agreeing to serve as the lead for Business and CIS.

Dr. Olivo reported that the district is exploring the possibility of NOCE becoming a credit college and invited faculty to participate in our college session to provide feedback.

At District Consultation Council, a new parking proposal was presented that would allow students to register their license plates rather than purchase parking decals. Readers would be installed in parking lots that would automatically identify which vehicles are registered. She thanked our new Senate President-Elect, David Francisco Lopez, for bringing up the reality that some of our students may share vehicles with family members and therefore may bring different vehicles so we would like for the process to include flexibility. She encouraged faculty to provide feedback through our representative on DCC.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report

Campus

- To more easily collect Senate agenda requests, we are [now using a form](#). Please submit any requests to be on an agenda two weeks in advance whenever possible.
- A food services workgroup is being established by the Vice President of Administrative Services' office in response to Associated Students' concerns about Sodexo shared at Faculty Senate and the Planning and Budget Steering

Committee in Spring 2026. Look out for more information and calls for participants in October.

- Over the summer, the new Associated Students executive team met with myself and Brandon Floerke, Faculty Senate's liaison to AS, to share their priorities for the 2026-2027 academic year. I want to commend the new AS leadership on their proactive attention to issues that concern students, including working with Dr. Olivo and president's staff to address concerns about parking permit payments being hampered for students who owed fees.
- In June, district Faculty and Academic Senate executive committee members, Curriculum Committee chairs and members, and faculty union representatives attended a training on curriculum processes. [The slides](#) and the [Shared Governance & Labor Relations Reference Guide](#) prepared by the organizers are helpful for faculty to understand the ways different faculty groups can work together effectively on curriculum issues. Tomorrow, our local Curriculum Committee representatives and members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will do a deeper dive together. [These slides](#) will be shared with participants.
- Last Friday, deans and department coordinators attended a workshop on effective and efficient scheduling practices co-hosted by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the Vice President of Instruction's Office, and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness. Materials have been shared with deans and department coordinators, the Curriculum Committee chair, and United Faculty and AdFac leadership.
- As a reminder, faculty are encouraged to make changes, if it is possible to do so without compromising licensure requirements or articulation, to dangling lab units to avoid our college losing money with the new state accounting system. While programs can and should continue this work in the normal six-year review process, attending to this issue as soon as possible will ensure we minimize the losses we stand to incur as a college (estimated to be close to \$3 million dollars). Please submit changes to be fast tracked by the Curriculum Committee by the deadline for their September 16 meeting.
- APIDA Amplified's [event schedule has been set for the month of September](#). Please encourage students to participate in these events!
- Gary Graves, faculty in the Business and Computer Information Systems division, has [submitted an application](#) with the state chancellor's office to establish a Bachelor of Science degree titled "Applied Human-AI Collaboration and Leadership." I did not sign to certify the application as Faculty Senate President

because this proposal has not been brought to Faculty Senate or a subcommittee.

District

- Our Extensive Lab Committee Chairperson for United Faculty, George Bonnard, faculty in the Technology and Engineering division, has asked me to [share this message](#) with directions for applying for the extensive laboratory classification application, which is due by October 1, 2026. Please contact George directly with any questions.
- The district's proposed budget is going to the Board of Trustees meeting next Tuesday, September 8. A budget forum is being planned for mid-October; when the date and time is finalized, I will share with Faculty Senate and in a future Monday Memo.
- The district continues to move forward with exploring the process for North Orange Continuing Education to become a credit college; I have invited Dr. Vega La Serna and Dr. Purtell to come present at Senate in October to share more information, and I expect that there will be district-wide forums and opportunities for the district community to learn more and share feedback.
- At the District Consultation Council meeting on August 24, several potential changes to Board Policies and Administrative Procedures was discussed:
 - BP/AP 3518 on mandated reporting—it was suggested that these be revised to include elder/adult dependent abuse and not just child abuse
 - Concerns were raised about the lack of a BP/AP on intellectual property. As faculty develop Open Education Resource (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) materials, it might be wise to develop policies that outline who owns what is created
 - District Human Resources announced the creation of a workgroup to review and likely update the faculty hiring guide—Mylene Daniels will chair the workgroup, and each district Academic/Faculty Senate will elect on person to serve. A call out will go out soon for volunteers to be elected.

State

- The California Community College system is transitioning from CCCApply to CCCStart, a new application that will be used by all community colleges in the system. On September 2, all faculty and staff received an email with more information and demos. Please check them out to see how our application system is changing and, hopefully, improving.
- The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) has a new memorandum, [AI in Teaching and Learning: Building Local Frameworks](#), jointly

issued by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, and the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers. The key recommendation—or action—for each college and district is to develop or strengthen a consultative, locally designed AI teaching and learning framework that provides clear guidance for students and faculty, distinguishes institutional guardrails from faculty-determined course-level expectations, protects equity and student rights, and establishes a process for ongoing review as technologies, workforce expectations, and instructional practices evolve.

- ASCCC is [now accepting proposals to revise the Disciplines List for the 2026–2027 cycle](#). The submission deadline is September 30, 2026. Proposals received after this date may be considered for the 2027–2028 cycle.

Treasurer's Report

Bridget Kominek thanked Dr. Olivo for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

Danielle Fouquette shared the following report:

Save the date: The Accreditation Steering Committee is holding a New Standards Workshop from 10am -12pm on Friday October 30. All committee chairs will be invited, along with deans, managers, and other folks in key roles related to meeting accreditation standards. The deadline for [Public Comment](#) on proposed rule changes to accreditation is Sept. 21, 2026. Some of the [changes](#) include:

- o Increased federal oversight of accreditation agencies
- o Department must “mandate that accreditors require member institutions to use program level data on student outcomes to improve such outcomes, without reference to race, ethnicity, or sex”
- o The Department proposes adding more details to an agency's required accreditation requirements with regard to educational objectives, student success, faculty performance and evaluation, facilities, academic freedom, and intellectual diversity.
- o Require accrediting agencies to conduct a cost/ benefit analysis to review and ensure institutions have sufficient flexibility in instructional staffing policies and policies regarding integrity of scholarly activity eliminate the requirement that an institution or program engage only in a “self-study”
- o Under section 602.17, accreditors must review their criteria for assessing whether an institution is successful in achieving its stated objectives at both the institutional and program levels, including minimum expectation regarding student outcomes such as graduation rates, post completion employment and educational and economic returns using earnings data for former students relative to the total cost of attendance.

Curriculum Chair Report

On behalf of John Ison, Geoff Smith shared the following report:

In Absentia

I welcome all of you to the new school year. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the Senate meeting, as I am spending the day in surgery.

Transition from CurricUNET to Coursedog

We need more time to implement Coursedog. Training sessions will begin in November, and faculty should be able to create proposals in Coursedog in December 2026 or January 2027. We are sorting out CurricUNET data, Banner records, and a new computer management system. Despite working most days through the summer, there is work still to be done.

Temporary Approval Process

On September 2, the curriculum committee voted to use a temporary approval process in order to accommodate the rest of the Fall 2027 proposals and the Fall 2028 proposals. Temporary may mean the Fall 2026 semester, or it may mean the next two months. Your reps will keep you posted.

This Month: Approving Fall 2027 Proposals

The committee is devoting the month of September 2026 to completing the approval of proposals for Fall 2027. There are several projects involving hundreds of proposals that must be completed this month. These include the following:

- Common Course Numbering Phase 2B: updating impacted programs and changing prefixes
- Revising course hours to comply with the new Student Centered Funding Formula (see the next item)
- Revising dozens of programs to accommodate course title changes

SCFF Excessive Hours Project

Several faculty members have agreed to revise their course hours to get rid of the “dangling lab hour” that won’t generate FTES under the Student-Centered Funding Formula. This will be a fast-track process for Fall 2027 this month.

Class Size Workgroup

A workgroup has been formed to begin revisions of the Class Size Planning and Resource Document. It involves the district vice-chancellor, VPIs, Senate Presidents, Union representatives, Curriculum Chairs and 2 curriculum representatives of all three campuses.

TOP to CIP Transition

The new TOP/CIP crosswalk has been updated. If you have a Google account, you can access it at datastudio.google.com. ASCCC and the Chancellor’s Office recommend starting code revisions on programs first. Please note that the code crosswalks for ADTs and Common Course Numbering have already been established. Faculty have the right to choose the TOP/CIP crosswalk that best fits your course or program, based on the new crosswalk.

Feel free to email John at jison@fullcoll.edu if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Associated Students’ Report

Jenn Gomez shared that the first meeting AS meeting of the semester will take place 9-Sept, 4-5:30P. ICC is now under AS, with the hope to continue to grow Student Life. Over the summer, AS Executives attended an ASCCC training and then hosted their own training for AS. The current AS is continuing the work of the previous senate. One way they are doing this is by hosting a STEM event, in collaboration with multiple departments, on 15-Sept. This event is

designed to help address some of the concerns STEM students expressed last year regarding imposture syndrome and finding their place on campus. The first ICC meeting will be on 11-Sept. ICC hopes to collaborate with Professional Learning to address the need for more faculty willing to serve as club advisors.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Faculty Senate overview

Bridget Kominek shared information on the Brown Act, parliamentary procedure, and the FC Senate bylaws and constitution.

Academic Calendar

A draft proposed academic calendar for the 2027/2028 year was presented for feedback.

Bylaws revision

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee proposed two additions to the Bylaws. The first, Article X, asserts that we've adopted the Joint Collaboration Consultation Understanding with the Cypress and NOCE Academic Senates, UF, and AdFac. The second, Article XI, establishes a regular review of the bylaws.

M/S/U (Craig/Antunez) to adopt the proposed articles.

Constitution revision

The Faculty Senate Executive Committee proposed changes to two sections of the Constitution to correct factual inaccuracies and omissions. The changes are to include the Associated Students representative and clarify the term office for that role is one academic year and to include the Ethnic Studies and Student Equity Division.

M/S/U (Craig/Vandervort) to adopt both of the proposed revisions.

VII. ELECTIONS

Strategic Enrollment and Retention Committee (SERC) Faculty Co-chair, 2026-2029
Bridget Kominek (Hum)

Student Equity and Achievement Committee (SEAC) Faculty Co-chair replacement for 2025-2028 term **Rosie Kar (Ethnic Studies)**

President's Advisory Council (PAC) at-large Faculty Senate representative replacement for 2025-2027 term **Juan Pablo "JP" Gonzalez (Coun)**

Health and Safety Committee two at-large faculty representatives, 2026-2028 **Amber Tsung Ju Kuo (Coun), Carl "Klutch" Stanaway (Fine Arts)**

Sustainability Committee two at-large faculty representatives, 2026-2028 **Michelle Ramirez (Soc Sci)**

Professional Learning Committee (PLC) two at-large faculty representatives, 2026-2028
Alejandra Ceja (Soc Sci), Toni Nielson (Hum)

District Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, 2026-2027 **Kavita Rajah-Boyer (Nat Sci)**

Program Review and Planning Committee representative, Ethnic Studies and Student Equity, 2025-2027 **Donald Salcedo (Ethnic Studies)**

Faculty Senate division representatives, Humanities, replacement for 2025-2027 **Kim Vandervort (Hum)**

The meeting adjourned at 4:48P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary