

**Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
1-Oct. 2026**

present

At-large	Juan Pablo Gonzalez, Ming-yin Scott
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez
Coun/SSS	Robert Gamboa, Lorena Marquez, Citlally Santana
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein
Humanities	Pamela Dunsmore, Daniel Scarpa, Geoff Smith, Kim Vandervort
Library	Victor Meza
Math/Comp. Sci.	Paul Farnham, Nicole Rossi
Natural Sci.	Stephanie Nobles, Kim Rosales
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado, Naveen Kanal
Physical Ed.	Greg Aviles, 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
Treasurer	Brandon Floerke
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Magaly Agredano, FYE and Guided Pathways Carlos Ayon, Vice President, Instruction Daniel Berumen, Director of Institutional Research & Planning Mary Bogan, English faculty

Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador
Imelda Diaz, Counseling intern
Ron Farol, Guided Pathways/English faculty
Grant Linsell, Dean, Fine Arts
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Jeanette Rodriguez, Dean, Humanities
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

M/S/U (Fouquette/Smith) to approve the meeting agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Ashenmiller/Cox) to approve the 17-Sept 2026 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Farol reminded senators of the importance of completing the EOPS Academic Progress Reports (APR). Completion of these reports allows for earlier intervention for student resources. Please submit by the 16-Oct deadline.

Victor Meza informed senators that a form would be going out to faculty with the decision tree that guides faculty through questions to help them accurately select the best category that applies to their OER course materials.

Perry Webster invited everyone to attend an event on 2-Nov to celebrate the Men's Basketball team when they unveil their State Championship banner.

Laura Anaya Jurado shared information about Undocumented Student Success Week events, Indigenous Peoples' Day Beading Workshop, Día de los Muertos Volunteer sign-up information and Day of the Dead events.

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

Dr. Olivo reported that the Grand Opening of the Future Hornet Center was a great success. She reminded senators that as part of the Aspen Institute and our partnership with CSU Fullerton, this center was created to support our students as they transition to CSUF.

She also reported that the Trump administration took away HIS and AANAPISI funds and created a Strengthening Institutions Program. Our district submitted a proposal to fund the student advocates program, and our college submitted an AI related proposal. The college was awarded \$5 million for student advocates and \$3 million for the AI related proposal.

She reported that Bank Mobile had been compromised. She reported that refunds are currently paused, and more information should soon be sent via email.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report
Campus

- To collect Senate agenda requests more easily, we are [now using a form](#). Please submit any requests to be on an agenda two weeks in advance whenever possible, though emergency requests are also considered.
- As a reminder: Faculty Senate will be meeting the first, third, and fifth Thursdays in October (10/1, 10/15, and 10/29). We will not meet on the first Thursday in November (11/5) because David and I will be attending the statewide academic senate fall plenary.
- In our ongoing efforts to document and potentially clarify the working relationship between Faculty Senate and the Curriculum Committee, John Ison and I will meet to share input we've received from both bodies on October 14. The goal of that meeting is to draft a document that describes our current practice and consider recommendations for possible improvements based on input from faculty. Historically, there has been an informal, unspoken agreement amongst faculty that some issues voted on at the Curriculum Committee do call for Senate consideration (two recent examples are our local associate degree general education pattern and the creation of the Drone and Autonomous System BS degree). The process by which Curriculum Committee agenda items go to Senate is currently decided on an ad hoc, case-by-case by the Curriculum Committee chair and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. However, the current lack of a shared understanding amongst faculty about what raises to the level of needing Senate consideration causes and exacerbates conflict. I plan to bring a draft of a document from the work John and I do together that, at the very least, documents our current practice to the October 15 Faculty Senate meeting for feedback. I hope the document can also address pressing questions, such as what the process is if the Senate Executive Committee and Curriculum Chair disagree about whether or not an issue should come to Faculty Senate. Our goal is to finalize language that clearly documents when and how curriculum comes to the Faculty Senate from the Curriculum Committee before the end of the Fall 2026 semester. Faculty are encouraged to share suggestions for this document with me and John directly or through their Senate or Curriculum Committee representatives before October 14.
- In my role as Faculty Senate president, I have also reviewed and signed the [Annual Curriculum Approval Certification](#) form with the state chancellor's office, certifying that our local curriculum processes ensure the accuracy of curriculum set to be auto-approved at the state level.
- Please save the date for the fall budget forum, facilitated by district and campus Administrative Services leaders. It is planned for 3-4:30pm on Wednesday, October 21. Look out for an email with the details including how to submit questions ahead of time and participate remotely.
- Fullerton College is participating in the Ballot Bowl and is currently in tenth place statewide, tied with Bakersfield College. Please share [Ballot Bowl voting information](#) with students including how they can earn points for the college by submitting a voting plan. Students who are not eligible to vote can participate by creating relevant social media posts.

- The League of Women Voters is having a candidate forum for the NOCCCD Board of Trustees candidates on Monday, October 19 from 6-7:30pm in 224/226/228 in Cruz Reynoso Hall.
- On behalf of the faculty of Fullerton College, I offer condolences to the family of Alexander Reyes, a former Fullerton College student turned adjunct faculty member in our Political Science program. His family is [accepting donations](#) for Alex's final expenses.

State

- The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall 2026 Plenary is happening November 5th through the 7th in Redwood City. The Academic Senate Foundation for California Community Colleges is [offering scholarships](#) for faculty to attend; the deadline to apply is October 8.
- At the Fall 2026 ASCCC Plenary, I will vote as our college's delegate on resolutions. David will be attending the Area D meeting in October to learn more and we will share updates on resolutions for Senate input later this month, for now, early versions of [draft resolutions](#) are available if you'd like to see.
- The ASCCC is seeking nominations for the 2026-2027 Exemplary Program Award. The theme this year is Human-Centered Innovation and Environmental Sustainability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence. Nominations are due November 6.

Treasurer's Report

Brandon Floerke thanked Carla Falb, Paul Farnham, and Stephen Klippenstein for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

Danielle Fouquette reported that the ACCJC signed on to comments on proposed changes to accreditation regulations submitted by Council on Recognized Accrediting Commissions. Unfortunately, they did not comment on any of the items we were concerned about. They focused mainly on changes that affect how they operate. One comment in particular that is concerning, is that the final rule should clarify that institutions, not accreditors, are expected to conduct cost/benefit analyses per the intent of the provisions described by ED during negotiated rulemaking.

In other words, the ACCJC agreed that asking colleges to conduct cost benefit analysis of the degrees it offers based on employment and salaries is desirable, just not asking the accrediting commission to do so. As a reminder, our resolution and comment included asking the college administration to encourage the ACCJC to advocate publicly for removal of this and other proposed changes.

She reminded senators of the 30-Oct event to review the new accreditation standards. Danielle also reported that the ASC membership now includes a student representative.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

Examining the Relationship between the Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate in the Curriculum Approval Process

At the September 30 curriculum committee meeting, we discussed suggestions made by faculty officers of the Academic Senate of the California Community College system on Friday, September 4.

Key points included review of DCCC's governance and voting structure and reexamining the relationship between Faculty Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

ASCCC suggested that we consider the following options: sending some, all or no CC-approved proposals for Senate approval. If the answer is "some proposals," which ones should be sent to Senate before VPI, President, DCCC and Board of Trustees.

The curriculum committee raised other questions: Is there a problem that this would solve? If so, what is it? What about the Curriculum Committee reviewing its own approval process and find strategies for improvement?

New Legislation: Baccalaureate Degrees for Community Colleges

A compromise has been reached between California State University and the California Community College systems concerning the development of baccalaureate degrees. They may be developed if they conform to a more narrowed definition of vocational/technical education separate from CSU baccalaureate education. CSU reserves the right to object to the degree's creation.

Construction Technology and Education Curriculum

This semester, we're approving a massive revision of construction technology curriculum, which includes dozens of new, revised and deactivated courses and several new and revised degrees and certificates.

We're also approving many education programs, in Child Development and Elementary Teacher Education.

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.

Temporary Approval Process

We're using a temporary approval process outside of CurricUNET, to accommodate the rest of the Fall 2027 proposals and the first proposals effective Fall 2028. Temporary may mean the entire Fall 2026 semester. Thanks to Heather Treminio for designing a helpful process located in MS Teams. This fall, we are processing Fall 2028 curriculum on a limited basis. The curriculum committee will decide if curriculum proposals should start the approval process; requests will be placed on the CC agenda.

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 is a fast-track process for Fall 2027.

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

Over the summer, the state finished the new TOP/CIP crosswalk. If you have a Google account, you can access it at datastudio.google.com. Please note that the code crosswalks for ADTs and Common Course Numbering have already been established. For other programs and

courses, faculty have the right to choose the TOP/CIP crosswalk that best fits your course or program, based on the new crosswalk.

Thank you. Feel free to email me at jison@fullcoll.edu if you'd like more information.

Associated Students' Report

Jenn Gomez reported that AS passed a change to their bylaws regarding department requests for funding. Previously, the bylaws required that requests for funding be made during the first four weeks of the semester. The revised bylaws are still keeping this four-week grace but period but now also allow for requests made after that deadline to be considered under unique circumstances. AS met with Dr. Olivo and her staff to discuss AS's budget and MOU. The AS VP is working with her Committee of Research, Planning, and Resolutions to review the STEM one pager that shines light on the STEM retention rates here at FC.

Their Student Trustee has begun tabling for the state-wide Ballot Bowl in hopes to increase voter registration across campus. Thank you to Jodi Balma, the FC Democrats Club and the Mock Trial Club MOOT Court for their support. They are finding that many students are already registered, so they are hoping to lead in the category "Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan."

ICC is collaborating with the Promise Program as they prepare for the Harvest Haunt. ICC is also working on a fund request form for clubs to help provide financial support for attendance at conferences and events outside of campus. They also would like to collaborate with Staff Development to help connect clubs with faculty who are willing to serve as club advisors.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

**Planning and Budget Steering Committee (PBSC) description revision
M/S/U (Fouquette/Webster) to adopt the revised committee description.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**Campus Technology Committee (CTC) description revision
M/S/U (Floerke/Webster) to adopt the revised committee description.**

**Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) description revision
M/S/U (Kanal/Webster) to adopt the revised committee description.**

**Program Review and Planning Committee (PRPC) description revision
M/S/U (Cox/Webster) to adopt the revised committee description.**

Program Review and Planning Committee recommendation

Mary Bogan and Daniel Berumen shared PRPC's recommendation that instructional programs should not be required to submit an update to the committee for this year unless they are requesting additional resources.

M/S/P (Floerke/Webster) to adopt the recommendation by the PRPC.

Yes: Cox, Falb, Farnham, Floerke, Gamboa, Gomez, Gonzalez, Halverson, Ison, Kirby, Klippenstein, Lopez, Meza, Nobles, Rajah-Boyer, Rosales, Rossi, Santana, Scott, Smith, Tribbe

No: Ashenmiller, Vandervort

Abstain: Anaya Jurado, Antunez, Aviles, Dunsmore, Fouquette, Kanal, Scarpa, Webster
M/S/U (Fouquette/Vandervort) to extend discussion of this item by five minutes.

Enrollment and retention update

Carlos Ayon provided senators with an update on enrollment and retention.

Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF) input request

A request from CBF was presented for informal consideration. Senators provided feedback and recommendations regarding questions from CBF regarding percentage of overall budget going to personnel and strategies to realign the budget if there is a decline in FTES.

IX. ELECTIONS

District tenure-track faculty hiring guide workgroup at-large faculty representative,
2026-2027 **Brandon Floerke (Hum)**

NOCE Center to College Exploration Workgroup at-large faculty representative, 2026-
2027 but potentially through 2028-2029 academic year **Bridget Kominek (Hum)**

Faculty Allocation Committee, Counseling and Student Development representative,
2026-2029 **Ana Tovar (Coun)**

The meeting adjourned at 4:53P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary