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

**present**

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| At-large | Juan Pablo Gonzalez |
| Business/CIS | Carlos Antunez, Dale Craig |
| Coun/SSS | Robert Gamboa, Lorena Marquez, Nicole Winborne |
| Ethnic Studies | Wesley Cox |
| Fine Arts | Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein, Mike Scott |
| Humanities | Pamela Dunsmore, Daniel Scarpa, Geoff Smith, Stefani Okonyan |
| Library | Victor Meza |
| Math/Comp. Sci. | Paul Farnham, Cindy Zarske |
| Natural Sci. | Stephanie Nobles, Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Kim Rosales |
| Part-time | Laura Anaya Jurado, 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-Elect | David F. Lopez |
| Treasurer | Brandon Floerke |
| Secretary | Heather Halverson |
| Guests | Cecilia Arriaza, Director, Transfer Center<br>Carlos Ayon, Vice President, Instruction<br>Miranda Bates, Chief Campus Communications Officer<br>Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador<br>Edschel Chang, FC student<br>Tam Contreras, Director of Dual Enrollment and High School Articulation |

Cynthia Cuevas, Library adjunct faculty
Rachel Gonzalez, Communications Specialist
Jessica Langois, Technology and Engineering faculty
Michelle Patrick-Norng, NOCE Counseling faculty
Valentina Purtell, NOCE President
Michael Moore, Paralegal Studies faculty
Toni Nielson, Communication Studies faculty
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Patrick Payume, FC student
Joel Salcedo, AS Faculty Advisor/UF Vice-President
Fredd Trapp, Cambridge West Partnership, LLC
Jennifer Vega La Serna, Vice Chancellor, Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03P by David F. Lopez.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**M/S/U (Kanal/Webster) to approve the 1-Oct 2026 meeting minutes.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carlos Antunez and FC students Edschel Chang and Patrick Payume shared information about the Esports Club Costume and Controllers event taking place 28-Oct.

Cynthia Cuevas shared reasons why she would like to serve on the Accreditation Steering Committee as an adjunct at-large faculty representative.

Paulette Chaffee shared information about Supervisor Doug Chaffee's Fourth District Kids Fishing Derby on 17-Oct.

Michelle Patrick-Norng asked faculty to support United Faculty's efforts to negotiate dedicated office hours for full-time noncredit instructional faculty.

JP reminded senators that the deadline to submit EOPS Academic Progress Report is 16-Oct. As of now, only 47% of the reports have been completed.

Cecilia Arriaza shared information regarding the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship and upcoming college fair. She reported that fifty students have visited the Future Titan Center during the first two weeks of operation. She informed senators that 30-Nov is the deadline for students to submit their transfer applications to the UC and CSU campuses.

Naveen invited senators to attend the Theater Arts production of Frankenstein and the FC Women's Golf Conference Clash on 21-Oct.

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

Dr. Olivo thanked faculty for their dedication to students as we move through midterms. She encouraged people to attend the esports event and reported attending last year's event with some of her staff dressed as Pac Men and Pac Men characters.

To follow up on her report from our last meeting, she shared that the BankMobile security issue was resolved quickly, and there was no delay in awarding students their financial aid installment.

She encouraged everyone to attend ¡Viva! Fullerton College, our first Presidential Gala in a long time. Around 300 tickets have been sold, and the last day to purchase tickets is 18-Oct. There is a Fullerton Familia discount and proceeds from the event will go to student scholarships. There will be a DJ and live band, Spaghetti Cumbia.

For faculty interested in pursuing a doctorate, Dr. Olivo wanted them to be aware of two opportunities. First, virtual information sessions will take place mid-November for University of La Verne's Ed. D in Organizational Leadership. Second, Dr. Mike Muñoz is helping Long Beach State organize their educational doctorate program. He will be coming to campus for an in-person lunch and information session. Information about both opportunities will be in the Weekly.

Dr. Olivo encouraged faculty to participate in the annual Día de los Muertos community celebration and Harvest Haunt on 28-Oct.

She reported that Vice Chancellor Dr. Kristen Entringer has joined the NOCCCD Human Resources Department effective 12-Oct, as the District Director of EEO & Compliance. Kristen is an accomplished professional with a strong background in Title IX, employment law, investigations, and diversity, equity and inclusion practices. Kristen holds a BFA in Graphic Design, an M.Ed. in Postsecondary Administration and Student Affairs, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership. Kristen (she/her) comes to NOCCCD with over a decade of specialized civil rights and Title IX experience across three Southern California campuses. Most recently at Cal State Fullerton, she conducted complex investigations involving both students and employees, supervised an investigations team and a prevention and education team, and developed innovative campus-wide and population-specific trainings and professional development programs. She reminded senators that Title IX reports made regarding staff or faculty go to Human Resources, and reports made regarding students go to the Dean of Student Support Services.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

**President's Report**

David F. Lopez, on behalf of Bridget Kominek, shared the following 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 fifth Thursday in October (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.
- 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 in 224/226/228 in Cruz Reynoso Hall. Vice President of Administrative Services Henry Hua sent an email to the campus community with

details on October 10, so please look at that for information for how to submit questions and join virtually.

- 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. I encourage staff to attend and engage with the candidates.
- October 19-23 is Undocumented Student Success Week across the state's community college system. Our Grads to Be Program is hosting events all week. Faculty, staff, and students can get more details and RSVP for events here; the flyer is also available to post and share with students.
- On Thursday, October 29 at 11am in 224/226/228 in Cruz Reynoso Hall, the NOCCCD chancellor Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland will be at Fullerton College for the Chancellor Connect event. I encourage faculty to attend if possible.

**District**

- At the 10/12 Council on Budget and Facilities (CBF) meeting, Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Dr. John Parker and Vice Chancellor of Educational Services and Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Jennifer Vega La Serna gave an update on district-wide enrollment trends that included an update on the implementation of the district strategic enrollment plan. When the slides are available, I will share them in a future report. In general, the district is maintaining the growth we experienced in the last couple of years, and we are prioritizing retention of current students and increasing enrollment of adult learners.
- Dr. Parker gave an update on the Fall 2027 compliance Faculty Obligation Number (FON); the district anticipates that the FON might be lower than the projection at the September CBF meeting. Currently the predicted FON is 533 full-time faculty equivalent (for contrast, our FON compliance number in Fall 2026 was 525.2). The final compliance FON will be available at the beginning of February. This number is just one factor that the district leadership takes into account when making decisions about hiring. Our local hiring processes are going to continue as they usually have and on the same timeline, but I am grateful for the increased transparency on the compliance FON projections.
- At CBF, we also got more clarity in response to questions we discussed at the last Faculty Senate meeting. We learned that NOCCCD is one of four districts statewide who are above 88% of our budget going to personnel. Dr. Parker says the FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team) considers 85-87% as being "of concern," especially if we see decreasing enrollment. While our district's fiscal health overall is good and we have an AA++ bond rating, this continues to be an area of focus for the district. The focus seems to be shifting to

retention and increasing FAFSA completion rates to increase the denominator in the ratio that tells us what percentage of our budget goes to personnel. David and I also shared feedback from Faculty Senate in response to the questions CBF proposed.

- At the October 15 Board of Trustees meeting, Trustee Stephen Blount thanked our Associated Students and Faculty Senate for our efforts to increase Low Textbook Cost and Zero Textbook Cost materials adoption. I appreciate Associated Students inviting me.

**State**

- At the Fall 2026 ASCCC Plenary, I will vote as our college's delegate on resolutions. David attended the Area D meeting on 10/9 and early versions of draft resolutions are available if you'd like to see them. More complete details will be shared at the 10/29 Faculty Senate meeting and I will seek guidance for how to vote on these as your delegate.
- 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 Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Kim Roslaes, and Cindy Zarske for providing snacks for today's meeting.

**Accreditation Steering Committee Report**

Josh Ashenmiller reported that the ASC has identified a potential concern about mapping course SLOs to program SLOs and is working with the SLOA Committee chair to make progress towards completing this work. Another concern involves the ACCJC audit of Distance Education courses to check for Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI). A number of colleges have received recommendations for compliance for this issue, so the committee requested that DEAC develop a process for the college to do a preliminary review of courses to see where we stand. The ASC has identified a gap in our processes related to the addition of a bachelor's degree. The standards require the college have a way to differentiate between lower and upper division course work and has processes for curriculum design and approval that includes baccalaureate level programs. The committee is reviewing this requirement and looking into what other colleges that offer baccalaureate degrees do to meet this standard. The ASC is holding the Monster Mashup of ACCJC's old and new standards on 30-Oct. If you got an invitation, please RSVP. If you did not get an invite, you are welcome to attend.

**Curriculum Chair Report**

John Ison shared the following report:

**Transition from CurricUNET to Coursedog**

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. This month, we start processing Fall 2028 curriculum on a limited basis. Testing and confirming processes through Coursedog will occupy a lot of the remaining meetings this semester.

**SCFF Excessive Hours Project**

Several faculty members have agreed to revise course hours that won't generate FTES under the Student-Centered Funding Formula. We approved nearly 60 courses over the last two weeks in order to meet the Fall 2027 deadline. We will continue to approve these revisions, but no longer on a fast-track basis.

**Recent Curriculum Reviews:**

- Business/CIS, Construction Technology, Education, PE courses and programs, Counseling AA

**DCCC Update:**

- Fullerton and Cypress will review a number of APs, including those related to program discontinuance, and the curriculum approval process.

**Ongoing Discussions:**

- Relationship and involvement between Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate
- Curriculum Committee Membership: Discussion about the question, "Should the student curriculum committee rep vote?"

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

**Associated Students' Report**

Jenn Gomez shared that Fullerton College is currently leading in the community college category of the Ballot Bowl. Jodi Balma has been supporting these efforts, alongside our Student Trustee, student senators, and campus clubs.

The Dance Department was the first department to submit a funding request to AS. AS will be supporting registration costs for Fullerton College students to attend the American College Dance Association conference, an organization dedicated to supporting and advancing dance education at the collegiate level.

The student representative on the Curriculum Committee continues to advocate for an Associate Students effort to secure voting rights for this position. Several AS officers attended a recent meeting to provide public comments to emphasize the importance of student representation in shared governance. This is the only committee where the student representative does not have a vote. This right to vote is based on Title 5 and Education Code.

The Research, Proposals, and Resolutions Committee recently met with math faculty Nicole Rossi to discuss STEM student success and retention rates.

The AS President will be meeting with Dr. Olivo to finalize and sign the MOU regarding Associated Students budget. AS appreciates the President's Committee for its transparency and willingness to provide clarity throughout the process.

The Inter-Club Council is preparing for the Harvest Haunt. ICC is still seeking faculty willing to serve as a club advisor.

AS will be hosting a Speed Friending event on 22-Oct. This event is meant to encourage students to connect with one another, build new friendships, and strengthen our campus community.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

**Dual Enrollment Committee discontinuance**

Tam Contreras shared the Dual Enrollment Committee's recommendation to discontinue the committee and have the college establish a Dual Enrollment Faculty Coordinator role. These recommendations will be presented at the 29-Oct for a vote.

**North Orange Continuing Education (NOCE) Center-to-College exploration**

Michelle Patrick-Norng, Valentia Purell, Jennifer Vega La Serna, and Fredd Trapp shared a presentation regarding the NOCE center-to-college exploration efforts.

**M/S/U (Floerke/Halverson) to extend discussion of this item for five more minutes.**

**Faculty Allocation Committee (FAC) rankings**

Brandon Floerke shared the FAC rankings as a first read. These rankings will be presented at the 29-Oct meeting for a vote.

**Faculty Technology Coordinator update**

Toni Nielson provided updates on the work done in this new position. The Campus Technology Committee discussed how to provide support for Microsoft's move to passkeys and recommendations for AI guidance regarding 3rd party connectors and integrations with Outlook. The committee voted to ask Faculty Senate to form an Instructional AI Workgroup.

Toni reported that the district is working on data security and guardrails for AI. It was also determined that we are officially a Microsoft Copilot campus.

Toni is working with the Professional Learning Office to offer Flex sessions in spring. She is also working on a website for technology in teaching and learning. She is working with AS to develop a climate survey for students regarding AI use on campus.

It was the "Sense of the Senate" to create a faculty AI climate survey.

**Documenting local curriculum processes draft**

This draft was presented for informal consideration and senators provided feedback. A revised draft will be presented at the 29-Oct Senate meeting as a first read and is tentatively planned to be presented at the 19-Nov meeting for a vote.

VIII. ELECTIONS

District Technology Committee (DTC) at-large faculty representative, 2026-2028 **Danielle Fouquette (Hum)**

Accreditation Steering Committee at-large adjunct faculty representative, 2026-2029 **Cynthia Cuevas (LLRISPS)**

Strategic Enrollment and Retention Committee, Library and Learning Resources, Instructional Support Programs and Services representative, 2025-2027 **Tim Ream (LLRISPS)**

The meeting adjourned at 5:06P.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Halverson, secretary