Fullerton College Faculty Senate
approved minutes
29-Oct. 2026

present

At-large	Juan Pablo Gonzalez
Business/CIS	Carlos Antunez
Coun/SSS	Robert Gamboa, Citlally Santana, Nicole Winborne
Ethnic Studies	Wesley Cox
Fine Arts	Carla Falb, Stephen Klippenstein, Mike Scott
Humanities	Pamela Dunsmore, Daniel Scarpa, Geoff Smith, Kim Vandervort
Library	Victor Meza
Math/Comp. Sci.	Paul Farnham, Cindy Zarske
Natural Sci.	Stephanie Nobles, Kavita Rajah-Boyer, Kim Rosales
Part-time	Laura Anaya Jurado
Physical Ed.	Greg Aviles, Perry Webster
Social Sci.	Josh Ashenmiller, Matt Tribbe
Tech./Engineering	Brendon Kirby
Curriculum Chair	John Ison
Associated Students	Jenn Gomez
Classified Senate	Amy Shrack
President	Bridget Kominek
President-Elect	David F. Lopez
Treasurer	Brandon Floerke
DEIA Ombudsperson	Danielle Fouquette
Secretary	Heather Halverson
Guests	Paulette Chaffee, Orange County District 4 Ambassador Naveen Kanal, FC Women's Golf coach

Mike Mangan, English faculty
Cynthia Olivo, FC President
Adam Rivada, FC Student/AS
Stephanie Rodriguez-Yokana, Interim Director, Student Life and Leadership

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03P by Bridget Kominek.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

The Campus Collaboration Committee discontinuance agenda item was amended to a first read.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

M/S/U (Floerke/Smith) to approve the 15-Oct 2026 meeting minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Mangan shared that the Study Abroad Scholarship Fundraiser will take place on 3-Dec, 5:30-8:30P in Cruz Reynoso Hall, Rooms 224-228.

Kim Vandervort shared that the FYE Career and Campus Expo will take place on 5-Nov, 11A-1P.

Paulette Chaffee shared the 2026 Resource Guide for District Four Families & Children.

Stephanie Rodriguez-Yokana shared that the Office of Student Life and Leadership is seeking feedback regarding moving Commencement from a Saturday morning to a Friday evening.

Nicole Winborne shared that Fullerton College will host the HBCU Caravan on 17-Nov, 10A-1P in the Quad.

Adam Rivada, the current student representative on the Curriculum Committee, spoke in support of the student representative being a voting member on this committee. Since the committee had recently voted against this, he asked for faculty support since curriculum impacts students.

Naveen Kanal invited everyone to the Women's Golf Regional Championship.

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

Dr. Olivo shared the following report:

Remembering the Life of Jeffery Feaster

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our recently retired colleague and friend, Jeffery Feaster. He was a committed faculty member for the biology and horticulture departments for more than 25 years. His influence was felt by thousands of students, interns and community members and his colleagues. He was often found in our Horticulture space teaching students, supervising interns, tending to plants, repairing greenhouses and running plant sales. His passing leaves a huge void, and he will be dearly missed. He passed the day before Horticulture Club had set up an event with him. They met to

honor his life and console one another. We extend our love and support to his wife and family and to everyone who knew and loved him. Once a Hornet, Always a Hornet.

¡Viva! Fullerton College President's Gala Celebrates Hornet Life, History and Legacy

Our inaugural ¡Viva! Fullerton College President's Gala was a success! Having sold over 300 tickets, ¡Viva! will continue to be an annual fundraising celebration honoring our campus legacy, community and students while raising vital support for scholarships, resources and the Friends of Fullerton College Foundation's endowment. This event would not have been possible without our Friends of Fullerton College Foundation and our Gala Planning Committee. We took in $132,420 in sponsorships, auction and ticket sales.

Simpson & Simpson Delivers CMAA Award

This week, Simpson & Simpson Management Consulting, Inc. visited also our campus to deliver the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Southern California Project Achievement Award to our Capital Projects team for Building 300's Modernization and Seismic Retrofit. An exciting achievement, our President's Staff was invited to connect with the Simpson & Simpson team and receive the award alongside the project's leads, Henry Hua and Joel Gonzalez.

Join Us: HBCU Caravan – Nov. 17

Our college is proud to host the fall 2026 Historic Black Colleges and Universities Caravan from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Quad. Join us as we invite the energy, culture and legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities to our campus. Attendees will have the chance to meet with representatives from distinguished HBCUs across the country, including Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Bowie State University and many more. Those who are interested in attending may RSVP on our website.

OC Register

FC was recognized as one of 3 top community colleges in Orange County by the Orange County Register Best of the OC awards which is selected by readers. Congrats to the team!

Undocumented Student Success Week

Thank you to the team in the Grads2Be Program for planning and hosting a successful Undocumented Student Success Week which started with a Healing Circle, zoom watch parties for the state Chancellor's Office events, and today with our I Stand with Immigrant Event. The stories I heard from students were very moving and I am reminded of how fortunate we are to work in an industry that opens the doors of educational opportunities for everyone. Community Agreements

Guest Speakers on Campus

Please remember to communicate with deans when inviting guest speakers on campus, who may be officers from a federal agency, or coming to campus in unmarked cars. Considering ICE activity in surrounding areas, we want to make sure the campus community is informed about this, to avoid fear and any confusion.

Day of the Dead

In honor of one of my mentors Dolores Huerta who was here for my Presidential Investiture, we created an altar in my office, come on by and take a look and I hope to see you tonight at our 34th annual Dia de los Muertos events.

VI. STANDING REPORTS

President's Report

Campus

- Thank you to David Francisco Lopez for leading the 10/15 Faculty Senate meeting in my absence.
- 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 not meet on the first Thursday in November (11/5) because David and I will be attending the statewide academic senate fall plenary. That leaves us with just two more Faculty Senate meetings this semester on 11/19 and 12/3.
- The Professional Learning Office has gathered together a list of resources and trainings with information on important issues relevant to faculty including ZTC/OER efforts (with discipline-specific resources), Universal Design for Learning (UDL), and digital accessibility; an email was sent by the staffdev@fullcoll.edu email address on 10/27. If that slid under the radar for you, I encourage you to review it and make sure your constituents check it out; it's a really rich resource and I appreciate our Interim Professional Learning Coordinator Haley Mizushima and the Professional Learning Office for gathering this information.
- Our Distance Education Office has created resources for faculty to move toward compliance with new digital accessibility requirements. Please review and share widely both the FC Accessibility Guide and the Title II Tune-Up Canvas shell (or this English specific Title II Tune-Up Canvas shell for English teachers)
- Dr. Olivo has also established a taskforce to manage the work happening to align with the digital accessibility requirements. The taskforce leads will be Carlos Ayon leading Instruction & Campus Operations, Henry Hua leading Compliance & Risk Mitigation, Miranda Bates leading Web & Social Media, and Daniel Berumen leading Academic Computing Technology. The plan is for the taskforce to engage with faculty department coordinators in a "First Friday" meeting in Spring 2027 as well the campus at large with a "Web Week" hosted by the Office of Campus Communications; in that time, the office will offer training and support for departments and offices across campus in digital accessibility. Please keep an eye out for details when they're available and share with faculty, especially department coordinators.
- The campus budget forum happened on 10/21; here are the slides that were used for the presentation. Some important highlights include a decrease to the district's reserve of carryover funds (which is separate from the board policy reserve that is only available for extreme emergencies). This decease was described as a "strategic investment" to increase enrollment and a "normalization" from the previous years when the district carried over millions of dollars on a regular basis. Specifically, the district's carryover ending balance has decreased significantly—from $26.7 million in 2023-2024 to $8.6 million in 2025-2026. Personally, I see this as an important change in the fiscal management with the district taking a more balanced approach to spending the

money we are given by the state to provide classes and services to students while also maintaining sufficient reserves to be prepared to emergencies.

- At the budget forum, the presenters discussed the district's goal of reducing the percentage of our budget going to personnel to get closer to the 88% goal. Attendees also learned that the percentage of Fullerton College's budget going to personnel is 89%, lower than the district rate of 91%. The message was reiterated that to get into the 88% we don't necessarily need to cut positions. Increasing the overall amount revenue we earn from the state by maximizing our funding under the Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) is a goal. Improving our internal processes to ensure we award all possible degrees and certificates, increasing the number of students who complete the FAFSA and identifying all of the students who qualify for state and federal financial aid, improving the retention and success rates of students who complete college English and math in their first year, and growing dual enrollment and Rising Scholars participation are all methods to maximize the SCFF and serve our students in the process.
- Finally, because our district has chosen to compensate coaches who are not full-time faculty by employing them as Special Project Administrators (SPA), our women's golf coach Naveen Kanal can no longer serve as a representative of adjunct faculty on Faculty Senate. I have shared my concern with Dr. Breland that the district's use of SPA contracts has unintended negative consequences for faculty leadership. We will shortly hold an election for someone to complete Naveen's term; please encourage adjunct faculty in your area to consider volunteering.

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 draft resolutions are now available. Please review the list and share feedback with me to ensure my vote represents our faculty. Several resolutions are being considered that are connected to Common Course Numbering (CCN), mathematics and articulation, AI policies, and accelerated baccalaureate degrees, as well as a variety of other topics.
- 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 Robert Gamboa, Victor Meza and Matt Tribbe for providing snacks for today's meeting.

Accreditation Steering Committee Report

Danielle Fouquette reminded senators that the Monster Mashup of ACCJC's old and new standards takes place 30-Oct.

Curriculum Chair Report

John Ison shared the following report:

Transition from CurricUNET to Coursedog

We are making progress. It's important to consider that we're integrating data from several sources: CurricUNET, Banner and Insights, and there's a lot of double-checking and troubleshooting involved. I've started testing the approval process, and it seems to work. The plan is to train the committee on Coursedog, and there will be many trainings for faculty throughout the spring semester.

This month, we start processing Fall 2028 curriculum on a limited basis. The committee voted to maintain restricted access to the approval process. The committee will vote to grant permission to enter curriculum into the workflow.

We're using a temporary approval process outside of CurricUNET until Coursedog is implemented.

DCCC Update:

Fullerton and Cypress will review a number of APs, including those related to program discontinuance, and the curriculum approval process. Fullerton will devote much of the November 4 meeting to the APs.

Senate Bylaw Revision: Documenting Which Topics Go to Senate as well as Curriculum Committee:

Last Thursday, I met with Senate Exec, and provided feedback from the curriculum committee and helped with the Senate Bylaws revision that specifies situations in which curriculum matters also involve the Senate body.

Membership

- The committee voted not to give the student representative a vote. We appreciate the quality of the discussions we've had with students, and acknowledge the excellence of our current rep.
- The Fine Arts rep will be on sabbatical in Spring 2027, and the division is giving the candidate's name to Faculty Senate. I am happy to see interest in the position.
- On the November 4 agenda will be a motion to impose term limits on curriculum committee members.
- On Wednesdays when the committee does not meet, I hold trainings for new and returning reps on Zoom. I'm grateful to be working with such a high caliber committee.

The California Community College system, and Fullerton College in particular, has experienced swift and sweeping changes recently. The workload is overwhelming, but we continue in the spirit of service.

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

Associated Students' Report

Jenn Gomez reported that a ZTC resolution was presented to AS and sent back for revisions. This resolution emphasizes their continued efforts to expand access to zero-textbook-cost courses and materials.

The results from the student survey regarding students' attitudes towards AI are in, and AS will review the findings to create a one-pager. The Research, Planning, Resolution Committee will be collaborating with Toni Nielson to do so.

FC is currently leading the California Community Colleges in Ballot Bowl participation.

AS senators recently attended the California Community College Student Affairs Association conference. Here they gained valuable insight into student leadership at the local and institutional level. After attending such an inspirational conference, it was disappointing that the Curriculum Committee voted against the motion to make their student representative a voting member. AS felt that the committee is not honoring the overlap between the faculty 10+1 rights and students 9+1 rights. AS hopes this can be revisited again soon.

Jenn reported that Harvest Haunt was a success with the highest recorded number of attendees since 2019. AS will continue to offer events to increase student engagement and create a fun and welcoming campus environment.

ICC has recently implemented a process for clubs to request funds from the ICC budget. They will also host a clothing drive and thrift store. Donations will be accepted from 2-Nov through 13-Nov, with drop boxes located in various locations on campus. ICC is still seeking faculty interested in serving as club advisors.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Dual Enrollment Committee discontinuance

M/S/P (Ashenmiller/Fouquette) to discontinue the Dual Enrollment Committee.

Abstain: Cox

M/S/P (Vandervort/Fouquette) to direct the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to work with the Distance Education Office to develop a proposed description for a faculty coordinator role and bring it back for Senate consideration in spring 2027.

No: Ashenmiller

Faculty Allocation Committee (FAC) rankings

M/S/P (Zarske/Antunez) to adopt FAC's recommendations.

Abstain: Winborne

Documenting local curriculum processes bylaws draft

Senators provided feedback on the draft. This item will be voted on at the 19-Nov Senate meeting.

Discussion of this item was extended for eight minutes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Low Textbook Cost (LTC) designation

A recommendation to lower the maximum cost of books with the Low Textbook Cost (LTC) designation from $50 to $30 to align with the California Community College system is presented as a first read. This item will be voted on at the 19-Nov Senate meeting.

Campus Collaboration Committee discontinuance

Bridget Kominek presented as a first read a recommendation that the Campus Collaboration Committee be discontinued. This item will be voted on at the 19-Nov Senate meeting.

IX. ELECTIONS

Curriculum Committee one-semester sabbatical substitute, Fine Arts, Spring 2027
Stephen Klippenstein (Fine Arts)

The meeting adjourned at 4:49P.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Halverson, secretary