



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Mishra Conference Room

Approved: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Present: Henry Estrada, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, David Hendricks, Juan Gil, Laura Garcia, Liza Kramer (proxy for Sravani Banerjee), Melissa Hornstein, Michael Masuda, Nancy Lin, Eric Narveson, Charlie Kahn-Lomax, Grace Estrada, Binh Vo, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Maria Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo

Absent: Tejal Naik

Guest(s): Matais Pouncil, Balamurali (Bala) Kappagantula, Prashant Shinde, Sam Morgan

I. Call to Order – 3:02 pm

II. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda adopted unanimously with amendments; Eric (1st); Grace (2nd)

Amendments: Eric moves to delay Action Items A and B until all Senators are present.

III. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2025 – Eric (1st); Grace (2nd); unanimously approved

IV. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per person/ 5 minutes per item)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for items not on the agenda. Law does not permit action or extended discussion of items not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Senate action is required, it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Dave informs the Senators that there is approximately \$8,000 available for the Spring 2025 Plenary and encourages them to attend, either in person or online.
- Binh expresses interest in attending virtually and receives approval.

V. Committee Chair Reports (3 minutes per report as needed)

1) **All College Curriculum:** Grace Estrada

- The ACCC had its first meeting on February 13. All items on the agenda passed and will now go to VP Pouncil and be sent to the State Chancellor's office for approval.
Reminder: guests can [Zoom in to ACCC](#) to present curriculum.
- The Committee discussed recommendations for changes to New and Modify course proposals:
 - Suggested elements in course proposals from Curriculum North and other discussions:
 - Minimum qualifications for course instruction (distinct from FSA) - ASCCC advises against it
 - Recommended class size and negotiated class size – will confer with the AFT
 - Checkbox for when changes are made to address DEIAA needs (not necessary)
- The next ACCC meeting on February 27 will start at 2PM for Maverick training with a

CurriQunet liaison. Anyone interested in joining us can Zoom in or attend in person.

- Grace, Henry, and Eric will be attending the in-person Regional Curriculum meeting on March 15 in Merced College;

2) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar

- 1316 SLOs in compliance
- First SLOAC meeting will be on 2/28 in Mishra
- Curriqunet Maverick should be live "Soon." There are two bugs that need to be fixed, and then we should go live.
- SLOAC office hours will be on Fridays, from 1:30-2:30pm

3) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin

- Since Monday, February 17 is a holiday, the committee did not meet.

4) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo

- The current PD budget is \$4,216. Four conference requests have been submitted and will be reviewed at Thursday's meeting. Any requests submitted after that may not be approved.
- Binh encourages faculty to consider hosting sessions for the fully online March 14 PDD. Historically, there were three sessions, each 90 minutes long. The committee is now discussing four 60-minute sessions; however, some programs have requested a 90-minute session. The committee will discuss further and find a solution at its next meeting.
- The committee would like the President and his cabinet to provide updates at the March PDD.
- The committee will begin planning the August PDDs soon, and Binh is concerned about funding for food.
- The committee will update the handbook.
- Alternate plans for the March 14 PDD should be submitted by March 7.

5) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia

- COMM C1000 (formerly COMS 020) was approved for Cal-GETC area 1C (Oral Communications).
- **Degree Revisions Pending ACCC Approval**
 - AA-T Social Justice Studies – Chicano Studies
 - AA-T Social Justice Studies – African American Studies
 - AA-T Social Justice Studies – Asian American Studies
 - AA-T Social Justice Studies – Ethnic Studies
 - AA-T Social Justice Studies – Gender Studies
- **ADT's – pending the CCCCO creating the template (TMC)**
 - AS-T Chemistry

6) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada

- No updates – templates have not been released yet.

7) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik

- Last Tuesday was DEC 's first in-person meeting and we had a total of 3 members (including the chair) attend in person - the rest attended on Zoom. Two of the members – both part-time faculty – stepped down since they would not be able to meet the on-campus attendance requirement. We have the following seats that need to be filled: BWF, LETC (Library), Associate Faculty, At-large, and

Classified.

- The DEC has adjusted its meeting time to better accommodate members' schedules. This was business from last semester. With classes ending at 3:05 pm for many of the members, we would be unable to meet quorum until 3:15. Meetings will now be held from 3:15 PM to 4:45 PM instead of 3 PM.
 - The DEC approved the schedule of IOTL workshops series for Spring 2025 and I emailed it to all faculty last Friday. It can also be found on the homepage of the faculty resource IOTL Canvas course. We will have weekly one-hour Zoom workshops either Thursday evening or Friday afternoon. These workshops count towards DE refresher training and faculty need to attend at least 4 to meet the requirement.
- 8) **Campus Technology:** Steven Mentor – no report
- 9) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson
- The committee met last week to prepare its meeting schedule.
 - The discretionary fund will be \$285,000 this year – last year was \$308,000.
 - The committee will meet again next week to review the AURRs and the method to evaluate them.
- 10) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada – no report
- 11) **Student Equity:** Victor Garza – no report
- 12) **District Academic Senate:** David Hendricks
- The District Academic Senate met on February 25.
 - We discussed the work of the District Waitlist Taskforce. The District believes that placing a waitlist cap would help solve waitlist issues, but we are skeptical of this approach because the fundamental problem is fraudulent students. The District needs to address the issue of fraud first.
 - The SJCC Senate is discussing the proposal to change the title from 'Instructor' to 'Professor.'
 - Dave encouraged Senators to attend the Spring 2025 Plenary.
 - The DAS is gathering input from both Senates on hiring and qualification issues. We need to clarify policies on FSAs, Associate Faculty hiring, and equivalency processes under both normal and emergency circumstances. A key consideration is improving coordination between area experts at both campuses to create District-level hiring pools, which could help pre-vet candidates and reduce the need for emergency hires
- 13) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson
- Vice Chancellor Chandrasekar informed the District Budget Committee that the next property tax data point will be 4.7%, an increase from 4.0% last fall.
- 14) **District Council:** Henry Estrada
- The District Council did not meet.
- 15) **College Council:** Kelly Nguyen-Jardin
- College Council met on Monday, the 10th
 - Tejal presented the Zero Textbook Cost 2025 Fund Allocation
 - College Council meeting schedule was discussed:
 - Starting February 24, College Council will meet once a month on the fourth Monday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with the second Monday of the month reserved for backup meetings.

- Meetings will include constituent reports as part of the agenda, with a maximum of three minutes per report.
 - Associate Student Government
 - Classified Senate
 - Academic Senate
 - VP Academic Affairs
 - VP Administrative Services
 - VP Student Affairs
 - President
- In his report, President Lopez mentioned that he accepted the Classified Senate’s Prioritization list, but he would not hire any positions on the list (24 positions). He also stated that he had granted the request for a one-year temporary English position for the Enlace program, as this position had been vacant for 2 years and the number of students in the program has dropped drastically since the full-time faculty member left.

VI. Academic Senate President’s Report

- The report from the VP of Academic Affairs indicates that our headcount has increased from 8,650 to 8,745, a 1.1% rise. The number of sections has grown from 783 to 798, a 2% increase. FTES was 15.5 in 2020 and is currently 13.
- Henry encourages faculty members to read and provide suggestions on the SEM. Faculty who wish to submit comments anonymously can send them to Henry by Wednesday, February 19.
- Regarding fraudulent enrollment, Henry suggests that the district invest in effective technology to prevent it.
- Henry and Grace will attend a conference on AI in San Diego this weekend, and Henry will share the information he learns with the Senate at the next meeting.
- AI Taskforce will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 2pm – 3pm, in Mishra.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President’s Report

- The Program Assistant, Donna White, will start next Monday, the 24th. We’ll ask her to email the Senate her hours and contact info after we meet with her on the 24th. Her first Senate meeting with us is on Mar 4th.
- We’ve received more than 3 faculty members who would like to serve on the EOP & S Counselor position. The deadline is this Thursday, February 20 @ 5 PM, and we’ll vote on it on Mar 4th.

VIII. Consent Items

- A) Professional Development Committee – John Stratton (Nursing & Allied Health)
- B) Spring 2025 Tenured Faculty Evaluations from the Business & Workforce Division
 - a. Melody Barta – Evaluator: Bob Brown
 - b. Bob Brown – Evaluator: Melody Barta
 - c. RJ Ruppenthal – Evaluator: Mike Risso
 - d. Mike Risso – Evaluator: RJ Ruppenthal

IX. Action Items

- A) Screening Committee – Program Coordinator, Umoja-AFFIRM – Vote for 1 – Faculty: Caritha Anderson, Preeti Srinivasan, Harvey Gipson – Senators voted for Harvey Gipson.

- B) Screening Committee – English Faculty – Vote for 3 – Faculty: Sravani Banerjee, Bobby Seals, Sterling Harwood, Sylvia Min, Patricia Tirado, Todd Marvin, Raquel Rojas, Maria Esperanza Outeiriño-Feijoo – Senators voted for: Sravani Banerjee, Raquel Rojas, Maria Esperanza Outeiriño-Feijoo.
- C) Sub-Professional Development Committee Members – Alternate Plans – Henry Estrada, David Hendricks, Eric Narveson, Rahmon Pashtunyar, and Matais Pouncil.

X. Discussion Items

XI. Information Items

- A) Waitlist and Unit Caps – Balamurali (Bala) Kappagantula, Director of Enterprise Application Services, ITSS
 - What are peer institutions implementing?
 - Los Rios CCD: 20
 - CCSF: 10
 - Orange Coast CCD: 30
 - San Bernardino CCD: 20
 - Santa Monica College: 25%
 - Proposed Waitlist CAP at SJCC & EVC
 - Section waitlist cap of 25
 - Waitlist limit: Maximum of 18 units (Fall and Spring) and 10 units (Summer)
 - Implementation timeline: Summer 2025 and forward

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Charlie announced Black History Month events
- Binh announced Tet Festival on Thursday 2/20
- Next meeting: March 4, 2025.

XIII. Adjournment – 4:55 pm – Dave (1st); Eric (2nd)