



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023
1:00PM – 3:00PM

MEETING LOCATION: LRC 250 COMMUNITY ROOM

Guests may attend on Zoom: <https://cccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87044261696> Meeting ID: 870 4426 1696
Meeting documents are also available in the [AS SharePoint](#) (log-in required)

Mission: The Golden West College Academic Senate’s mission is to serve its faculty, promote the best interests of higher education, and to represent the faculty in campus, district, and state level senate charges by carrying out the primary functions as delineated in the CA Code of Regulations, Title 5, section 53200, which includes both academic and professional matters, and consulting collegially with the local campus and district governing boards. For additional information on the Academic Senate and its mission, please visit the [Academic Senate for California Community Colleges](#).

Vision: The GWC Academic Senate represents all faculty in the shared governance process. We are deeply committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for faculty to express their diverse viewpoints and concerns while maintaining focus on curricular and professional activities. Our campus culture serves to express the collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, innovation, self-expression, and talent that our faculty invest in their work. The GWC Academic Senate will continue to focus on promoting excellence, access, opportunity, and inclusion on our campus and in our programs.

Please note: All GWC Academic Senate meetings are subject to audio and/or video recording at the discretion of the Academic Senate for purposes of maintaining a record of the proceedings. Agendas and minutes will be archived online through the [Academic Senate’s SharePoint](#). (Employee log-in may be required to access links).

ACADEMIC SENATE ROLL CALL (Bold=Executive Board)

Amanda Best - Arts	Gary Kirby - CCI Co-Chair
Pete Bouzar - Vice President; Mathematics & Engineering	Theresa Lavarini - English
Margot Bowlby - Social Sciences	Noah Levin – Vice President; Liberal Arts & Culture
Dawn Brooks - Performing Arts	Teresa Nguyen – Noncredit & ESL
Annamaria Crescimanno - Biological Sciences	Diep Pham – Nursing/Health Professions
Laura Duvall - Psychology	Victor Quiros - Criminal Justice
Matthew Flesher - Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics	Jason Sheley - DEAC Coordinator (<i>non-voting</i>)
Sara Ghadami – Computer Science	Matthew Shimazu - Physical Sciences
Kate Green - IPD Chair	Justin Smith – History & Education
Jon Holland - Cosmetology	Julie Terrazas - Library
Damien Jordan – President; Counseling & EOPS	Tammie Tran - World Languages & Sign Language
Monica Jovanovich - CCI Co-Chair	Aleksandra Uchlik - Business, Account, Marketing, Management
John Kasabian - Auto Tech, Digital Arts, Drafting	Natalie Vu – ASGWC (<i>non-voting</i>)
Heather Kelley - Communication Studies	VACANT - Part-time Faculty At-large

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to order – AS President Damien Jordan
President Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.
- B. Welcome Guests
 1. Lauren Davis Sosenko, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Dual Enrollment (1:10 p.m.)
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
 1. Agenda – December 12, 2023. MOTION by Senator Crescimanno to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Senator Tran. Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.
 2. Minutes – <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:e0e9e761-0d93-3360-ba11-b27c25e55796> November 28, 2023 and December 5, 2023. MOTION by Senator Crescimanno

to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Senator Duvall. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation

1. Awards and Appreciation

- President Jordan announced that Paul Tayyar, Professor of English, and Denise Bon, Counselor-DSPS (part-time faculty) were the recipients of the November Faculty Excellence Award recognized by the ASGWC.
- President Jordan congratulated Senator Quiros on his retirement and expressed appreciation for his years of service on the Academic Senate and for his contributions to the campus and students.
- Senators Duvall and Lavarini presented Exceptional Leader Awards on behalf of the Academic Senate and faculty to President Jordan, VP Bouzar, and VP Levin in appreciation of their courageous commitment to shared governance and leadership through the challenging times on campus in 2022-23.

E. Opportunity for Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker) - Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Academic Senate on any item that has been described in this notice, before or during consideration of the item. We ask that you keep your comments to three minutes. Thank you.

Assistant Professor Sheley raised awareness and expressed concern with the background of one of the GWC Presidential candidates and recommended everyone do their research on the candidates, so they are well informed. He hopes that District is also doing their due diligence on background checks of the candidates.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

III. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Full and Part-Time Faculty members are encouraged to nominate themselves.

Visit the [Academic Senate's Faculty Service Opportunities webpage](#) to view committee openings, review committee description, meeting information, and to submit your nomination. (PATHWAY: GWC Homepage > Quick Links > Academic Senate > Committees – Vacancies & Nominations)

A. Open until filled. Accepting nominations for terms starting Fall 2023. Click the link above to review committee responsibilities, meeting schedules, terms, and to submit a nomination.

- Academic Senator
 - Part-time Faculty At-large (2023-24)
- Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI)
 - Communication Studies (2023-26)
 - Cosmetology (2023-26)
 - Criminal Justice (2023-26)
 - Liberal Arts & Culture (2023-24)
- Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)
 - Criminal Justice (2023-24)
 - Large Class Factor (2022-25)
 - Physical Sciences (2023-24)
- Institute for Professional Development (IPD)
 - Auto Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, Drafting (2023-24)
 - Computer Science (2023-26)
 - Cosmetology (2023-25)
 - Criminal Justice (2023-25)
- College Technology Committee
 - DEAC rep (2023-25)
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Committee
 - One faculty from either Art, Athletics, CTE, Criminal Justice, or Nursing (2023-25)

- Recruitment Brain Trust
- CCI - Area E Task Force
 - (1) Full-time faculty member at-large
- CCI – Work Experience Education (WEE) Task Force
 - CCI representatives from each discipline designations:
 - CTE aligned curriculum
 - Non-CTE aligned curriculum
 - (1) Full-time Counselor
 - Chairs from each of the following areas:
 - Automotive Technology/Digital Arts/Drafting
 - Business, Accounting, Marketing, and Management
 - Cosmetology
 - Nursing & Health Professions
 - Criminal Justice

IV. GUEST REPORTS & UPDATES *(max 5 minutes per item; total time 15-20 minutes)*

- A. ASGWC Report – Natalie Vu, ASGWC Vice President (not present)
- B. Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) spring 2024 administration and supplemental questions recommended by the IEC – Lauren Davis Sosenko, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Dual Enrollment (1:10 p.m.)
Dean Davis reported on the CCSSE [\[PowerPoint\]](#) and states it is traditionally completed every few years to assess the students level of engagement and the student experience on campus and in the classroom. Last administered in 2018.
- C. [Academic Senate Fall 2023 Progress Report Strategic Plan](#) Goals – Damien Jordan, AS President
President Jordan reviewed the AS Fall 2023 progress report and accomplishments as they relate to the Strategic Plan and the AS goals for Spring 2024.

V. UNFINISHED DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS *(max 15-20 minutes per item)*

VI. NEW DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS *(max 15-20 minutes per item)*

- A. Role of AS in addressing systemic inequity and institutional barriers as it pertains to academic and professional matters - Acknowledgement * Accountability * Action
 - 1. [Recommendations from the AI Task Force](#) – Noah Levin, AS Vice President
VP Levin reviewed the Fall 2023 accomplishments, current recommendations, and the Spring 2024 goals of the AI Task Force.
- B. Other Agenda Requests

VII. REPORTS & UPDATES *(max 3 minutes per report; total time 15 minutes (@ 2:45pm)*

Electronic copies of written reports are due to the Senate Office by Thursday at 5:00PM the week preceding the meeting for which the report is attached to the agenda.

- A. AS President’s Report – Damien Jordan (no report)
- B. AS Vice Presidents’ Reports – Noah Levin and Pete Bouzar
 - VP Bouzar informed that faculty will have one more opportunity during an AS meeting in February to review and provide feedback on AP 7120C Faculty Hiring.
 - VP Levin encouraged support of the First Amendment Rights and Free Speech. Faculty were encouraged to do their background research of the GWC Presidential candidates in preparation for the Public Forum and to provide their feedback to District.
- C. Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI) – Monica Jovanovich and Gary Kirby, Chairs
 - Chair Kirby reported having recently met with district curriculum chairs and specialists. He noted they are not in full agreement, but the goal is to align. Spring meetings will include adopting the GE

pattern prior to the next catalog. He reported that CourseLeaf implementation is not due until Fall 2025.

- D. Institute for Professional Development (IPD) – Kate Green, Chair (no report)
- E. Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) – Jason Sheley, DE Coordinator (no report)
- F. Union Update – Rob Schneiderman, CFE Union President or Theresa Lavarini, GWC representative
Senator Lavarini reported:
 - The hockey game was a big success.
 - A need to negotiate working conditions and compensation when faculty are dealing with Pope Tech. The union has received many complaints. CourseLeaf should be rolled out in an intentional way.
 - Their last Fall negotiations meeting took place last Friday. Senator Lavarini confirmed the union is reviewing the maternity leave compensation.
- G. Special Reports (as requested by Academic Senate)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Move to Adjourn. Thank You! – Senate President
President Jordan adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance: \$____ (*Contact the Foundation Office to submit donations*)
- B. Senate Sympathy and Salutations Fund – (*Senators may contact the Foundation Office to submit donations*)
- C. 10+1 Senate Purview
 1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines (*rely primarily*)
 2. Degree and certificate requirements (*rely primarily*)
 3. Grading policies (*mutually agree*)
 4. Educational program development (*rely primarily*)
 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success (*rely primarily*)
 6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles (*mutually agree*)
 7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports (*rely primarily*)
 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities (*rely primarily*)
 9. Processes for program review (*rely primarily*)
 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development (*mutually agree*)
 11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate (*mutually agree*)

MEETING LOCATION: LRC 250 Community Room

Academic Senators – to ensure making quorum, the intent is to meet in LRC 250. Contact the Senate office to report your need to join online. (In accordance with [AS Brown Act Update 2/14/2023](#))
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Join Zoom Meeting (Owl meeting camera will be utilized)

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