



ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Criminal Justice Training Center MPR
**** Faculty Appreciation & Awards Luncheon ****

Meeting documents are also available in the [AS SharePoint](#) (CCCD login 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 Academic Senate’s discretion to maintain a record of the proceedings. Agendas and minutes will be archived in [the Academic Senate’s SharePoint](#).

ACADEMIC SENATE ROLL CALL (Bold = Executive Board)	
Jennifer Bailly – CCI Chair	Noah Levin – Liberal Arts & Culture (ANTH, GEOG, GLST, PHIL)
Christy Banales – Classified Senate (<i>non-voting</i>)	Phuong Nguyen – Nursing/Health Professions (proxy – Natalie Dalton)
Krissy Barone – Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics	Teresa Nguyen – ELL/ESL/GED
Amanda Best – Arts	Teresa Roston – Cosmetology
Pete Bouzar – Mathematics & Engineering	Tiffany Ruggeri Delillo (Comm Studies) – Part-time Faculty At-large
Dawn Brooks – Performing Arts	Matthew Shimazu – Physical Sciences
Annamaria Crescimanno – Vice President Biological Sciences	Herman Singh – Social Sciences (ECON, PSCI, SOC, ETHS)
Laura Duvall – Psychology	Justin Smith – President History & Education
Sharon Fabian – ASGWC (<i>non-voting</i>)	Julie Terrazas – Library
Kate Green (Chemistry) – IPD Chair	Tammie Tran – World Languages (SIGN, INTR, SPAN, VIET)
Damien Jordan – Vice President Counseling & EOPS	Aleksandra Uchlik – Business, Account, Computer Science
John Kasabian – Auto Tech, Digital Arts, Drafting	Michelle Veyette (English PT) – Distance Education Coordinator (<i>non-voting</i>)
Heather Kelley – Communication Studies	Derrick Watkins – Criminal Justice
Theresa Lavarini – English	

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Lunch service (1:00 pm)
- B. Call to order – Justin Smith, AS President (1:15 pm)
- C. Welcome – Board of Trustees, District personnel, GWC President and Administrators, faculty members, classified professionals, students, and guests.
- D. Approval of the Agenda – May 26, 2026
- E. Presentation of Awards and Certificates – [Awards Program](#)
- F. Approval of the Minutes – [April 28](#) and [May 12, 2026](#)
- G. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation
 1. Congratulations – New Fall 2026 full-time tenure-track faculty
 - Zaid Eltawil, Engineering and Physics
 - Jose Gutierrez, Ethnic Studies/Chicano Studies
 - Mel Navarro, Communication Studies
 - Joyce Nguy, Political Science

2. Congratulations to Faculty – Award of tenure (5/20/26 Board meeting)
 - Jeanette Adame, History
 - Ruth Calcanas, Sociology
 - Matthew Carlson, Chemistry
 - Doreen Fioretto, Education
 - Phuong Nguyen, Nursing
 - Shatarupa Ray, Biological Sciences
 - Herman Singh, Economics
 - Kyle Smith, Psychology
 - Michael Tran, Counseling
 - Aleksandra Uchlik, Accounting
 - Rachel Zacharia, Business
3. Congratulations to Faculty – Years of service (5/20/26 Board meeting)
 - Joel Powell, Political Science – 5 years
 - Gita Alemansour, Mathematics – 10 years
 - Heather Antunez, Counseling – 10 years
 - Avery Caldwell, Digital Arts – 10 years
 - Nicole Diamond, Counseling – 10 years
 - Monique Henderson, Kinesiology, Health, Athletics – 10 years
 - Maryam Khakbazan, Mathematics – 10 years
 - Bill La, Counseling-DSPS – 10 years
 - Nancy Nguyen, Counseling – 10 years
 - Shawn Taylor, Mathematics – 10 years
 - Brian Thill, English – 10 years
 - Leah Walden-Hurtgen, Anthropology – 10 years
 - Amy Thach, Nursing – 15 years
 - Catherine Egan, Biological Sciences – 20 years
 - Antony Hoang, Mathematics – 20 years
 - Theresa Lavarini, English – 20 years
 - Nick Mitchell, Kinesiology, Health, Athletics – 20 years
 - Karen Putnam, Counseling – 20 years
 - Elizabeth Shiroishi, English – 20 years
 - Travis Vail, Biological Sciences – 20 years
 - Tom Amen, Theater Arts – 25 years
 - Abraham Tarango, English – 25 years

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. 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.

III. GUEST REPORTS & UPDATES (max 5 minutes per item; 5-10 minutes total)

A. [ASGWC Report](#) – Viri Ramos, ASGWC President

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appointment of faculty members to the following committees and terms:

	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
1	Amy Douma	Psychology (PT)	IPD	Psychology (Sub for Amy Jennings – Fall 2026 Sabbatical Leave)	F2026
2	Melissa Navarro	Communication Studies	CCI	Communication Studies	2026-29
3	Nicole Diamond	Counseling	Academic Petitions Review Advisory Group	(1) Counselor	2026-28
4	List of Faculty		Honors Program Pilot		N/A

V. 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 descriptions, meeting information, and to submit your nomination. (PATHWAY: *GWC Homepage > Quick Links > Academic Senate > Committees – Vacancies & Nominations*)

A. Call for Nominations – DCC BP/AP Subcommittee: Fall 2026 | Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays from 1-2 pm on Zoom

B. Call for Nominations – Faculty Coordinators [MOUs](#) | [Nomination Form](#) (open until filled)

- Nursing Assistant Director
- Umoja Coordinator

C. Call for Nominations for vacant terms beginning in Fall 2026.

The initial call is open for ten days (concluded March 4). After that period, positions will stay open until filled, with nominations submitted by noon on the Friday before a Senate meeting will be included on the agenda for committee appointment. Refer to the committee vacancies and nomination spreadsheet to access the nomination forms.

- **Academic Senate** | Term: three years
 - Criminal Justice | 2026-29
- **Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI)** | Term: three years
 - Art | 2026-29
 - ELL/ESL/GED | 2026-29
 - Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics | 2025-28
 - Mathematics & Engineering | 2026-29
 - Part-time Faculty At-Large | 2025-28
- **Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)** | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
 - Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, & Drafting | 2024-27
 - Communication Studies | 2024-27
 - Criminal Justice | 2024-27
 - Psychology | 2026-29
- **Institute for Professional Development (IPD)** | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
 - Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, Drafting | 2024-27
 - Criminal Justice | 2025-28
 - Library | 2024-27
 - Part-time Faculty At-Large | Pro-tem Fall 2026
- **College Technology Committee**
 - DEAC rep | 2025-27
- **DEIA Committee**
 - English, ELL, ESL | 2026-28

VI. UNFINISHED DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (max 5-10 minutes per item; 10-15 minutes total)

A. Vote - [AS Resolution – Catalog Rights for Dual Enrollment Students](#) – Damien Jordan, AS Vice President

B. [Honors Program Structure Recommendations](#) – Damien Jordan, AS Vice President

C. Update – Amendment to the AS Bylaws – IPD and CCI Chairs Voting Rights – Justin Smith, AS President

D. Update – P2P RSI – Justin Smith, AS President

VII. NEW DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (max 5 minutes per item; 5-10 minutes total)

A. Role of AS in addressing systemic inequity and institutional barriers as it pertains to academic and professional matters - Acknowledgement * Accountability * Action

B. Other Agenda Requests

VIII. STANDING DISCUSSIONS & ACTION ITEMS (max 5 minutes)

A. Program Review

B. AI (Artificial Intelligence)

C. 10 + 1

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

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

A. AS President's Report – Justin Smith

B. AS Vice Presidents' Reports – Damien Jordan and Annamaria Crescimanno

C. Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI) – Jennifer Bailly, Chair

D. Institute for Professional Development (IPD) – Kate Green, Chair

E. Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) – Michelle Veyette, DE Coordinator

- F. Union Update – Theresa Lavarini, CFE Executive Director
- G. Special Reports (as requested by Academic Senate)
- H. Information Item
 - 1. [ACCJC FAQ: Federal Accreditation, Innovation, and Modernization \(AIM\) Negotiated Rulemaking](#)
 - 2. [DCC Budget Subcommittee Update](#)
 - 3. Program Review
 - 1. [Fall 2026 Timeline](#)
 - 2. [Instructional Program Review Data Use Guide](#)
 - 3. [2026 Annual Report Survey](#)

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Move to Adjourn. Thank You! – Senate President

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance: Endowed balance: \$7,417. Recommended 2025-26 scholarship: \$500 (*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*)