



ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: LRC 250 COMMUNITY ROOM

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	Teresa Nguyen – ELL/ESL/GED
Amanda Best – Arts	Diana Rochat – Classified Senate (<i>non-voting</i>)
Pete Bouzar – Mathematics & Engineering	Teresa Roston – Cosmetology
Dawn Brooks – Performing Arts	Jason Sheley – Liberal Arts & Culture (ANTH, GEOG, PHIL)
Annamaria Crescimanno – Vice President Biological Sciences	Matt Shimazu – Physical Sciences
Tiffany Dilello (Comm Studies) – Part-time Faculty At-large	Herman Singh – Social Sciences (ECON, PSCI, SOC, ETHS)
Laura Duvall – Psychology	Justin Smith – President History & Education
Kate Green (Chemistry) – IPD Chair	Julie Terrazas – Library
Leilani Johnson – Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics	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	VACANT – ASGWC (<i>non-voting</i>)
Theresa Lavarini - English	VACANT – Criminal Justice
Phuong Nguyen – Nursing/Health Professions	

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to order – Justin Smith, AS President
- B. Welcome Guests
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
 1. Agenda – September 8, 2026
 2. Minutes – [May 26, 2026](#)
- D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation
 1. Invitation to attend the ASCCC Fall Plenary, Nov 5-7, 2026 in Redwood City. Submit your [CAR](#) to the AS Office by September 11 to qualify for pre-paid registration.
 2. Academic Senate group photo will be taken at the next meeting.
- 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.*

II. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Appointment of faculty members to the following committees and terms:**

	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
SEARCH COMMITTEES					
1	Justin Smith	History	Faculty Hiring Search Committee – Political Science <i>(Temporary 1-year Full-time Faculty contract)</i>	(3) Full-time In-discipline Faculty Members	Summer 2026 - Emergency consent by AS President
2	Jennifer Bailly	Economics			
3	James Almy	Physical Sciences	Faculty Hiring Search Committee – Geology <i>(Temporary 1-semester Full-time Faculty contract)</i>	Full-time In-discipline Faculty Member	Fall 2026 - Emergency Consent by AS President on 8/27/26
4	Jeanette Adame	History	Search Committee: Associate Dean of Equity & Special Programs	(2) Full-time Faculty Members	Fall 2026
5	Yvonne Portillo	Counseling			
6	Mike McCarthy	Criminal Justice	Search Committee: Criminal Justice Training Center Coordinator	(2) Full-time Faculty Members	Fall 2026
TENURE REVIEW COMMITTEES					
7	Heather Kelley	Communication Studies	Tenure Review Committee for: Melissa Navarro, Communication Studies	In-discipline faculty member	2026-30
8	Leilani Johnson	Kinesiology		Out-of-discipline faculty member	
9	Rachel Wegter	Communication Studies		Search Committee rep	
10	Julie Terrazas	Librarian	Tenure Review Committee for: Joyce Nguy, Political Science	In-discipline faculty member (FSA in PSCI)	2026-30
11	Doreen Fioretto	Education		Out-of-discipline faculty member	
12	Herman Singh	Economics		Search Committee rep	
13	Jeanette Adame	History	Tenure Review Committee for: Jose Gutierrez, Ethnic Studies (Chicano Studies)	In-discipline faculty member	2026-30
14	Veronica Pizano	Spanish		Out-of-discipline faculty member	
15	Ruth Calcanas	Ethnic Studies		Search Committee rep	
16	James Almy	Physical Sciences	Tenure Review Committee for: Zaid Eltawil, Engineering & Physics	In-discipline faculty member	2026-30
17	Doreen Fioretto	Education		Out-of-discipline faculty member	
18	Gita Alemansour	Math/Engineering		Search Committee rep	
19	Damien Jordan	Counseling	Tenure Review Committee for: Chad Ponciano, Counseling	In-discipline faculty member, Y4	2026-27
20	Justin Smith	History	Tenure Review Committee for: Michael McCarthy, Criminal Justice	Out-of-discipline faculty member <i>(Replaced Derrick Watkins (retired))</i>	2026-28
21	Doreen Fioretto	Education		Out-of-discipline faculty member <i>(Replaced Natalie Dalton, Nursing)</i>	2026-28
22	Jeanette Adame	History	Tenure Review Committee for: Samantha Harris, Ethnic Studies	In-discipline faculty member	2026-29
23	Ruth Calcanas	Ethnic Studies		Search Committee rep	
EVALUATION PANELS – of temporary full-time faculty contracts					
24	Phuong Nguyen	Nursing	Evaluation Panel for: Veronica Gschweng, Nursing <i>(Temporary 1-year Full-time Faculty contract – replaced Ju-An Broyles (retired) using general funds)</i>	(2) Tenured Faculty Member	2026-27
25	Amy Thach	Nursing			

26	Phuong Nguyen	Nursing	Evaluation Panel for: Victoria Nelson, Nursing (2 nd Year Temporary Full-time Faculty contract funded by Samueli Grant)	Tenured Faculty Member (Replaced Ju-An Broyles (retired))	2026-27
27	Amy Rangel	Nursing		Tenured Faculty Members	
28	Amy Thach	Nursing	Evaluation Panel for: Jessica Chavez, Nursing (2 nd Year Temporary Full-time Faculty contract funded by Samueli Grant)	Tenured Faculty Member (Sub for Natalie Dalton)	2026-27
29	Berlynn Ching	Nursing		Tenured Faculty Member	
30	Diep Pham	Nursing	Evaluation Panel for: Claudia Ureno, Nursing (2 nd Year Temporary Full-time Faculty contract funded by Samueli Grant)	(2) Tenured Faculty Members	2026-27
31	Barbara Miyadi	Nursing			
32	Jennifer Bailly	Economics	Evaluation Panel for: Ken Callahan, Political Science (Temporary, 1-year Full-time Faculty contract - replaced Joel Powell (resigned) using general funds)	(2) Tenured Faculty Members	2026-27
33	Justin Smith	History			
34	Heather Antunez	Counseling	Evaluation Panel for: Maria Tran, Counseling Nursing (Temporary, Full-time Faculty contract – Sp2026-F2026 using categorical funds)	(2) Tenured Faculty Members	Fall 2026
35	Nancy Nguyen	Counseling			
36	James Almy	Physical Sciences	Evaluation Panel for: Paul McBurnett, Geology (Temporary, Fall 2026 Full-time Faculty contract – replaced B. Benneman using general funds)	(2) Tenured Faculty Members	2026-27
37	Travis Vail	Biology			
COMMITTEES					
38	Michelle Ohm	Art	IPD	Part-time Faculty At-Large	Sub Fall 2026
39	Michelle Ohm	Art	Professional Development Advisory Committee	Part-time Faculty At-Large	2026-27
40	Gita Alemansour	Mathematics	Academic Petitions Review Advisory Group	Full-time Faculty At-Large	2026-27
41	Sabrina Nguyen	Counseling – PT	CCI	Part-Time Faculty At-Large	2025-28
42	Samantha Harris	Ethnic Studies	DEAC	Social Sciences	2025-28

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 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 1-2:30 pm on Zoom
- B. Call for Nominations for vacant terms beginning in Fall 2026 (see below)
The initial call was open for ten days (concluded September 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 linked above to access the nomination forms.
 - **Academic Senate** | Term: three years
 - Criminal Justice | 2026-29
 - Ethnic Studies | 2026-2029 (new position)
 - **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
 - **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
 - Social Sciences | 2024-27
- **College Technology Committee**
 - DEAC rep | 2025-27
- **DEIA Committee**
 - English, ELL, ESL | 2026-28

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

- A. ASGWC Report

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

- A. Faculty Prioritization – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice President
1. [Amendment to the AS Bylaws](#), Article 1: Structure and Composition, Section 3-H-ii: Membership of the Academic Senate/Additional Senate Members – Justin Smith, AS President
 2. [Honors Program Update](#) – Damien Jordan, AS Vice President
 3. P2P RSI Update – Justin Smith, AS President

VI. 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
1. [Academic Areas of Discipline FTES](#) – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice President
 - a. Call for Academic Senator representing Ethnic Studies
 2. Faculty Governance & Leadership Series – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice President
 3. [Academic Senate Goals](#) – Justin Smith, AS President
 4. Best Practice Workgroup (Committees, Constituencies) - Justin Smith, AS President
 5. [Syllabus Checklist update](#) – Justin Smith, AS President
- B. Other Agenda Requests

VII. STANDING DISCUSSIONS & ACTION ITEMS *(max 5 minutes)*

- A. Program Review
- B. AI (Artificial Intelligence)
- C. 10 + 1

VIII. 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 – [Student Services 2026-27 \[PowerPoint\]](#) – Faculty are welcome to share with their students

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance: Endowed balance: \$7,417.81. *Donations may be submitted online: [Foundation donation link](#) with a note indicating funds are for the Academic Senate Scholarship Fund.*
- 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*)