



ACADEMIC SENATE AGENDA

Tuesday, September 22, 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)

Reminder – Senators: Meet at 1 pm outside the LRC main entrance (by the Native Garden) for the group photo.

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 Roachat – 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, Accounting, Computer Science
John Kasabian – Auto Tech, Digital Arts, Drafting	Michelle Veyette (English PT)–Distance Education Coordinator (<i>non-voting</i>)
Heather Kelley – Communication Studies	Ethan Widjaja – 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
 1. Rupa Saran, Chief Information Technology Officer and Vice Chancellor; Subba Mungi, Director of Academic and User Support (2:00 pm)
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
 1. Agenda – September 22, 2026
 2. Minutes – September 8, 2026
- D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation
 1. Reminder: Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 6 in LRC 250 – Faculty Prioritization Norming Session

2. Accepting donations for the Academic Senate Sympathy & Salutations Fund. The link to the Senate's Foundation account will be sent to the Senators.
- 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

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 District Equivalency Oversight Committee | (1) Full-time Faculty Member At-Large
- C. 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
 - Sociology & Ethnic Studies | 2026-2029 (*pending approval*)
 - **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
 - **District Equivalency Oversight Committee**
 - (1) Full-time Faculty Member At-Large | 2026-2028

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

- A. ASGWC Report - Ethan Widjaja, Student Body President
- B. Banner SaaS Update - Rupa Saran, Chief Information Technology Officer and Vice Chancellor; Subba Mungi, Director of Academic and User Support (2:00 pm)

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

- A. Vote to approve the [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
- B. [Academic Areas of Discipline FTES](#) – Justin Smith, AS President
 1. Vote to approve – [Petition for Representation - Sociology & Ethnic Studies](#)
- C. Honors Program Update – Damien Jordan, AS Vice President
- D. P2P RSI Update – Justin Smith, AS President
- E. Best Practice Workgroup (Committees, Constituencies) - Justin Smith, AS President
- F. Faculty Governance & Leadership Series Update – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice 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. Program Review Faculty Prioritization update – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice 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
 - [ASCCC Academic Academy for Climate Justice & Action](#) | October 23-24 | Newport Beach, CA
 - [CARs](#) submitted to the Senate Office by Friday, September 25 will qualify for prepaid registration assistance.
- 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 - [9/18/26 DCC Technology Subcommittee Report](#) - Shawn Taylor, College Technology Committee Co-Chair

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*)