



# ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## MEETING LOCATION: LRC 250 COMMUNITY ROOM

Guests may attend on Zoom: <https://ccd-edu.zoom.us/j/87499517885> | Meeting ID: 874 9951 7885  
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.

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### ACADEMIC SENATE ROLL CALL

Bold = Executive Board    ■ Strikethrough = absent    ■ *Italics* = Zoom    ■ Zoom guest = not counted towards quorum

<b>Jennifer Bailly – CCI Chair</b>	Phuong Nguyen – Nursing/Health Professions
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
<b>Annamaria Crescimanno – Vice President   Biological Sciences</b>	Herman Singh – Social Sciences (ECON, PSCI, SOC, ETHS)
Laura Duvall – Psychology	<b>Justin Smith – President   History &amp; Education</b>
Sharon Fabian – ASGWC ( <i>non-voting</i> )	Julie Terrazas – Library
<b>Kate Green (Chemistry) – IPD Chair</b>	Tammie Tran – World Languages (SIGN, INTR, SPAN, VIET)
<b>Damien Jordan – Vice President   Counseling &amp; EOPS</b>	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	VACANT – Classified Senate ( <i>non-voting</i> )
Noah Levin – Liberal Arts & Culture (ANTH, GEOG, GLST, PHIL)	

## I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to order – Justin Smith, AS President  
President Smith called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- B. Welcome Guests
  1. Welcome new Senator Barone representing Kinesiology, Health Ed, Kinesiology.
  2. Raul Enciso, Director of EOPS/CARE/NextUP/Guardian Scholars/CalWORKS (1:10 pm)
  3. Terrie Becker, Associate Dean/Director of Nursing (1:20 pm)
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
  1. Agenda – February 24, 2026. **MOTION** by Senator Ruggeri-Delillo to approve the agenda. Seconded by VP Jordan. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
  2. Minutes – [February 10, 2026](#). **MOTION** by Senator Lavarini to approve the minutes with an amended CFE Report. Seconded by Senator Kelley. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation

1. [Register for the ASCCC Area D Meeting](#) | Location: GWC MPR 100 | Friday, March 13 from 8:30 am - 3 pm  
Open to Senators and all faculty. Held in preparation for the plenary session, Area meetings provide an opportunity to connect with colleagues, discuss regional issues, review proposed resolutions, and develop new resolutions.
- 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.

President Randall invited members of the campus community to attend the Exit Report with the ACCJC Peer Review Team today at 3:15 pm in Forum I.

Senator Watkins shared that the Orange County Sheriff’s bloodhound team will be hosting a demonstration at the GWC Goldchella Preview Day and invited the campus community to attend.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Appointment of faculty members to the following committees:

**MOTION** by Senator Ruggeri-Delillo to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Senator Terrazas. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
1	<b>Ayesha Zia</b>	English	IEC <i>(Correction: the agenda incorrectly listed DEAC)</i>	Full-time Faculty At-Large	2024-26
2	<b>Rachel Zacharia</b>	Business	CCI	Business, Accounting, Computer Science	2025-28
3	<b>Krissy Barone</b>	Physical Education	Academic Senate	Kin, Health, Athletics	2024-27 (Sp2026 + Sp2027)
4	<b>Joel Powell</b>	Political Science	IPD	Social Sciences	2024-27

**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 Academic Senate Vice President – closes Tuesday, February 24 at noon.
- B. Call for Nominations for vacant spring terms and terms beginning in Fall 2026.  
The initial call is open for ten days. Refer to the AS emailed announcement for details. 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
    - Vice President | 2026-28
    - Business, Accounting, Computer Science | 2026-29
    - Classified Senate | 2025-27
    - Counseling & EOPS | 2026-29
    - Criminal Justice | 2026-29
    - History & Education | 2026-29
    - Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics | 2024-27 (Fall 2026)
    - Library | 2026-29
    - ELL/ESL/GED | 2026-29
    - Nursing/Health Professions | 2026-29
  - **Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI)** | Term: three years
    - Art | 2026-29
    - CCI Chair | 2026-28
    - Communication Studies | 2026-29

- Cosmetology | 2026-29
- Criminal Justice | 2026-29
- ELL/ESL/GED | 2026-29
- History & Education | 2026-29
- Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics | 2025-28
- Mathematics & Engineering | 2026-29
- Physical Sciences | 2026-29
- **Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC)** | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
  - Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, & Drafting | 2024-27
  - Biological Sciences | 2026-29
  - Business, Accounting, Computer Science | 2026-29
  - Counseling & EOPS | 2026-29
  - Criminal Justice | 2024-27
  - English | 2026-29
  - History & Education | 2026-29
  - Psychology | 2026-29
  - Social Sciences | 2025-28
- **Institute for Professional Development (IPD)** | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
  - Art | 2026-29
  - Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, Drafting | 2024-27
  - Criminal Justice | 2025-28
  - English | 2026-29
  - ELL/ESL/GED | 2026-29
  - History & Education | 2026-29
  - Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics | 2026-29
  - Library | 2024-27
  - Nursing/Health Professions | 2025-28
- **Budget Council**
  - Faculty At-Large | 2026-28
- **Planning Council**
  - Faculty At-Large | 2026-28
- **College Technology Committee**
  - Counselor | 2026-28
  - CTE | 2026-28
  - DEAC | 2025-27
- **DEIA Committee**
  - Counselor | 2026-28
  - English | 2026-25
- **Institutional Effectiveness Committee**
  - (1) Faculty At-Large | 2026-28
- **Sustainability & Facilities Committee**
  - Quadrant 1 | 2026-28 | M&O, Central Plant, Women & Men PE, Rec Ed/Gym, Training Room, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Courts, Athletic Fields, Q1 Grounds & Parking
  - Quadrant 2 | 2026-28 | Auto Tech, Technology, Student Union, Cosmetology, Graphics, Fine Arts, Board Gym, Robert Mayer Preschool, PLFB School Age Center, Q2 Grounds & Parking
- **Professional Development Advisory Committee**
  - Full-time Faculty At-Large | 2026-28
  - Part-time Faculty At-Large | 2026-27
- **Classified Senate**
  - Full-time Faculty At-Large (non-voting) | 2026-27

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

- A. ASGWC Report – Sharon Fabian, ASGWC President

Ms. Fabian reported that the recent Clothing Swap was very successful and ASGWC plans to make it a regular event. The ASGWC Executive Council will attend the ASACC Conference in Washington, D.C., joining the nation's largest annual gathering of community college student leaders and advocating on Capitol Hill for key initiatives.

- B. Introduction - Raul Enciso, Director of EOPS/CARE/NextUP/Guardian Scholars/CalWORKS (1:10 pm)
- C. Mr. Enciso introduced himself, highlighted his professional background, and outlined his goals for EOPS, CARE, NextUP, Guardian Scholars, and CalWORKS. He shared that he looks forward to collaborating with the Academic Senate.
- D. Introduction & overview of Nursing department in relation to Faculty Prioritization – Terrie Becker, Associate Dean/Director of Nursing (1:20 pm)  
Dr. Becker introduced herself, highlighted her professional background, provided an overview of the School of Nursing, and responded to Senators' questions regarding faculty hiring. [\[PowerPoint\]](#)

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

#### 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. P2P RSI – Justin Smith, AS President  
President Smith discussed the currently forming P2P RSI plan, involving review by DEAC and creation of a standard regular semester process. This was roughly outlined with support from Michelle Veyette, DE Coordinator, and DEAC to sketch the general ideas of the plan, goals, and rough implementation. The articulated plan will be presented for review at the March 10<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting for a first reading and suggestions.
  - 2. Faculty Prioritization Work Group Update – Annamaria Crescimanno, AS Vice President
    - a. [w Faculty Request form with Edits 11-18 .docx](#)  
VP Crescimanno presented the Faculty Request form for a first reading. President Smith noted that a second reading will take place at the next meeting and emphasized the importance of Senators sharing the draft with their constituents and coming prepared to provide feedback.
  - 3. Program Review crosswalk discussion – Damien Jordan, AS Vice President  
VP Jordan presented the Crosswalk of campus-wide plans to the Academic Senate. He reported that the crosswalk had been presented at CCD the day prior. This Crosswalk clearly outlines how the goals of the Strategic Plan, the Student Equity Plan, the Internal Student Equity Plan, and the Enrollment Management Plan align with one another. He mentioned that President Randall had mentioned at Spring Summit, that as we move toward a Program Review cycle (2026-2029), campus requests that most clearly align to the goals outlined in the Crosswalk will be prioritized. Senator Watkins vocalized support of the plan, shedding more clarity on where his program and other Instructional programs “fit” into the goals of the campus. Senator Lavarini also expressed support for the clarity in being able to “see” the goals of the institution. Dean Davis-Sosenko highlighted that this is also an opportunity to see areas of potential collaboration within departments (e.g. Instruction and Services)
- 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
  - President Smith announced that VP Jordan submitted his nomination to renew his term as AS Vice President. The AS Office will distribute an election ballot to the Senators tomorrow.
- B. AS Vice Presidents' Reports – Damien Jordan and Annamaria Crescimanno
  - VP Crescimanno shared that she will attend the DCC Budget Subcommittee meeting this week and will report back at the next meeting. She also provided an update on the COLA.
- C. Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI) – Jennifer Bailly, Chair
  - Chair Bailly reported that Phase 2B CCN courses are due by April 13 to make Tech Review. That is also the last date for any items that need approval in spring. CCI is working to finalize a DEIA process for CORs that is required by changes in Title 5 for all curriculum committees. Coordination is occurring between the three campuses

to try to standardize language and procedure, and she will present it to the AS when it is complete. She noted the transition from TOPS (state classification) codes to CIPC (federal) is required.

- D. Institute for Professional Development (IPD) – Kate Green, Chair
- Chair Green congratulated Chair Bailly on being named February’s Faculty Excellence Award recipient, nominated by Classified Staff.
  - She encouraged faculty to apply for symposium funding to support department meetings, which can cover breakfast, lunch, snacks, and meeting materials.
  - She reported that IPD has funding available to support faculty attendance at professional development conferences and noted that there are many excellent local conference opportunities.
- E. Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) – Michelle Veyette, DE Coordinator
- Announcements
- Faculty will be notified in a couple weeks if they are chosen for the Spring Accessibility Review; we hope to give them more advanced notice from last year, so they can have ample time to use Tidy Up and UDOIT.
  - The State Chancellor’s Office is sponsoring access to Nectir AI for faculty; interested faculty can read and fill out the [CCC x Nectir AI form](#) to get more information and request access.
- AI Conference Debrief
- Annette Park (Math faculty) debriefed the DEAC on the AI conference she attended in February ("[Teaching Generation AI-Z](#)"). Highlights included
    - explaining the difference between using AI to augment vs. automate learning,
    - discussing AI augmentation strategies,
    - brainstorming best practices, and
    - understanding Gen-Z students.
- ReadyGO Pilot
- Sheryl Hathaway gave an update on the ReadyGO Pilot. Highlights included
    - summarizing pilot users’ experiences, and
    - mentioning that there are continued discussions with Cidi Labs regarding a possible pilot extension.
- RSI - Post Accreditation Goals
- The DEAC finalized an [RSI Quick Guide, Checklist, and Sample Statement](#) for faculty, and is ready for feedback from the Academic Senate.
- F. Union Update – Theresa Lavarini, CFE Executive Director
- Senator Lavarini reported:
- “On Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Board of Trustees appointed Kim Carr to take over Trustee Lorraine Prinsky’s seat beginning in March. CFE thanks all the faculty members who wrote letters to the trustees asking that Kim Carr be the appointee. Ms. Carr was one of three possible appointees. She is a former HB City Council member, a former mayor of Huntington Beach, has ties to GWC and OCC, and supports our current compensation model.
  - CFE Local AFT 1911 will be offering \$1000 scholarships to members and their immediate family members beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the budgeted monies run out, so please do not forget to apply when the email goes out next month.
  - Elections for union officers will be held soon, so please be on the lookout for the email. The vice president seat representing part-time faculty has been vacant for some time, so please encourage your part-timers to consider running for the position.
  - Faculty should expect a 2.3% pay increase due to COLA (cost-of-living-adjustment) for CALSTRS employees; CALPERS will receive their COLA in the April paycheck. Everyone will receive a retro check in April that covers the pay increase from August through March. CFE negotiated this compensation model years ago to include pass-through COLA, meaning that the increases are passed through to the faculty.
  - California’s February state budget is calling for a 2.41% COLA in the next fiscal year with no cuts to California Community Colleges. However, we all have to wait to see what the May Revise of the budget contains.
  - CFE Local AFT 1911 is hosting a faculty hockey event this Friday, February 27, 2026, at the Honda Center. The Anaheim Ducks will be playing the Winnipeg Jets. The tailgate party starts at 5:30 pm, with the game beginning at 7 pm. It is Educator Appreciation Night, so for \$25 a ticket, faculty will get a Ducks hockey jersey and can participate in the post-game Slap Shot experience.”
- G. Special Reports (as requested by Academic Senate) – DCC BP/AP Subcommittee
- Senator Levin reported that the BP/AP related to AI is nearing completion. The group reviewed Long Beach City College’s recently adopted policies for additional guidance. One consideration discussed was whether to separate the AP into two documents—one addressing instructional use and another covering non-instructional areas. Regardless of the final structure, existing practices at GWC would remain acceptable. Senators were invited to contact Senator Levin with any feedback.
- H. Information Item

**X. ADJOURNMENT****A. Move to Adjourn. Thank You! – Senate President**

President Smith expressed his gratitude to all those involved in the accreditation process, congratulated Chair Bailly on her Faculty Excellence Award recognition, and wished Senator Lavarni a happy birthday. He then adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance: Endowed balance: \$7,417. Recommended 2025-26 scholarship: \$370 (*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*)