ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Criminal Justice Training Center MPR 100
Meeting documents are also available in the AS SharePoint (CCCD login required)
Q&A will be video recorded

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)	
Jennifer Bailly – CCI Chair	Phuong Nguyen – Nursing/Health Professions
Amanda Best – Arts	Teresa Nguyen – ELL/ESL/GED
Pete Bouzar – Mathematics & Engineering	Christy Banales (proxy), ~~Diana Rochat~~ – Classified Senate *(non-voting)*
Dawn Brooks – Performing Arts	Teresa Roston – Cosmetology
Ruth Calcanas – Sociology & Ethnic Studies *(pending consent)*	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 – Economics & Political Science
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 – Accounting, Business, Computer Science
John Kasabian – Auto Tech, Digital Arts, Drafting	~~Michelle Veyette~~ (English PT)–Distance Education Coordinator *(non-voting)*
Heather Kelley – Communication Studies	~~Ethan Widjaja – ASGWC *(non voting)*~~
Theresa Lavarini - English	

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to order – Justin Smith, AS President
President Smith called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

B. Welcome Guests
1. Faculty Representatives for Q&A Session (1:10pm)

C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
1. Agenda – October 13, 2026. President Smith requested to amend the agenda to remove the two Search Committees for Kinesiology and include them in the next agenda. MOTION by Senator Sheley to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by VP Crescimanno. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
2. Minutes – September 22 and October 6, 2026. The Senate approved both minutes. Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation

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.*

Dr. Craig invited attendance at the CIL's Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fall Institute on October 16 and 23 from 9am – 2pm in MS 155.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Appointment of faculty members to the Faculty Hiring Committees for the Fall 2026 Program Review Faculty Requests. *Approval is contingent upon the College President's final hiring decision.*

MOTION by Senator Brooks to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Senator Kelley. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

	POSITION	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE
1	**Art 1 – 2D Drawing/Life Drawing**	Amanda Best	Art
2		Monica Jovanovich	Art
3		Amy Runyen	Art
4	**Art 2 – Global Art History**	Amanda Best	Art
5		Monica Jovanovich	Art
6		Amy Runyen	Art
7	**Biology 1 – Dual Enrollment**	Nikki Plaster	Biology
8		Kate Egan	Biology
9		Nam Vu	Biology
10	**Biology 2 – General**	Nikki Plaster	Biology
11		Kate Egan	Biology
12		Nam Vu	Biology
13	**Biology 3 – Microbiology/Allied Health**	Nam Vu	Biology
14		Shatarupa Ray	Biology
15		Michael Valinluck	Biology
16	**Computer Science**	AJ Edmonds	Computer Science
17		Cristian Racataian	Computer Science
18		Bern Baumgartner	Computer Science
19	**Counseling 1 – Nursing**	Nancy Nguyen	Counseling
20		Karen Dickerson	Counseling
21		Claudia Alcala	Counseling
22		Jimmy Nguyen (Alternate)	Counseling
23	**Counseling 2 – Dual Enrollment**	Damien Jordan	Counseling
24		Jimmy Nguyen	Counseling
25		Yvonne Portillo	Counseling
26		Nancy Nguyen (Alternate)	Counseling
27	**Counseling Transfer Center**	Michael Tran	Counseling
28		Kristy Ho	Counseling
29		Damien Jordan	Counseling
30		Nicole Diamond (Alternate)	Counseling
31	**Criminal Justice**	Mike McCarthy	Criminal Justice
32		Delany Pratt – PT	Criminal Justice
33		Sean Fromson – PT	Criminal Justice

34	**English**	Theresa Lavarini	English
35		Brian Thill	English
36		Ayesha Zia	English
37		Jessica Patapoff (Alternate)	English
38		Mujib Tahir (Alternate)	English
39	**Geography**	Michelle Palma	Geography
40		Justin Smith	History
41		Noah Levin	Philosophy
42	**Kinesiology 1 – Baseball Coach**	John Shipp	Kinesiology Football
43		Matt Flesher	Kinesiology Women's Water polo
44		Monique Henderson	Kinesiology Women's Track & Field
45	**Kinesiology 2 – Volleyball Coach**	Matt Flesher	Kinesiology Women's Water polo
46		Scott Taylor	Kinesiology Men's Water polo
47		Krissy Barone	Kinesiology Women's Soccer
48	**Librarian**	Julie Terrazas	Library
49		Cathy Le	Library
50		Alana Krause	Library
51	**Music**	Dawn Brooks	Music
52		Collette Hausey	Music
53		Tim Mueller	Theater Arts
54	**Political Science**	Joyce Nguy	Political Science
55		Julie Terrazas	Political Science FSA
56		Jennifer Bailly	Economics
57		Ruth Calcanas 4th member	Sociology
58	**Theater Arts**	Tom Amen	Theater Arts
59		Tim Mueller	Theater Arts
60		Dawn Brooks	Music/Theater Arts

B. Appointment of faculty members to campus committees:

	FACULTY MEMBER	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
1	**Jennifer Bailly**	Economics	CCI	Economics & Political Science	2026-29
2	**Ruth Calcanas**	Sociology & Chicano Studies	Academic Senate	Sociology & Ethnics Studies	2026-29
3	**Jose Gutierrez**	Ethnic Studies	IPD	Sociology & Ethnic Studies	2026-29

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

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 Q&A Session [Q&A Schedule] (1:10pm)
   President Smith reviewed the Q&A process, explaining that, new this year, programs were permitted to share a presentation to support their Faculty Requests. Each program had five minutes to present its Faculty Requests and respond to questions from Senators, with an additional minute allotted for each additional Faculty Request submitted by the same program.

   Following the Q&A, the EBoard reviewed the Ratings process and rubric, explained the scoring sheet and hierarchy scoring requirements, confirmed the timeline and submission deadline, reminded Senators that their ratings are public information, and encouraged Senators to reach out with any questions.

   - Q&A Schedule
     - 1:10pm – English: Theresa Lavarini
     - 1:16pm – Health, Kinesiology, PE 1 & 2: John Shipp
     - 1:23pm – Library: Julie Terrazas
     - 1:29pm – Nursing 1, 2, 3: Berlynn Ching
     - 1:37pm – Computer Science: AJ Edmonds
     - 1:43pm – Break
     - 1:48pm – Biology 1, 2, 3: Catherine Egan
     - 1:56pm – Counseling Transfer Center: Michael Tran
     - 2:02pm – Counseling 1 & 2: Yvonne V. Portillo
     - 2:09pm – Theater Arts: Martie Ramm Engle
     - 2:15pm – Break
     - 2:21pm – Criminal Justice: Mike McCarthy & Chris Cano
     - 2:27pm – Art 1 & 1: Amanda Best & Monica Jovanovich
     - 2:34pm – Cosmetology: Jon Holland & Teresa Roston
     - 2:46pm – Geography: Michelle Palma
     - 2:52pm – Political Science: Joyce Nguy & Jennifer Bailly
   - Q&A Video
   - Faculty Requests - Presentations

Timeline:

- Ratings Instructions to the Senators will be distributed following today's meeting
- Tuesday, October 20 at 11:59pm - Senator Ratings due
- Tuesday, October 27 at 1pm in LRC 250 – Senate meeting to review Rankings
- Special meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 1-2pm in LRC 250 – College President's Faculty Hiring Report

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Move to Adjourn. Thank You! – Senate President
President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3pm.

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*)