



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Mishra Conference Room

Present: Henry Estrada, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, David Hendricks, Juan Gil, Melissa Hornstein, Nancy Lin, Eric Narveson, Grace Estrada, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Maria Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo, Tina Iniguez, Alessandro Bailetti Saez, Binh Vo, Laura Garcia, Sravani Banerjee

Absent: Judith Girardi

Guest(s): Tejal Naik, VP Dickerson, Sylvia Min, Claudia Barbosa-Daniels, President Lopez

I. Call to Order – 3:03 pm

II. Adoption of Agenda with amendments – Alessandro (1st), Eric (2nd), unanimously approved

- Kelly moves to add to Information Item C - Dual Enrollment MOU – VP Dickerson
- Grace moves to add to Discussion Item B – Program Deactivation Proposal
- Eric moves to add to Consent Item B – Tram Pham and Eric Narveson
- Alessandro moves to add to Information – Campus wide extra credit policy
- Juan moves to add to Discussion Item C – CPL credit by exam costs

III. Approval of Minutes from May 5 with amendments – unanimously approved

- Update Guided Pathways to the following –
 - 2.0 maps delayed due to importing data from CurriQunet; expected live in June. Program revisions are largely complete; Common Course Numbering (CCN) should be automatic with the 2.0 software update.

IV. Public Comments (Limited to 3 minutes per person/ 5 minutes per item)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for items not on the agenda. Law does not permit action or extended discussion of items not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Senate action is required, it can be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

- Melissa Hornstein – commends Grace, Henry and Kelly for the food!
- Tejal Naik – Canvas will be unavailable May 29-31, grading deadline is June 2.
- Claudia Barbosa-Daniels – Umoja AFFIRM program concern: at risk of losing full-time counselor support, one-year position 60/40 instead of 100% counselor.
 - Enrollment growth highlighted (Spring: 482; Fall projected: 622).
 - Kelly to address in the VP Report.
- Dave Hendricks – AFT Contract bargaining concluded; membership is encouraged to attend 5:00 pm meeting today.
- Esperanza Outeirino-Feijoo – Campus printers are frequently malfunctioning in LA Building; request for resolution.
- President Lopez – thanked the Senate for their service and patience through this year of transition and shared hiring updates.

V. Committee Chair Reports (3 minutes per report as needed)

- 1) **All College Curriculum:** Grace Estrada

- Grace shared her Committee Assessment Report
 - Transition to the Maverick system was completed.
 - Streamlined the approval process (as fast as 6 days).
 - Ongoing work:
 - Curriculum handbook updates.
 - UDL implementation.
 - Program viability review process.
 - Challenges:
 - Vacant program analyst position.
 - Implementation of Standardized Accounting Method impacting 35 courses.
 - UDL implementation.
 - Title V changes and continuation of CCN template.
- 2) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia
- Degree revisions for Phase 2A are nearing completion.
 - Follow-up is needed with the Chancellor's Office on a few pending new programs.
- 3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada
- Work is paused pending statewide articulation alignment.
- 4) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar
- Rahmon shared his Committee Assessment Report
 - 93.6% compliance rate.
 - 40 courses are still missing data.
 - Nine training videos were developed along with additional materials.
 - Identified workload imbalance for the coordinator role.
- 5) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez
- Tina shared her Committee Assessment Report
 - Software Mapper upgrade to 2.0 is in progress.
 - Website and student resources were updated and improved.
 - Increased outreach and marketing efforts.
 - Focus on student equity and completion support.
 - Increased communication with faculty, divisions, administrators and students.
- 6) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
- Juan shared his Committee Assessment Report
 - Expansion of credit processes (AP, military service), development underway for faculty to consider proposals.
 - Discussed PDD workshop or breakout session for CPL in the Spring.
 - Considering expanding committee membership.
- 7) **Professional Development:** Binh Vo
- Binh shared his Committee Assessment Report
 - Met our goal of an improved understanding of the request process for funding and using Concur.
 - Increased inclusivity (44 sessions) to invite classified and other members.

- Challenge:
 - Onboarding new members.
 - The Handbook has not been updated. Binh is in the process of putting documentation in a shared folder.
 - Binh is stepping down as PDC Chair due to changes in the special assignment structure.
- 8) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
- Tejal shared her Committee Assessment Report.
 - AI integration (in progress).
 - Expanded training (partially completed).
 - Updated student surveys (completed).
 - Challenges: participation and funding.
- 9) **College Budget:** Eric Narveson
- Eric shared his Committee Assessment Report.
 - \$285,000 allocated across 23 requests.
 - Defined “mission critical” funding.
 - New budget presentation format forthcoming.
 - RAM taskforce.
 - Eric has stepped down as chair. Lu Crary and Kathy Tran to co-chair as there is no longer reassigned time allocated for Faculty.
- 10) **District Budget:** Henry Estrada/Eric Narveson
- The Vice Chancellor is using a new standard to explain how the budget works, GFOA (Government Standard to Explain Budget).
 - Residential Property Tax is flat; our income will be flat. 50.05% is currently spent on the classroom side. Only 50.05% of the budget supports instruction (50% law at risk).
 - President elect (Dave) asked Eric to remain on District Budget next year.
- 11) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin – no report
- 12) **Campus Technology:** Sylvia Min
- Sylvia shared her Committee Assessment Report
 - Conducted four training workshops.
 - Improved communication and reporting.
 - Developed technology resources and policies that are shared content on the CTC webpage.
- 13) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada – no report
- 14) **Student Equity:** Victor Garza – no report
- 15) **College Council:** Henry Estrada
- Summary reports were reviewed.
 - English Final exam (Common Friday) is to end by Spring 2027.
 - Communication effectiveness was evaluated.
 - Assessment discussion of the council with members filling out an assessment form.
- 16) **District Council:** Henry Estrada

- No meeting.

17) **District Academic Senate: David Hendricks**

- Focus areas:
 - Dual enrollment
 - UDL implementation
 - Noncredit expansion
 - AI and OER/ZTC initiatives
- Leadership transition forthcoming.
- Creation of AP Taskforce.
- Enjoyed the collaboration between colleges.

VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- Henry reflected on the Senate history and role it plays. He emphasized the importance of faculty governance (10+1) along with collaboration and strategic advocacy.
- Henry expressed his appreciation to Senate members.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report

- In response to Claudia Barbosa-Daniels public comment Kelly shared the following information from a May 4th meeting with President Lopez.
 - The President plans to submit a 1-year short-term position funded by Fund 10 (60% Counselor, 40% Coordinator). The Position is expected to be external recruitment, not an internal transfer. This position is in addition to a full-time counselor position.
 - Two faculty members were requested for the hiring committee due to the short-term nature of the position. This position has not yet been posted on the HR website.
 - Kelly needs to confirm position details and allocation with the President.
- Kelly shared her respect for everyone and thanked them for their support over the last two years.

VIII. Consent Items

- A. Senate Membership Confirmation – Division Reps - Fall 2026 – Spring 2028
 - Business & Workforce Development: Juan Gill
- B. Professional Recognition Committee: Mike Masuda, Tram Pham and Eric Narveson (2026-2027).
- C. College Council Membership Confirmation – Fall 2026 – Spring 2028 – Dave Hendricks, Tina Iniguez, Laura Garcia, Cindy Bevan.

IX. Action Items

- A. Screening Committee – Umoja-AFFIRM Counselor/Coordinator (vote for 2) – the Senate selected Dave Hendricks and Claudia Barbosa-Daniels.
- B. Permission is requested for the Curriculum Chair to start deactivation of the Building Information Modeling (BIM) Program and related courses, Laura (1st), Eric (2nd), unanimously approved.

X. Discussion Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)

- A. SJCC Resolution on Special Assignments MOU – Dave Hendricks
 - Reviewed proposed SJCC MOU updates for special assignments which would increase Senate involvement in assignment selection and release time reviews.
 - Members will review the proposal and consider revisions in the fall.
- B. Program Deactivation Proposal – Grace Estrada

- The Program Viability Review (PVR) Committee decided to move forward with discontinuance of BIM. With no full-time faculty to initiate deactivation the Curriculum Chair is asking for permission to initiate discontinuance.
 - BIM is no longer a stand-alone course but is now taught throughout all courses.
 - Laura moves to suspend Roberts' Rules and move this request to action, unanimously approved.
- C. Credit by Exam Fees- Juan Gill
 - MAP recommends that Community Colleges not charge CPL, including fees per unit. Juan has not had a credit by exam submission yet but would like clarification of what students are currently paying and if they should be paying.
 - More research is needed on which fees students are currently required to pay, how financial aid may be affected, and if the government has already paid for the training during military service, would they be paying twice if GI funds were used.
 - Grace and Laura will ask around at the Curriculum Institute and with SJCC to see what they are doing.
 - Table until Fall.

XI. Information Items (limited to 3 minutes per item)

- A. Campus Policy for Absences in Semester and Credit – Alessandro Bailetti Saez & Melissa Hornstein
 - How many days can we allow students to miss? Is there an official number and where do we find it?
 - The focus is on whether it is OK under law and accreditation that a student passes a class, even if they meet the bare minimum amount of time in class.
 - Table until Fall.
- B. Women and Gender Equity Program – Sylvia Min
 - Interdisciplinary program offers degrees, certificates, courses, and wraparound services.
 - Coordinator role transitioned from long-time leadership (2005-2022) to new coordinators beginning in Fall 2024.
 - The former Women's Center was rebranded as the Women and Gender Equity Program after the loss of its physical space.
 - Efforts have focused on increasing visibility and renewing the AAUW partnership.
 - Faculty were encouraged to promote AAUW scholarships for women in underrepresented fields.
 - Accomplishments:
 - Held Menstrual Equity Week awareness activities where free menstrual products were provided at all events.
 - Promoted inclusivity, reduced stigma, and supported student success.
- C. Dual Enrollment MOU – VP Dickerson
 - The Dual Enrollment MOU was approved in December and is now being implemented.
 - Forty-Eight new sections were added across district partners with enrollment expected to increase significantly.
 - Additional support staff may be needed on the dual enrollment team as sections grow from 40 to 90 in the Fall.
 - The Academic Support Office checks minimum qualifications with priority going to the high school instructors first, then to full-time faculty.
 - You can access the MOU from Board meeting in December.

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Tejal shared that we now have ZDT OER for four degree pathways: Psychology, Communications Studies, Philosophy and Chemistry.
- Tejal shared she will be presenting at the Online Teaching Conference.

- Next Academic Senate meeting: September 1, 2026

XIII. Adjournment – 5:00 pm – Eric (1st), Grace (2nd)