



Evergreen Valley College

Academic Senate Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Mishra Conference Room

Present: David Hendricks, Tina Iniguez, Henry Estrada, Juan Gil, Melissa Hornstein, Nancy Lin, Eric Narveson, Grace Estrada, Alessandro Bailetti Saez, Binh Vo, Laura Garcia, Sravani Banerjee, Judith Girardi, Tejal Naik

Absent:

Guest(s): VP Dickerson, Sylvia Min, Rahmon Pashtunyar, Kelly Nguyen-Jardin, Jasmine Diaz, Angel Fuentes

- I. Call to Order – 3:00 pm**
- II. Adoption of Agenda –** Alessandro (1st), Tina (2nd), unanimously approved
- III. Approval of Minutes** from May 19 – Tina (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved
- 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.
 - Grace Estrada – currently gathering information from faculty for Late Start courses to be published later and feedback on when we want them published. Item to be on the agenda for a future meeting.
 - Jasmine Diaz – shared upcoming events –
 - Young Investors Workshop on September 24, in Gullo II.
 - Women in Law Panel on October 15, at 12 PM in LA Lecture Hall.
 - Continued development of the new Women's Center space.
 - Alessandro Bailetti Saez – working with Enlace on Heritage Month. Participants requested for mixer on 9/22.
 - Rahmon Pashtunyar –Concern raised about locked faculty workspaces on the 3rd floor of the General Education building. Adjunct Faculty are unable to access.
 - Tejal Naik - Faculty encouraged to attend ADA Title II/Digital Accessibility webinar on September 18, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm.
 - Eric Narveson - Fall Plenary 11/5- 11/7, at the Grand Bay Hotel in Redwood City. Registration is \$725 before 9/14, \$850 after 9/14. \$210 for just Saturday and \$85 for online only.
 - Eric Narveson - currently on the Relations with Local Senates Committee through the ASCCC.
 - Donna White – please review the new website check for errors, broken links, etc.
 - Judith Girardi – shared an author watch party featuring Reyna Grande with “Migrant Hearts” on September 22, at 11:00 am in the LA Lecture Hall.
- V. Committee Chair Reports (3 minutes per report as needed)**
 - 1) **All College Curriculum:** Grace Estrada
 - First Meeting is on September 10.
 - Title V and UDL implementation work is underway.
 - Transition from CurriQunet to Coursedog was announced.

- 2) **AB 928:** Laura Garcia
 - Work continues on a fully online GE pattern and future online degree pathways.
 - Antoinette and STEM committed to do a science lab online.
 - Opens the door to fully online degrees.
- 3) **AB 1111:** Grace Estrada
 - AB 1111 Funding will allow us to do UDL implementation workshops as well as compensate faculty for upcoming Title V changes.
- 4) **Universal Design Learning (UDL):** Grace Estrada
 - Grace, Tejal and Laura meet with CAPS for workshop proposal.
 - Initially there will be 2 workshops a month with Spring discipline specific. There will be some online options.
 - DEC will determine if the workshops count towards recertification.
- 5) **Student Learning Outcomes:** Rahmon Pashtunyar
 - The committee met last Friday, August 28.
 - Transition from CurriQunet was discussed.
 - Currently reviewing 200 items in the queue; 50-60 passed, 50-60 were sent back with videos, with ~100 more to be sent back.
 - Working on goals for the academic year.
- 6) **Guided Pathways:** Tina Iniguez
 - Will meet on September 10.
 - Program MAPS not updated for 2026 due to 2.0 conversion, technology issues, and staffing issues at the state.
 - Broken links on the new website have been fixed.
 - Counseling Popups, 1st Tuesday and Wednesday of every month. Student ambassadors will be used at events and popups. We plan a heavy promotion of Program MAPS.
- 7) **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL):** Juan Gil
 - Juan
 - The committee will meet on 9/17 via Zoom to discuss goals for the Academic Year.
- 8) **Distance Education (DE):** Tejal Naik
 - Tejal
 - We will meet next Tuesday in person, with a focus on Focus on UDL, accessibility, and RSI.
 - Tejal is working with her counterpart at SJCC on the Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) review process which begins with a site visit on September 18.
 - Working to identify gaps and document that we are working towards ADA Title II compliance.
- 9) **College Budget:** Henry Estrada
 - Has not met yet. \$285K annual budget.
 - Leadership is in question with Kathy Tran's departure.

10) **District Budget:** Eric Narveson

- VC Edwin is trying to simplify how the budget works, we reviewed budget overview materials for the upcoming Board meeting and provided feedback.
- Budget remains essentially unchanged from last year.
- Both colleges have new VPs of Administration learning about their current college situations.
- Faculty and classified hiring processes were discussed. This identified communication gaps between the district and colleges regarding funded positions. Positions are going unfilled but are showing on the budget.

11) **Institutional Effectiveness:** Fahmida Fakhruddin – no report

12) **Campus Technology:** - no report

13) **College Safety and Facilities:** Vince Cabada – no report

14) **Student Equity:** – no report

15) **College Council:** Dave Hendricks – no report

16) **District Council:** Tina Iniguez – no report

17) **District Academic Senate:** David Hendricks – no report

18) **Professional Development:** Sylvia Min

- First meeting is on September 10.
- Binh Vo will continue on the committee as ex-officio and At Large which will help with continuity.
- Will offer Zoom access to improve participation and transparency.
- Additional faculty may be recruited to serve as proxies when needed.

VI. Academic Senate President's Report

- Emphasized need for increased professional development funding for faculty to be student ready.
- Encouraged faculty participation in accessibility and UDL training opportunities.
 - Dave is currently taking EDIT 23 (Accessibility) course, which is very good. 3 Units that are a good use of your time.
- Let Dave know if there are issues around campus that he can advocate for.

VII. Academic Senate Vice President's Report

- Keep lines of communication open.

VIII. Consent Items

IX. Action Items

- A. Confirm Associate Faculty Election Committee: Alessandro (1st), Grace (2nd), unanimously approved.
- Eric, Binh and Sravani

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

- A. Brown's Act Revisions (Zoom Option) – Dave Hendricks
 - Dave sent copies of the Brown Act to Senators and guidance from the district.
 - Dave facilitated discussion on Zoom options for faculty and public that can't attend in person.
 - Senate Members and Committee – special circumstances only.
 - Broader faculty – listen only.
 - Public Comments – suggest in person only and or limit the time to first 10 minutes of the meeting. Prioritize to in person first. Limited to special cases with the chair.
 - Phone in option.
 - Sylvia Min is requesting Zoom option for Professional Development Committee.
 - Revisit at the next meeting.
- B. Senate By-Laws – Dave Hendricks
 - Discussed bylaw revisions for officers whose leadership terms extend beyond their Senate terms with additional items to be reviewed.
 - Melissa, Dave, Eric, Tina, Henry volunteered.
- C. Associate Faculty Election Committee – Dave Hendricks
 - Call was sent out on August 28 for 2 Associate Faculty Senate seats, with nominations due Friday, September 4 and a vote to be held through Monday, September 14.
 - Eric, Binh, and Sravani volunteered.

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

- A. Collegiality in Action – Dave Hendricks
 - Reminder about the upcoming Collegiality in Action workshop with ASCCC and CCLC representatives presenting on governance and the Senate's 10+1 authority.
 - Encouraged attendance to strengthen shared governance understanding.
 - Tomorrow at 2:00 pm in Gullo 11.
- B. ACCC Changes to Curriculum proposals – Grace Estrada & Laura Garcia
 - Reviewed the current curriculum process and upcoming proposed changes.
 - Outlined approval steps from faculty submission through curriculum review.
 - Reviewed external approval and implementation timelines.
 - Discussed strategies to reduce bottlenecks through early feedback.
 - The goal is to improve the catalog timeline. This means that curriculum proposals with changes that impact student-facing elements in the catalog need to be submitted and processed in the Fall in order for them to be included in the next upcoming catalog. For example, a course proposal submitted and approved in Fall 2026 will be in the 2027-2028 catalog. The earliest a course proposal submitted and approved in Spring 2027 will be in the 2028-2028 catalog.

XII. Announcements & Recognitions

- Dave reiterated the great job done by Sylvia and the PDC committee on the Fall PDD.
- Grace thanked Laura, Tejal and Antionette for making the online path possible.
- AB1111 paid for PDD food.
- Next Academic Senate meeting: September 15, 2026.

XIII. Adjournment – 4:50 pm – Tejal (1st), Tina (2nd)