



ACADEMIC • SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, April 16th, 2026

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Marrujo, Fabienne Bouton, Dan Curtis, Frantz Farreau, Rita Ghazala, Nancy Bahena (as proxy for Moriah Gonzalez-Meeks), Karla Gutierrez, Debra Hills, Amy Huie, Tania Jabour, Octavio Leal, Rachel Polakoski, Joan Rettinger, Miriam Simpson, Christopher Torres, Heidi Wilson

Absent: Rachele Panganiban, Wayne Ross, Liza Kakos (as proxy for Asma Yassi)

Guests: Annalinda Arroyo

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

The Senate minutes are recorded and published in summary form. Readers of these minutes must understand that recorded comments in these minutes do not represent the official position of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate expresses its official positions only through votes noted under "Action." In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act guidelines, Senators voting "nay" or abstaining will be identified. All other present members will be assumed to have voted "aye."

1. **Call to Order** – Karen Marrujo, the Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

2. **Introductions** – None

3. **Public Comments** – None

4. **Announcements** –

A. Outstanding Faculty Award Nominations Open:

Karen asked senators to send nominations in to acknowledge any faculty that have gone above and beyond to support students, the college, and peers. These will be announced at fall convocation.

B. Film Screening of The Voice of Hind Rajab:

On Wednesday, April 29th at 5pm there will be a free film screening of The Voice of Hind Rajab. There will be a 5pm reception with food and a 6pm showing until about 7:30pm with a facilitated discussion afterward to process any feelings that viewers have.

C. Meeting Location for April and May meetings:

The rest of the meetings for the semester will be taking place in E-206.

D. Happening Now: Open Nominations for Academic Senate Officers:

The call has gone out for nominations. The deadline is April 18th and any late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Reach out to Annalinda Arroyo with any questions.

E. Other:

On April 30th, the last Teaching Dialogues of the semester will be held from 4pm-5pm on Zoom. Visit the Vision Resource Center to sign up.

Umoja program and Puente are presenting a Men of Color Mental Health Conversation event on April 22nd at 11:30 in the Black Student Success Center.

5. Adoption of Unanimous Consent Items – *Grouped items for unanimous approval or endorsement without discussion. Any item can be pulled from unanimous consent. In the case an item is pulled, it will be individually considered later in the meeting under “Action Items.”*

A. Approval of 03-26-2026 Minutes:

The Senate reviewed the minutes from 03-12-2026.

B. Endorsement of Cuyamaca College Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

The Senate reviewed the Cuyamaca College Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs).

C. Endorsement of Proposed Revisions to the Charge and Composition of Resource Operations Council (ROC):

The Senate reviewed the proposed revisions to the charge and composition of the Resource Operations Council (ROC).

The Senate voted to approve the Consent Calendar by unanimous consent.

6. Action Items –

A. Items pulled from Unanimous Consent:

None

7. Information Items –

A. ROC Ranked Resource Requests List:

Karen asked senators to review ROC Ranked Resource Requests list for endorsement at our meeting next week.

B. CTC Ranked Resource Requests List:

Dean Jessica Hurtado shared with Karen that there are 3 items ranked from 5

requests. The Digital Art lab was not ranked because it was approved on last year's list. The library security gate system replacement is not listed because it is a substantial request over \$50,000 and was recommended to be added to the potential bond funds that the college is pursuing.

C. FSPC Ranked Resource Requests List:

There are 7 items currently ranked. There have been substantial conversations around the FSPC process. Karen asked senators to provide any feedback to Erica Balakian, Keenan Murray, any member of SOC, or Karen.

D. Fall 2026 – Spring 2027 Faculty Hiring Priorities Ranked List with Rationale:

There were 20 ranked positions with a newly formatted list. One of the goals for the list is to have a section of the document updated as decisions are made. Karen asked senators to review the list and provide feedback. Tania asked about retirements and what the outlook is on open positions. Karen noted that it looks as though there will be 2-3 positions open.

E. Discretionary Reassigned Time Role Review Period:

We are currently going to be recruiting for a few roles. Two roles were requested to be pulled. DE was pulled because it does not function well as it is currently written and will need to be revised. Tutoring is also pulled because it has been a 10-year tutoring pilot, and that needs to be addressed. The Learning and Teaching co-coordinator and OER are in recruitment.

F. BP 4010:

This is up for official review right now. The district is interpreting this BP to not include the Academic Senates in the conversation regarding the Academic Calendar. Faculty would like to be included since the Academic Calendar touches on more than just working decisions. There are conversations ongoing with AFT about this, and updates will continue to be shared.

G. BP 4035:

There was no feedback from the Academic Senate, so SOC created a draft that was run by the president's cabinet to ensure administrators wouldn't be adversely affected. The main changes include incorporating our mission, vision, and values, having stronger language about the board defending the right to discuss these topics, and updating the language to reflect less open-ended wording. This is up for discussion at the district level and Grossmont College will need to give their input as well.

H. Creation of the Academic Senate AP/BP Review Workgroup:

There are a few ideas on what the process will look like. SOC will take those ideas and bring them back to Academic Senate while continuing to work on an official process.

8. Reports –

A. Committee and Coordinator Reports:

i. Updates from Curriculum:

Annalinda shared updates from curriculum including the 5-year review cycle. Annalinda advised senators to be on the lookout for reps reaching out regarding courses on the list that are currently being worked on.

Annalinda also shared updates on the Curriculum Information Management system (CIM). Work is being done to wrap up some of the smaller issues. Solutions were found to Nuventive issues but there are some outstanding issues with proper syncing. There will most likely be a new round of training on CIM as it has been over a year since the last training and there have been changes. SAAM is going through rigorous discussions to resolve some issues and concerns there as well.

ii. Additional Committee Updates:

None.

B. Academic Senate President's Report:

Karen shared updates regarding the current state of PSC 123 from Grossmont College, the public comment regarding governance meeting schedule, the CCC response to the scheduling proposal, and the ASCCC Spring 2026 Plenary.

Karen shared updates on events taking place in regard to curriculum. Annalinda gave context around an issue between ENGR at Cuyamaca College and Physical Sciences at Grossmont. Grossmont is creating a physical sciences course that articulates with an engineering course at SDSU. Our Engineering faculty is opposed to this course being offered as is. Cuyamaca's Academic Senate has asked for the course to be pulled from the board packet to give us more time to review the process. Grossmont's Academic Senate is not willing to pull the curriculum from the April Board Packet. The next step will be for the presidents of the colleges to have a discussion and address it with the chancellor.

Polakoski/Rettinger to suspend the rules. 15 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion Passed.

Jabour/Curtis to vote on the resolution from Academic Senate. Resolved that the Cuyamaca College's Academic Senate requests that PSC 123 be pulled from the Grossmont College Board Packet and not subject to approval. 15 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion Passed.

The board has recently implemented a land acknowledgement at the beginning of the meeting. There has been public comment at the board meetings regarding the land acknowledgement that has been troubling. The president would like to give positive reinforcement to the board for their adoption of land acknowledgement. Senators who attended ASCCC Spring Plenary shared the "Micro Lesson" that was presented in lieu of the traditional land acknowledgement. An idea to get students involved in the micro lessons for the college - one senator will reach out to the Kumeyaay Studies

faculty to collaborate. Senators shared ideas on how to incorporate land acknowledgement language and lessons into our lives.

The proposal to change shared governance meeting times as presented by one faculty member was not supported by Cuyamaca College Council. CCC agreed that creating the proposed meeting time window was exclusionary to some members of the college. Senators discussed the needs of certain faculty, especially CE faculty, to be considered when these decisions from CCC are being made because the current practices don't realize some of the potential equity gaps. Karen noted that there are contractual limitations that contribute to that as well and that these issues fall mostly under working conditions and would need to be negotiated with AFT. We will need to find creative solutions to address some of the area specific issues. Another concern is ensuring that we don't exclude groups like classified professionals or counselors from committees. The senate may form a workgroup to create best practices and suggestions to shared governance.

Next week, President Robinson will provide updates on a few items from previous meetings. Including the vision of the Equity dean role.

C. Vice President's Report:

Rachel Polakoski shared her VP report and updated committee service opportunities with senators. There is a new Advisory Team for Emergency Preparedness & Safety Leadership and Advisory Team (EPSLAT). There are two at-large faculty positions open, one for instruction and one for student services. Meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm-3:00pm. Faculty can apply using the [Participatory Governance Interest Form](#).

Beginning the first week in May, faculty will be able to apply for committee terms opening for fall 2026.

D. Part-Time Faculty Report:

None.

E. Other:

None.

9. Adjourn – Karen Marrujo adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm.