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Minutes

Thursday, May 28th, 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, Octavio Leal, Rachel Polakoski, Joan Rettinger, Wayne Ross, Miriam Simpson, Christopher Torres, Heidi Wilson, Liza Kakos (as proxy for Asma Yassi)

Absent: Amy Huie, Tania Jabour, Rachelle Panganiban

Guests: Annalinda Arroyo, Jeanie Machado Tyler, Jessica Robinson, Alex Felty, Lauren Vaknin, Kaylin Rosal, Bri Hays

Recorder: Aiden Lovewell

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1. **Call to Order** – Karen Marrujo, the Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. **Introductions –** Senators and guests introduced themselves

3. **Public Comments** – Debra Hills shared that Guillermo Colls is retiring. There will be a surprise party tomorrow at 12pm in B-360.

4. **Announcements** –

   A. Other:

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 05-14-2026 Minutes:

The Senate reviewed the minutes from 05-14-2026.

B. Documents presented at the Technology Planning and Policy Council (TPPC):
The Senate reviewed the documents presented at TPPC and pulled this item for further discussion. See action items.

C. Approval of Draft 2026-27 Instructional Comprehensive Program Review Template:
The Senate reviewed the draft.

D. Approval of Draft 2026-27 Instructional Program Review Annual Update Template:
The Senate reviewed the draft.

E. Approval of Draft 2026-27 Student and Instructional Services Program Review Annual Update Template:
The Senate reviewed the draft.

F. Endorsement of GCCCD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Approval and Implementation Process:
The Senate reviewed the endorsement.

G. Endorsement of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and National University:
The Senate reviewed the endorsement.

H. Endorsement of Proposed Changes to the Charge and composition of Learning Assistance Center Advisory Committee (LACAC):
The Senate reviewed the endorsement.

I. Approval of 2026-2027 FHPC Request Form:
The Senate reviewed the form

J. Approval of 2026-2027 FHPC Rubric:
The Senate reviewed the form.

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

6. Action Items –

A. <u>AI Items</u>
The senate reviewed the Responsible AI Guiding Principles draft, BP 3775: Safe and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence, and AP 3775: Artificial Intelligence Feedback from AI Taskforce. The senate made recommended updates and revisions to the language on these documents for clarity, revision, and new language addition.

-Motion to approve the three documents, as-is. **Motion/Second**: Curtis/Bouton. **Nays**: None. **Abstentions**: None. Motion Passes.

-Motion to amend to add language regarding environmental impact in the BP, as well as the word "legal" in the first sentence of the BP. **Motion/Second**: Moriah/Hills. **Nays**: None. **Abstentions**: None. Motion Passes.

7. **Information Items** –

A. Updates from Dr. Jessica Robinson, Cuyamaca College President:
President Robinson shared updates with senators. The college is currently in consideration for pursuing a bond. The board will likely be voting on going for a bond over the summer in July. We created a short-time task group for the bond project and the first priority with this bond money is the F-Building. There were three smaller projects, athletics needs a remodel and expansion of the current space, library renovations, and child center renovations. The CCC minutes have documentation on the process for this. This is all contingent on the bond being successful and if it is not, then we will still be pursuing F-Building renovations for several safety and quality of life concerns. An architect will be looking at the current F-Building soon.

We discussed the FON the last time the president was here and President Robinson gave an update. Previously, the FON was an absolute number of 95 and we were never to go under that number. With the two current recruitments, we are at exactly 95. There have been discussions about adjusting the FON using a different method and we are no longer looking at the FON by an absolute number. Hiring faculty will now be a college decision based on need and resources. The tentative budget has been completed but the final budget is still in the works and we will be looking at the budget in totality and then in August there will be an update. This semester there was a departure and two retirements and the President reassured senators that we will not go below 95 no matter how the discussion goes for determining a new FON floor.

The commitment is to get the results of program review requests before faculty leave and the semester is over. All authors will know before this coming Tuesday at 8am. The president is committed to hiring a new classified position as well.

There was a Chairs and Deans meeting about budgets. The budgets have not been changed in a long time. There have been significant budget modifications and emails will be coming for those changes next week. There is also a lot of outdated equipment that will be replaced and there will be a roadshow with results in fall.

We have not been paying, in totality, part-time faculty for their participation in shared governance committee meetings. Starting in Fall 2026, we will be paying for all pat-time governance committee work going forward. Additionally, we will retroactively pay back to spring of 2023.

Jessica also noted that there was an increase of 358 additional degrees awarded from last year, which equates to an increase of roughly 32%.

B. Updates from Bri Hays, Senior Dean of Institutional Effectiveness:
Bri Hays shared updates with senators. Bri reminded senators of the context around our core inquiry regarding RSI and the team that will be coming to visit us later this year. We applied for IEPI-PRT (Institutional Effectiveness/Process Improvement - Partnership Resource Team) to assist with our Distance Education / RSI improvement plans and processes. SDICCCA intern applications are in, 8 applicants have come in for internships with 4 being accepted across 3 different departments. There are still 3 unfilled mentorships. Our strategic enrollment goals have shifted to a focus on Dual Enrollment.

C. Updates from Student Engagement and Belonging. Presented by Lauren Vaknin, Dean of Student Engagement and Belonging:
Lauren Vaknin, Kaitlin Rosal, and Alex Felty shared updates with senators. There have been updates to several centers and programs. The Queer Student Center has received a Hygiene Closet and an increase in student led activities. There will be a Latine Graduation Celebration on June 1st at 2pm in I-209. The New Student Orientation event is returning on August 15. Alex Felty is our new full-time Mental Health Counselor. TimelyCare is up and running for online mental health services.

Kaitlin Rosal shared data on Cuyamaca Cares and highlighted the effect of Cuyamaca cares on student persistence rates compared to those who don't use the services. The Basic Needs pantry services are now written in Ed Code.

D. Information items for future approval:
   i. Revised Resource and Operations Council (ROC) Request Form:
   Karen shared the revisions to these three items. SOC can approve items when Academic Senate can't meet. Karen asked senators to review the changes and noted that these will be moving to Nuventive, so formatting isn't a big concern. Authors start in July so SOC will approve these on behalf of Academic Senate.

   ii. Revised Resource and Operations Council (ROC) Rubric:

   iii. Revised Facilities and Sustainability Planning Committee (FSPC) Form:

8. Reports –

A. Committee and Coordinator Reports:
   i. Updates from Curriculum:
   None.

   ii. Additional Committee Updates:
   None.

B. Academic Senate President's Report:
Karen noted that one big goal for next semester is to reframe the Academic Senate's relationship with the Chancellor, the district, and the board.

C. Vice President's Report:
Rachel Polakoski shared her VP report and updated committee service opportunities with senators.

D. Part-Time Faculty Report:
None.

E. Other:
None.

9. Adjourn – Karen Marrujo adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.