



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07pm. *mittchell* read that the Land Acknowledgement is acknowledged but unread due to the time constraint of today's meeting.

II. Remote Member Attendance

*Graboi* requested online attendance as a non-voting member.

III. Roll Call

Present: *curry mittchell* (President), Sean Davis, Robin Allyn (Coordinating Officer), Katrina Tamura, Sarah Gross, Sunny Cooke (ex-officio), Alexis Tucker Sade, Krista Warren-Yagubyan, Leigh Cotnoir, Jeff Murico, Jim Sullivan (Vice President), Brian Page.

Absent: Kristine Arquero, Ghada Osman, Julie Graboi, **Afifa Zaman**

Others: VP Pescarmona, Scott Fallstrom, Jim Julius, Tina Ortiz, Dr. Peter Friedman, Mary Gross, Alketa Wojick

**Note:** Senator Zaman missed Roll Call, but was present within minutes of the meeting's start.

IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

*Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the committee either before or during the committee's consideration of each item of business to be discussed at regular or special committee meetings, including closed session items.*

A new associate faculty member in attendance asked if we would discuss who our next Superintendent/President was going to be.

V. Changes to Agenda Order

No changes.

VI. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2025

A typo was acknowledged in the minutes on the acronym, AFILA. The organization, Luke Lara referenced in his commentary is FELA which stands for Faculty Empowerment Leadership Academy. Senators accepted this change and did not pull the item.

B. Equivalencies

I. Bio Sciences - Prof. Carmen Teodorof

II. Art/Drama - Prof. Terrell Sledge

Senators approved items A and B by unanimous consent.

VII. Action Items, First Read [12:05; 25 minutes]

A. AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degrees and General Education *Description: update needed for compliance with AB 928; replaced references to and narrative about CSU GE and IGETC with Cal-GETC*  
Some discussion on the word, "minium." Whether to leave it or remove it. Will follow up with *Allyn* and *Zaman*.

- B. AP 4025B Philosophy and Criteria for Baccalaureate Degrees and General Education  
*Description: Compliance with AB 928; replaced references to and narrative about CSU GE and IGETC with Cal-GETC.*  
*Fallstrom* noted that there is an upgrade to the grading language regarding a “C” or better.  
No objections to seeing this as a second read on the next agenda.

- C. AP 4101 Directed Studies  
*Description: Periodic Review; light editing for clarity and consistency*  
*Fallstrom* noted that there are a few small changes including adding the word semester in front of units. This was an AP brought by Admissions and Records, for the request to clarify that if it is not clearly stated that we are speaking on semester units, the system will default to quarter units.  
No objections to seeing this as a second read on the next agenda.

#### VIII. Discussion [12:30; 30 minutes]

- A. Overview of Academic Senate Agendas for Spring 2026 - *Mitchell*  
*Description: An overview of plans for Academic Senate priorities, action items, and issues will be presented to Senators for discussion and feedback.*

*mitchell* gave an overview of Academic Senate priorities for Spring 2026 followed by extensive discussion of curriculum timelines, systemwide articulation challenges, and governance capacity by *Fallstrom* who outlined upcoming limited curriculum windows through mid-February. CPC is focused on the 2026–27 catalog cycle, and early planning for Fall 2027, noting ongoing instability related to Cal-GETC, CCN, and UC/CSU alignment. *mitchell* is working with Instructional Services leadership on a planned Scheduling Summit in February.

Additional discussion addressed upcoming updates to Professional Development and Academic Renewal procedures in particular in light of newly approved Title 5 language. *Zaman* asked if we could adopt the statewide policy on Academic Renewal into our local policy sooner rather than later. *VP Pescarmona* added that the AP on Academic Renewal was recently ratified at the Board of Governors meeting and their policy is more progressive than MiraCosta’s, she would pull it and share it with Senate.

Some areas of discussion from the Townhall and within governance were raised. *Murico* mentioned the talk about Leadership Roles, governance and inclusion and asked if we can work as a Senate to further clarify for full-time faculty the commitment or obligation to service. There is some who are overly taxed, we are working within a system that does allow some of those equity gaps, not looking to develop a quota system but more clarity is needed. In relationship to institutional service versus contractual service, the Senate’s relationship with subcommittees, uneven service burdens, and barriers to associate faculty participation (*Warren, Murico, Davis, Zaman*). Suggestions included clearer expectations, and exploring compensation or co-chair models to support broader and more equitable faculty engagement (*Zaman*).

*Fallstrom* will attend the April 4, 2026 regional curriculum meeting and report back to Senate. Senate leadership will continue coordination on scheduling, futures planning, and classroom standards. The Senate will continue discussions with Online Educators and the Faculty Association regarding AI guidance, service expectations, and associate faculty participation. Faculty feedback will be solicited through the Spring 2026 governance survey, with the option for a Senate-specific survey if needed.

#### IX. Reports

- A. Academic Senate President – *mitchell* ([access report](#))  
The ASCCC is coming to the end of its strategic plan. It will be interesting to see where they go with specific information on CCN and UC/CSU Alignment. The Academic Senate subcommittees and district committees will meet on February 20th for an off-site Senate Meeting and Student-Centered

Scheduling Summit. The Academic Senate meeting may begin at 8am, Senators were encouraged to [RSVP to the Summit using this link](#) and provided QR Code [see report link]

B. College Superintendent/President – *Cooke* ([access report](#))

Report included details on enrollment, with good news that our headcount is up 6.7% and FTES are up 4.7% from last Spring. Most SDICCCA colleges are seeing increases but not necessarily at this level. Spring Flex week was robust and a thank you to all who help ensure our students have access to the educational opportunities they need. Highlighted the Keynote Speakers' message from the morning, it was a packed house and the message touched many hearts. An announcement of a New Dean, Dr. Annie Ngo selected as the Dean of Business and Technology. The board will discuss some adjustments to dean roles at the upcoming January 22nd meeting. There is word of a National Walk-Out Day planned across America for Tuesday, January 21st. Students may participate. Instructional Services supports faculty autonomy in how they want to handle student engagement in the event next Tuesday. Lastly, shout out to our Lady Spartans basketball team who remain undefeated – encouraged all to support at least one of their home events throughout the semester. Athletics schedule [linked](#).

C. Classified Senate – *Streagle* ([access report](#))

Classified's Year-End Celebration was profoundly a jolly good time. Ingrid Phillips was awarded the Outstanding Classified Professional Award, The Biology Team was awarded the Spotlight Award and over \$ 2,000.00 was raised for student scholarships. Classified Senate is working on gathering questions to support the development of a governance survey in mid-March to help guide future work and an upcoming meeting with Faculty Assembly is planned for January 22nd.

D. Associate Student Government – *James* ([access report](#))

No Report Shared.

E. Senator Reports – ([access report](#))

No Report Shared.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Senator Graboi remarked in the chat, "Love all of the creative ideas."