

Victor Valley College Academic Senate Meeting - Thursday, September 4, 2025**Area Reps present**

Tim Adell, Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Executive Officers present

Lee Bennett/President, Jane Montgomery/Vice President, Lynne Glickstein/Past President, Jacqueline Stahlke/Senate Liaison Officer, Leslie Huiner/Secretary

Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM**1. OPENING ITEMS**

Procedural: 1.01 Public Comments

2. INFORMATION ITEMS

Information: 2.01 AP 1201 Participatory Governance Structure & Responsibilities

Refers to college governance handbook, ratified through College Council.

Information: 2.02 Victor Valley College Decision-Making Handbook

Needs some corrections for accuracy, approved through Senate in 2024, will come to College Council with some changes.

Information: 2.03 Curriculum Committee Minutes

3. ACTION ITEMS

Action, Minutes: 3.01 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2025

Motion to approve by Patty Golder, second by Leslie Leach.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland

Action: 3.02 AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning - Kelly Cahow/Dean of HASS - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve by Lorena Dorn, second by Patty Golder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Action: 3.03 AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies Update - Debra Blanchard/Equivalency Committee - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve both documents by Lorena Dorn, second by Patty Golder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Action: 3.04 Proposal to Increase Unit Enrollment for Victor Valley College Students - Dr. Lorena Dorn/Counseling - 2nd Reading

Motion to approve by Leslie Leach, second by Jose Luna.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Abstain: David Gibbs

Action: 3.05 Common Course Numbers - Reserved Numbers for Work Experience Education, Special Topics, Independent Study - Debra Blanchard/Curriculum Committee

Motion to approve by Lorena Dorn, second by Keiry Borrue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Keiry Borrue, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jose Luna, Brianna Moss, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Information: 4.01 President's Report - Lee Bennett

Conversation about bot situation, has been significant improvement in limiting new, incoming bots, may not be experienced by faculty because problem is bots who were already in the system and are returning bot students. Discussions on book voucher situation, response was sent from Student Services independent consultant Mary Gallagher, information and vouchers were sent last Thursday to students and eCampus, new process is being worked out.

13 hiring committees for FT faculty in process for fall from last year's faculty hiring prioritization list, 20 FT faculty hires for spring because FON went from 134 to 169, we are being asked to put together a solid list of 30 recommendations through faculty hiring prioritization process. We need more Fair Employment Representatives for spring, training held through HR, requires shadowing on a hiring committee.

November 6 senate meeting overlaps ASCCC Fall Plenary, so we are moving the Nov meeting to third Tuesday of the month, Nov. 18.

ASEB goal for this year is revising Bylaws, Leslie is chairing the work group consisting of Patty Golder, Lisa Harvey, and Debby Blanchard.

Information: 4.02 Vice President, Dr. Jane Montgomery

Sending out hiring committee compositions to department chairs for 13 new FT faculty positions being hired this fall term, 37 faculty volunteered. Let her know if you need all-calls sent out for committees.

Report: 4.03 Past President, Lynne Glickstein

Report from Finance, Budget & Planning Committee, tiered resource requests were shared for on-going and one-time allocations approved through PRAISE process. Budget report came out, COLA for this year is 2.3%. Building 30 will be demolished and a new 2-story building planned, with upper story for faculty offices. Bldg 42 will have modular offices added for new fall hires.

Information: 4.04 Senate Liaison Officer, Dr. Jacqueline Stahlke

Will continue to email end of the month liaison reports, Title 5 changed and we should advocate that book store vouchers be available on first day of classes to ensure burden-free instructional materials. Two assembly bills (AB 49 and SB 98) both tackle immigration issues, Gov Newsom has until Oct.12 to sign them.

Information: 4.05 Secretary, Leslie Huiner

No report.

5. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Report: 5.01 Part-Time Faculty Area Representatives - Brian LeMaster, Brianna Moss, Stacy Weiland

No report.

Report: 5.02 Area Representatives

No reports.

6. COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS

Report: 6.01 Affordable Educational Materials Committee - Teresa Grenot

Report shared via handout (see meeting agenda.)

Report: 6.02 College Council - Lee Bennett

Tuesday meeting covered governance handbook and AP 1201, first reading on AP 5035, and lactation accommodations AP 5203.

Report: 6.03 Curriculum Committee - Debby Blanchard

Report: 6.04 Equivalency Committee - Debby Blanchard

Report: 6.05 Graduation Requirements Committee - Melanie Dube-Price

Didn't meet quorum at this week's meeting.

Report: 6.06 Program Review - Keiry Borruel

If you have problems with data in program review contact Keiry, IR has fixed some issues, aware of issues on the data filters and working on it. Data for degrees & certificates is now available. Still using Power BI but interface changed by the company during summer. All-call for FHPC should be sent out now.

7. ADJOURN

Procedural: 7.01 Adjourn the Academic Senate Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.