

Victor Valley College Academic Senate Meeting - Tuesday, November 18, 2025**Executive Officers Present**

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

Members present

Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Anthony Bonato, Keiry Borrueel, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Jennifer Ropeter, Heather Williams

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

Procedural: 1.01 Public Comments

Kirsten Acosta, VVC Foundation Executive Director - Awarded Lee Bennett with the Distinguished Service in Education Award

2. ACTION ITEMS

Action, Minutes: 2.01 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes - Oct. 2, 2025

Motion to approve by Keiry Borrueel, second by Patty Golder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Keiry Borrueel, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Jennifer Ropeter, Heather Williams

Action: 2.02 AP 4051 CTE Course Articulation - Lee Bennett - 2nd reading

Pulled from the agenda and will be brought back at future meeting

Action: 2.03 Proposal to Increase Unit Enrollment for Victor Valley College Students REVISED - Dr. Lorena Dorn/Counseling - 2nd Reading

Disussion: question on implementation date, impact on students who do not have priority registration, during summer/winter it allows students to enroll in higher unit courses up to 9 units, concern about success rates, recommendation the policy be taken to the Strategic Enrollment Management Committee to look at success rates/classes taken together, it may help us to retain students who need an extra course but go to another college to access overload class, student petition process for overload.

Motion to approve by Jennifer Law, second by Lorena Dorn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Anthony Bonato, Lorena Dorn, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna

Nay: David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Ropeter

Abstain: Keiry Borrueel, Heather Williams

Action: 2.04 Advanced Placement Chart - Dr. Lorena Dorn - Approval - CORRECTED

Senate already approved the AP Chart, but 3 Art classes had different titles, everything else is the same.

Motion to approve corrected AP chart by Lorena Dorn, second by Jose Arredondo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Anthony Bonato, Keiry Borrueel, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Jennifer Ropeter, Heather Williams

Action: 2.05 Faculty Hire Prioritization Rankings Fall 2025 - Approval

Motion to approve by Anthony Bonato, second by Keiry Borrueel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Anthony Bonato, Keiry Borrueel, Lorena Dorn, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Jennifer Ropeter, Heather Williams

Action: 2.06 Graduation Requirements Committee - Kinesiology Competency Statement (For Catalog) - 1st Reading
Per Jennifer Law, this is the catalog statement for kinesiology requirement, will be 2nd reading in December.

Action: 2.07 Graduation Requirements Committee - Major to Major - 1st Reading

Per Jennifer Law, request to approve on a first reading so it can go into this year's catalog (no motion made,) allows students to use courses toward AD-T and local degrees, helps veterans' community with VA paying for classes, recommend language change on "catalog rights." Will be 2nd reading in December.

Action: 2.08 Graduation Requirements Committee - AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certs -1st Reading

Per Jennifer Law, cleaning up language, describing requirements, references to competencies for Kinesiology and American Institutions, added information about CalGETC and Title 5, requirements for courses completed locally for certificate requirements. Will be 2nd reading in December.

Action: 2.09 AP 4105 - Distance and Correspondence Education - Dr. Jacqueline Stahlke - 1st Reading

Per Jacqueline Stahlke, Dr. Scott requested language adjusted on "Justice Involved Education," also add some definitions for different types of instruction. Per Troy Kuhns, SEM is also exploring definitions from the CCCCCO. Will be 2nd reading in December.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

Information: 3.01 Curriculum Committee Minutes

Attached.

Information: 3.02 2025-28 Student Equity and Achievement Plan - Dr. Malia Carpenter, Pablo Saldano, Lilia Aguirre

Per Dr. Malia Carpenter, comprehensive approach to writing the SEP, heavy on student services departments which got bulk of funding, survey was sent out campuswide, looking at improving student success rates. Goes to BOT for information in December, Lee said it should also go to College Council for feedback.

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Information: 4.01 President's Report - Lee Bennett

ASCCC Fall Plenary breakout sessions, resolutions, open sessions were heavily focused on AI, massive topic throughout the state right now.

Information: 4.02 Vice President, Dr. Jane Montgomery

Final Call for Nominations: At Large Area Representative

No nominations from the floor.

Report: 4.03 Past President, Lynne Glickstein

Attended ASCCC Fall Plenary, attended DEI breakout sessions.

Information: 4.04 Senate Liaison Officer, Dr. Jacqueline Stahlke

Monthly newsletter coming out next week.

Information: 4.05 Secretary, Leslie Huiner

Academic Senate Public Comment Cards - Per Brown Act, the public comment card should not require name/address/phone/email address, the form is voluntary. AS Committees should update their form to align with the Academic Senate public comment form which states at the top "Form is Voluntary."

5. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

Per Brian LeMaster, the PT Faculty Area Reps created an email group to share out senate information with PT faculty and seek feedback from constituents.

Report: 5.02 Area Representatives

6. COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS

Report: 6.01 Affordable Educational Materials Committee - Teresa Grenot

Report: 6.02 Basic Skills - Patty Golder

1. Still trying to find a Hesperia venue for ESL day classes.

2. ESL received lottery money for the following:

a. new headphones

b. new books for noncredit to replace the old 2007 books

Report: 6.03 College Council - Lee Bennett
Reports from two meetings are attached.

Report: 6.04 Curriculum Committee - Debby Blanchard
Per Jacqueline Stahlke, going through local course updates to CCN numbers, most Phase IIA course are completed, Debby Blanchard is stepping down and Lisa Harvey will be new committee chair.

Report: 6.05 Employee Professional Development Committee - Dr. Jane Montgomery

Report: 6.06 Graduation Requirements Committee - Melanie Dube-Price
Working on another AP.

Report: 6.07 Institutional Effectiveness Committee - Patty Golder
In the IEC November 4, 2025 meeting the following was discussed:

1. Instead of referencing individual faculty's student success, Ginnie prefers the title "Teaching and Learning Institutional Performance." She would hope that faculty would drive more discussion on how to increase student success and improve students' critical thinking.
2. In the Victor Valley College Decision-Making Handbook two revisions are requested:
 - a. page 32, "Purpose of the Committee," strike the third bullet—"Provides quality control over the college's participatory governance system by standardizing, maintaining, and monitoring compliance with formal practices for participatory governance committee operations and communications.
 - b. page 33, "Composition Committee Membership," align language in voting members—for example, use the term Facilitator, and if the Facilitator cannot be present at the meeting, use the Chair as a proxy.

Report: 6.08 Program Review - Keiry Borrueel
All program reviews were submitted, thanks to everyone who participated, especially with lack of/inaccurate data.

Report: 6.09 Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee - Dr. Jane Montgomery
Per Joey Luna/SLO Coordinator, workshops have gone really well, will walk faculty through Nuventive, emailed chairs regarding SLO assignments so they know which faculty are doing assessments, will be updating training videos on SLO website and holding more trainings next semester.

7. ADJOURN

Procedural: 7.01 Adjourn the Academic Senate Meeting
Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm