

**Victor Valley College Academic Senate Meeting - Thursday, May 7, 2026**

**Executive Board Members present**

Lee Bennett/President, Jane Montgomery/Vice President, Leslie Huiner/Secretary

**Members present**

Jose Arredondo, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

**Meeting called to order at 3:31 PM**

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

Procedural: 1.01 Public Comments

**2. ACTION ITEMS**

Action, Minutes: 2.01 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes - April 2, 2026

Motion to approve by Motion by Patty Golder, second by Jose Luna.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Action: 2.02 Academic Senate Bylaws Revision - 2nd Reading

Discussion on revised bylaws, correction to title of Senate Liaison Officer, concern about 1/3 of faculty required for recall petition and it should be higher number, propose 49% in motion to amend.

Motion to open for discussion by David Gibbs, second by Melanie Dube-Price.

Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Motion to amend document to say 49% faculty support required for recall of officers by David Gibbs, second by Melanie Dube-Price.

Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Abstain: Jose Arredondo

Motion to approve as amended by Melanie Dube-Price, second by Patty Golder.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jose Arredondo, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Action: 2.03 Common Course Number Designation for VVC - New Taxonomy - APPROVAL

Motion to approve by Patty Golder, second by Heather Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Jose Arredondo, Richard Cerreto, Lorena Dorn, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Jennifer Law, Brian LeMaster, Jose Luna, Pilar Olid, Jennifer Ropeter, Stacy Weiland, Heather Williams

Action: 2.04 AP 5110 Counseling - Dr. Jacqueline Stahlke - 1st Reading

New AP outlining counseling duties, follows CCLC language and incorporates local information. Will be second reading in June.

**3. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Information: 3.01 Curriculum Committee Minutes for 3/6/26 and 4/9/26

Information: 3.02 Academic Senate Election Final Call for Nominations - Dr. Jane Montgomery

Reviewed list of nominees. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed.

The Academic Senate is holding elections for 2026-2028 this term. Nominations for the following positions are currently open.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Vice President

Secretary

Legislative Liaison

**AREA REPRESENTATIVES**

During the last Academic Senate Representative Council meeting, members shared thoughtful feedback regarding the reorganization of the Representative Areas. Your input helped us identify some unintended challenges of the restructure.

In response, ASEB is removing the prescriptive designations for representation from within areas.

We also want to clarify that counselors dedicated to a specific area would qualify to represent that area (eg, a counselor assigned to the Regional Public Safety Center can represent the Public Safety Pathway faculty).

Here are the new areas with the number of total representatives from each area.

Counseling (2)

Arts, Humanities & Design Pathway (3)

3D Animation, American Sign Language, Art, Commercial Art, English, Fine Arts, French, History, Liberal Arts, Music, Philosophy, Photography, Religious Studies, Spanish, Theater Arts

Business, Office Services, & Law Pathway (2)

Business Administration, Business Education Technology, Business Real Estate and Escrow, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Global Studies, Law, Library Science, Paralegal Studies, Political Science, Public Administration, Restaurant Management

Education, Society, and Human Services Pathway (3)

Anthropology, Child Development, Communication Studies, Education, Ethnic Studies, Journalism, Psychology, Sociology

Health Science Pathway (2)

Allied Health, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy

Part-time Faculty (3)

Public Safety Pathway (2)

Criminal Justice, Fire Technology, Emergency Medical Services, Paramedic

STEM Pathway (4)

Agriculture and Natural Resources, Architecture, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Information Systems, Electronics and Computer Technology, Engineering Drafting, Geography, Geological Sciences, Kinesiology, Kinesiology Dance, Mathematics, Oceanography, Physical Sciences, Physics

Skilled Trades Pathway (2)

Automotive Technology, Aviation, Construction Technology, Welding

After the election, representatives elected to serve a specific pathway/area will work together to organize the disciplines within that area into clusters. Each representative will then be assigned a cluster to represent, helping clarify which faculty members fall under each representative's purview.

**ELIGIBILITY**

All full-time faculty are eligible to run for Executive Officer and full-time area representative positions.  
 All part-time faculty are eligible for part-time area representative positions.  
 All faculty are strongly encouraged to seek positions within the Academic Senate.

**VOTING AND NOMINATIONS**

Full-time faculty are eligible to vote for all Senate Area Representatives and Executive Officers.  
 Part-time Faculty Representatives will be elected by adjunct/part-time faculty only.  
 If no full-time faculty are available for Area Representative positions, after the election is concluded, the Academic Senate President, with the advice and consent of the ASEB, can appoint a part-time faculty member whose teaching assignment is primarily in that discipline or cluster.  
 Please feel free to nominate yourself or someone else. If you nominate another person, please speak to them first and ensure they are in agreement.  
 Individuals should be nominated for only one position.  
 Nominations will remain open until the May 7th meeting of the Representative Council.  
 Elections will take place in May.  
 Voting will be through an online survey according to bylaws.  
 Ballots will be distributed to campus email.  
 Results will be announced at the June 4th meeting of the Representative Council.

**TIME COMMITMENT**

For the 26/27 calendar year, academic senate meetings will occur from 3:30 to 5:00 PM on the following Thursdays :  
 Fall 2026 — 9/3, 10/1, 10/22, 11/5, 12/3  
 Spring 2027 — 3/4, 4/1, 4/22, 5/6, 6/3  
 The 27/28 calendar year will follow a similar pattern.  
 For the 29/30 calendar year, Academic Senate may meet twice monthly on 2nd and 4th Thursdays following the Curriculum Committee meetings. Please keep this in mind when submitting your teaching requests for those terms.  
 For information on responsibilities of each position, please refer to the Academic Senate Bylaws.

**4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Information: 4.01 President's Report, Lee Bennett  
 Institution is moving away from BoardDocs to another program called Diligent, which is a BoardDocs product. District will shut BoardDocs off on June 1, at College Council we were assured we would have training and a video training available for the new platform. Concern that the migration may impact our June 4 AS meeting.

Information: 4.02 Vice President, Dr. Jane Montgomery

Information: 4.03 Past President, Lynne Glickstein  
 Documents attached from the FBPC meeting.

Information: 4.04 Senate Liaison Officer, Dr. Jacqueline Stahlke

Information: 4.05 Secretary, Leslie Huiner

**5. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

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

Report: 5.02 Area Representatives

**6. COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS**

Report: 6.01 Affordable Educational Materials Committee - Teresa Grenot

Report: 6.02 Basic Skills - Dr. Patty Golder  
 ESL is working on program mapping.

Report: 6.03 College Council - Lee Bennett  
 Facilities Master Plan report was provided at yesterday's meeting from Cambridge West, looks at age of buildings, environmental scan of region for 5-10 years, feedback from constituents, report includes information about applying for state matching funds which requires taking down portables, floating another bond, priority is vocational complex in Automotive because it is one of oldest, building 30, acknowledged SCLA but that is leased space, addressed RPSTC as a newer building with HVAC issues, realistic timeframe is years out for new bonds, funds come from a variety of sources. Relocation of classes and programs from building 30 moving into the SAC, such as UMOJA, Pride Center.

Report: 6.04 Curriculum Committee - Dr. Lisa Harvey

Report: 6.05 Employee Professional Development Committee - Dr. Jane Montgomery  
 Working on process for reimbursement.

Report: 6.07 Environmental Health & Safety Committee - Jenilyn Pendergraft

Report: 6.08 Graduation Requirements Committee - Melanie Dube-Price  
 Working on 3 APs, when we work on APs we don't know what other groups are affected, who we should coordinate with for updates? Jane discussed a spreadsheet identifying APs and where they fall under 10+1.

Report: 6.09 Institutional Effectiveness Committee - Dr. Patty Golder  
 Met Tuesday to discuss whether committee should be disbanded, administration has decided the committee will not be disbanded, in process of hiring a new associate VP of Institutional Research.

Report: 6.10 Program Review - Keiry Borruel

Report: 6.11 Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee - Dr. Jane Montgomery

**7. ADJOURN**

Procedural: 7.01 Adjourn the Academic Senate Meeting  
 Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm