# Thursday, September 3, 2026
# Academic Senate Minutes

## 1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call to order at 3:35pm

Introductions around the room.

1.2 Roll call

1.3 Public Comments

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1.4 Brown Act Fun Fact

When can I Zoom?

Defining just cause for teleconferencing, see attached presentation.

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## 2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

Academic Senate - Jun 04 2026 - Minutes - Html

Approval of minutes

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: Leslie Leach

**Yea:** Regina Pierce-Brown, Pilar Olid, Manika Record, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Jesus Verdiell, Katelyn Risinger, John Nguyen, Jerid Scarborough, Patty Golder, Jose Arredondo, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jennifer Ropeter, and Heather Williams

**Not Present at Vote:** Tim Adell, Joshua Phillips, Tiana Gray, and Brianna Moss

**Motion Carries 17-0**

2.2 Institutional Set Standards for BA Respiratory Therapy - 2nd Reading

ISS-Spreadsheet RSPT BS AS 2nd Reading 09_03_2026.pdf

Approval of ISS for BART

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: David Gibbs

**Yea:** Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Jesus Verdiell, Katelyn Risinger, John Nguyen, Jerid Scarborough, Patty Golder, Jose

Arredondo, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, Jennifer Ropeter, and Heather Williams

**Abstain:** Pilar Olid

**Not Present at Vote:** Tim Adell, Joshua Phillips, Tiana Gray, and Brianna Moss

**Motion Carries 16-0**

2.3 VVC Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process

2026-2027 Faculty Hiring Prioritization Policies and Procedures AS 09_03_2026.pdf

Summary of Proposed Revisions FT Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process AS 09_03_26.pdf

Approval of revised VVC Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: Heather Williams

**Yea:** Regina Pierce-Brown, Pilar Olid, Manika Record, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Jesus Verdiell, Katelyn Risinger, John Nguyen, Jerid Scarborough, Patty Golder, Jose Arredondo, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, and Heather Williams

**Abstain:** Jennifer Ropeter

**Not Present at Vote:** Tim Adell, Joshua Phillips, Tiana Gray, and Brianna Moss

**Motion Carries 16-0**

2.4 Full Time Faculty Hiring Procedures

Full-Time Faculty Hiring Procedures AS 09_03_26.pdf

Summary of Proposed Revisions FT Faculty Hiring Procedures AS 09_03_26.pdf

Approval of revised Full Time Faculty Hiring Procedures

Moved by: Michael Noble; seconded by: Patty Golder

**Yea:** Regina Pierce-Brown, Pilar Olid, Manika Record, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Jesus Verdiell, Katelyn Risinger, John Nguyen, Jerid Scarborough, Patty Golder, Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, Melanie Dube-Price, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Leslie Leach, and Heather Williams

**Abstain:** Jennifer Ropeter

**Not Present at Vote:** Joshua Phillips, Tiana Gray, and Brianna Moss

**Motion Carries 16-0**

2.5 Victor Valley College Course Numbering System - 1st Reading

VVC Course Numbering System Fall 2027 AS 1st Reading 09_03_26.pdf

Will be 2nd reading in October. There may be some changes from the Curriculum Committee regarding leveled courses (such as beginner, intermediate, advanced.)

2.6 Course Substitution Request Form - 1st Reading

Course Substitution Request Form AS 1st Reading 09_03_2026.pdf

First reading of Course Substitution Request Form

Updated due to challenges with Cal-GETC, will be 2nd reading in October. Request the approved form be added to NextGen.

2.7 Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge - 1st Reading

Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge AS 1st Reading 09_03_26.pdf

First reading of Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge

Will be 2nd reading in October.

2.8 AP 4025 Philosophy & Criteria for the Associate Degree & General Education - 1st Reading

AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education AS 1st Reading 09_03_26.pdf

First Reading of AP 4025 Philosophy & Criteria for the Associate Degree & General Education

Will be 2nd reading in October, minor grammatical correction.

## 3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Curriculum Committee Minutes

Curriculum Committee minutes for information

CCM Minutes - 05.28.26_APPROVED.pdf

CC_Minutes_06_11_2026.pdf

CC_Minutes_07_09_2026 APPROVED.pdf

## 4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 President's Report - Jane Montgomery

Motivated by student equity and closing success gaps for disproportionately affected groups, this will be the theme for her presidency.

Academic Senate is representative body and we need to reach out to our constituencies, Area Reps and faculty they represent are listed on our web site. Suggest reps may want to divide up faculty in each area, report out at department meetings.

All faculty are Academic Senate, work at these meeting is managerial, bring ideas/plans and resolutions forward to senate, we can create ad hoc committees to implement ideas. Asking for more interaction and engagement with committees, report at senate so it's brought forward to all faculty. Asking committees to update handbooks and committee charges and bring to senate.

4.2 Vice President - Jacqueline Stahlke

1. Survey of AS Committee Chairs – Emailed committee chair survey, faculty priorities survey, all-calls for hiring committees and senate committees. Surveys will drive work we do in next 2 years.

4.3 Past President - Lee Bennett

4.4 Educational Policies Officer - Jennifer Law

Will have updates at the next senate meeting.

4.5 Secretary - Leslie Huiner

**5. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

5.1 Part-Time Faculty Area Representatives - Brian LeMaster, Brianna Moss, Theresa Shellcroft

LeMaster - Will send emails to PT faculty for feedback

5.2 Area Representatives

Golder - Basic Skills is now under Non-Credit; ESL completed program mapping for curriculum, GED is doing CCN update and writing certificates through Workforce Development which will increase pay for PT faculty.

**6. COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS**

6.1 Affordable Educational Materials Committee - Teresa Grenot

First meeting will be next week, will be doing all calls for new committee members. Faculty will be paid for converting to OER/ZTC textbooks. Paid by stipends rather than affecting faculty load.

6.2 Caring Campus Committee - Heather Hammond-Williams

Meets tomorrow. Will attend CC conference in Nashville in November, submitting a proposal to present at the conference about Ram Coaching.

6.3 College Council - Jane Montgomery

Met this week, some APs of interest and Decision-Making Handbook, see College Council agenda.

6.4 Curriculum Committee - Lisa Harvey

6.5 Distance Education Advisory Committee - Jane Montgomery

Has not met yet, new DE manager is Jennifer Tennyson, looking at getting POCR team going, meets next week.

6.6 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism [Participatory Governance] –

6.7 Employee Professional Development - Lee Bennett

Brown Bag sessions at noon on Thursdays, process for engaging with student forms was updated and will send out presentation from today's meeting, bookmark the VVC site for forms.

6.8 Environmental Health & Safety - Jenilynn Pendergraft

There was not a lot to report out from the Environmental Health and Safety committee meeting today, but we approved meeting minutes from April.

The new camera project was approved by the board, and the final walk through will be happening soon to start the installation. When installation occurs, the plan will be to minimize disruptions to students.

The workplace violence plan is still in process, and HR will manage the training. The report and data tracking will be posted on the website.

In the process and will review where it's at to get the EAPs on the website once the website is updated.

6.9 Equivalency Committee - Patty Golder

Met this week, approved 1 applicant, meet again on 9/15, presented and was filmed to create slides. Working on an Equivalency Process that will go to committee and senate.

6.10 Facilities Committee - Tyler Busch

6.11 Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee - Jane Montgomery

Meeting tomorrow.

6.12 Finance, Budget & Planning Committee - Lynne Glickstein

John Nguyen will be new faculty co-chair.

6.13 Graduation Requirements Committee - Melanie Dube-Price

Writing a handbook from scratch, 4 sections completed and still working on it in between other projects. AP 4100 is in process, change to Title 5 impacts the template, will be on hold during larger conversation.

6.14 Honors Committee - Tim Adell

Will set up monthly meetings and write curriculum for honors courses.

6.15 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Anti-Racism (IDEAA) Committee[Senate] - Sandy Visser-Jones and Maria Rocha

6.16 Program Review - Troy Kuhns

6.17 Petitions Committee –

6.18 Strategic Enrollment Management Committee - Jane Montgomery

Meeting tomorrow, some new faculty are on the committee.

6.19 Student Equity and Achievement -

Hasn't met yet.

6.20 Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment - Daniel Vecchio

Hasn't met yet.

6.21 Technology Committee - Khalid Rubayi

Hasn't met yet.

**7. ADJOURN**

7.1 Adjourn the Academic Senate Meeting at 4:56pm