Thursday, October 1, 2026
Academic Senate Minutes

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 Call to order at 3:34pm

1.2 Roll call - Tim Adell, Melanie Dube-Price, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Leslie Leach, Pilar Olid, Joshua Phillips, Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Katelyn Risinger, Jennifer Ropeter, Jerid Scarborough, and Jesus Verdiell

1.3 Brown Act Fun Facts -

Robert's Rules 12th ed, 3:25 - motions growing out of reports or communications

RR The Main Motion.docx

1.4 Public Comments

2. ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Academic Senate Meeting Minutes

AS_Minutes_09_03_26.pdf

Approval of minutes

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: Leslie Leach

Yea: Melanie Dube-Price, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Leslie Leach, Pilar Olid, Joshua Phillips, Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Katelyn Risinger, Jennifer Ropeter, Jerid Scarborough, and Jesus Verdiell

Not Present at Vote: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Brianna Moss, John Nguyen, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Theresa Schellcroft, and Heather Williams

Motion Carries 12-0

2.2 Course Substitution Request Form - 2nd Reading

Course Substitution Request Form AS 2nd Reading 10_01_2026.pdf

Motion to discuss - Counseling requests a program code be added to the form for the certificate and associate degree.

Moved by: Melanie Dube-Price; seconded by: Leslie Leach

Yea: Melanie Dube-Price, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Leslie Leach, Pilar Olid, Joshua Phillips, Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Katelyn Risinger, Jennifer Ropeter, Jerid Scarborough, and Jesus Verdiell

Not Present at Vote: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Brianna Moss, John Nguyen, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Theresa Schellcroft, and Heather Williams

Motion Carries 12-0

Approval of Course Substitution Request Form

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: Melanie Dube-Price

Yea: Melanie Dube-Price, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Leslie Leach, Pilar Olid, Joshua Phillips, Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Katelyn Risinger, Jennifer Ropeter, Jerid Scarborough, and Jesus Verdiell

Not Present at Vote: Tim Adell, Jose Arredondo, David Gibbs, Brian LeMaster, Brianna Moss, John Nguyen, Michael Noble, Ramon Pineda, Theresa Schellcroft, and Heather Williams

Motion Carries 12-0

2.3 Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge - 2nd Reading

Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge AS 2nd Reading 10_01_26.pdf

Approval of Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee Charge

Moved by: Patty Golder; seconded by: Leslie Leach

Yea: Melanie Dube-Price, Patty Golder, Tiana Gray, Leslie Leach, Pilar Olid, Joshua Phillips, Regina Pierce-Brown, Manika Record, Katelyn Risinger, Jennifer Ropeter, Jerid Scarborough, and Jesus Verdiell

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Motion Carries 12-0

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

AP 4025 Philosophy & Criteria for the Associate Degree & General Education AS 1st Reading 10_01_26.pdf

This revision incorporates CCL and committee input, will be 2nd reading Oct. 22

2.5 AP 4050 Articulation with Postsecondary Institutions - 1st Reading

AP 4050 Articulation AS 1st Reading 10_01_26.pdf

Includes CCLC template with input from a variety of student services reps

2.6 AP 4222 Remedial Coursework - 1st Reading

AP 4222 Remedial Coursework AS 1st Reading 10_01_26.pdf

Update includes CCLC template.

Jane discussed having a spreadsheet to track APs and the committee/task force that is responsible for updating them.

Jarom Viehweg/Math Dept Chair - Discussed following concerns:

Misplaced - the transfer level courses and corequisite support courses discussed here are structurally, pedagogically, and legally different from basic skills courses; Redundant - clone of AB1705 language; Concerning - writes faculty (including discipline faculty) out of the process.

2.7 AP 4225 Course Repetition - 1st Reading

AP 4225 Course Repetition AS 1st Reading 10_01_26.pdf

AP4225_Changes_Summary_Report.pdf

AP 4225 - Course Repetition for website.pdf

Will be 2nd reading on Oct. 22

2.8 AI Framework for Syllabus Use - 1st Reading

AI Framework for Syllabus Use AS 1st Reading 10_01_26.pdf

AI Task Force chaired by Jacq Stahlke, members developed AI framework for syllabi, plan is to develop a faculty handbook and this would be included.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Curriculum Committee Minutes

CC_Minutes_08_20_2026.pdf

CC_Minutes_09_10_26.pdf

Curriculum_Handbook_9.10.2026 AS Info Item 10_01_26.pdf

3.2 2026-2027 Victor Valley College Decision-Making Handbook

2026-2027 Victor Valley College Decision-Making Handbook Final Draft 9.22.26.pdf

4. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 President's Report - Jane Montgomery

Faculty Hiring Prioritization Policies and Procedures AS Pres Rpt 10_01_26.pdf

Dr. Walden approved the policies/procedures document with modifications:

Faculty Hiring Prioritization Policies and Procedures - AS Approved 3SEPT26 - Superintendent MODIFIED.docx

Dr. Walden rejected the process document with recommendation:

Rejected - Full-Time Faculty Hiring Procedures.pdf

APs were approved in College Council and are now operationalized.

AP 5075 - Course Adds, Drops, and Withdrawls 9.22.26.pdf

AP 5200 - Student Health Services 9.16.26.pdf

AP 5210 - Communicable Disease 9.16.26.pdf

4.2 Vice President - Jacqueline Stahlke

Dishin' Out Distinction Award - Maryann Stefanovich awarded $20 gift card to Desert Rock Cafe, nominated by peer for positive contributions.

All Calls for committee assignments are being sent out, if you have suggestions for survey forms let her know.

4.3 Past President - Lee Bennett

4.4 Educational Policies Officer - Jennifer Law

4.5 Secretary - Leslie Huiner

Please remember to come to Oct. 22 AS meeting

5. SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

5.2 Area Representatives

Regina Pierce-Brown - Entrepreneurship Center in Bldg 42 now has large monitor mounted on wall and the room may be reserved in Ad Astra

6. COMMITTEE OR SPECIAL REPORTS

6.1 Affordable Educational Materials Committee - Teresa Grenot

6.2 Budget Committee - John Nguyen

6.3 Caring Campus Committee - Heather Hammond-Williams

6.4 College Council - Jane Montgomery

6.5 Curriculum Committee - Lisa Harvey

Committee is working very hard, approved new handbook, and continues working on CCN updates.

6.6 Distance Education Advisory Committee - Jane Montgomery

In process of putting out surveys, what support do faculty need for implementing accessibility guidelines and UDL in online classes, encourage faculty to respond. Kelley Cahow will be new chair of DEAC.

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

6.8 Employee Professional Development - Lee Bennett

Per Jane, new streamlined process to apply for professional development for up to $1,000/year, form is available on Human Resources web site.

VVCD Process for Employee PD Funds.pdf

6.9 Environmental Health & Safety - Jenilynn Pendergraft

6.10 Equivalency Committee - Patty Golder

Wrote an equivalency process guide and shared it at the PD Brown Bag lunch training, email her for information. Guide will eventually come to senate for approval after vetting by committee.

6.11 Facilities Committee - Tyler Busch

6.12 Faculty Hiring Procedures Committee - Jane Montgomery

Prioritization document was approved, rubrics were updated, training will be held for prioritization group tomorrow, deadline for faculty positions is today. Ranking for approval will be on Nov AS agenda for approval, important for quorum for approval. FON is increasing 20-25 faculty, number changes due to how we report FTES. Hope to complete hiring before next summer.

6.13 Graduation Requirements Committee - Melanie Dube-Price

Will be sending out surveys, two things coming up that need faculty input: when do catalog rights start, upper division classes and how faculty feel about them counting for lower division classes as described by Title 5.

6.14 Honors Committee - Tim Adell

In process of developing curriculum for new classes, talk to him about rigor requirements.

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

Per Sandy, charge is being updated, working on sabbatical for OER development, interfaces with collective bargaining agreement, will bring to senate; collaborating with shared governance group for funding and events.

6.16 Non-credit Committee [Basic Skills and ESL] - Patty Golder

BSKL working on certs for workforce development and working on classes for CCN updates, ESL has a program map that was completed in summer.

6.17 Program Review - Troy Kuhns

6.18 Petitions Committee -

6.19 Strategic Enrollment Management Committee - Jane Montgomery

6.20 Student Equity and Achievement - Jonathan Saxon

6.21 Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment - Daniel Vecchio

6.22 Technology Committee - Jane Montgomery

7. ADJOURN

7.1 Adjourn the Academic Senate Meeting at 4:54pm