

2/13/25

3:00 PM

ARC Student Center Boardroom

Zoom Meeting ID: 868 3910 1900

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American River College Academic Senate Regular Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

Preliminaries

1. Call to Order

3:06 PM (Brian Knirk)

Land Acknowledgement Statement read

2. Approval of the Agenda - approved by consent

Tabled for lack of quorum

3. Approval of the Minutes - approved by consent

Approved retroactively at 2.27.25 Meeting

4. Introduction of Guests

Guests introduced:

Dr. David Miramontes-Quinonez (Interim VPSSE)

Online:

Beki Osa Mendell (UDA Coordinator at FLC; chair of district AS accessibility committee)

Laquisha Beckum (adjunct Psych)

Connie Ayala (EOPS Coordinator)

Amanda Lewis (President's Office)

Araceli Badilla (Beacon Coordinator)

5. Public Comment Period (3 minutes per speaker)

Dyanne Marte (Fashion/Int Design)

Expressed concerns over her own and other faculty safety, given the current political climate. Described a situation where a student has been disrespectful of boundaries and has made people feel unsafe. Requested a "threat assessment" in coordination with the VPSSE office.

6. President's Report

ARC Rugby Team/Club is ranked #4 in the nation!!

Brian and Tak met with Rosio and the New Faculty Academy to discuss the Academic Senate

HOTEP consulting Equity Survey

Hired by the District to do an "equity assessment" of all Los Rios campuses

There is a survey coming out from them shortly

Portable Village 3 Committee Update:

Meeting last week updated the timeline and plan for PV3, in concert with the new Davies Hall plans

\$16-18 million for PV3;

Los Rios Board of Trustees Meeting yesterday (2/12/25)

SB226 Legislation has been proposed to transfer territory for community colleges. This language would only apply to the Los Rios District and Woodland Community College. The board has requested analysis from Mario (Los Rios District) to inform their vote/support.

Question from Sarah Lehmann (online): background requested

The folks from Woodland Community College would like to become part of the Los Rios District (not Yuba)

Consent Items

7. Approval of remote attendees

Tee Gager (Psychology)

Jen Kirkman (Nursing)

Valerie Bronstein (English)

Glenn Jaecks (Science!)

Gina Barnard (English)

Diane Lui (Fine and Applied Arts)

Sarah Lehmann (Library)

Kristine Fertel (ESL)

Brian Rosario (BUS -Economics)

Andrew Fix (Phil)

Lana Anishchenko (Math-sub for Sonya Reichel)

Susan Chou (Nutrition)

Judith Valdez (Student Services)

Sabina Simon (ESL)

Rob Juner (Nursing)

Behrang Mokarami (Accounting)

Tabled for lack of quorum

Action Items

8. Board Regs (2nd read)
 - a. Proposed revision WEE
 - b. Proposed revision international education

Tabled for lack of quorum

9. Critical Hire PSS (1st read)

Tabled for lack of quorum

10. Board Regs (1st read)
 - a. Proposed revision R-3412 (proposed strike-through of Competency Committees).
 - b. Proposed revision of R-7241 (proposed strike-through of Competency Committees).
 - c. Proposed revision of R-7241 (proposed change to allow continuing students to use any GE pattern for a local AA/AS degree).

Tabled for lack of quorum

Reports (5-10 minutes per item)

11. Student Success Council (Written)
12. Institutional Effectiveness Council (Written)
13. Operations Council (Written)
14. Program Review Committee (Written)
15. Instructional Accessibility: Accessibility Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) (Beki Mendel)
Presentation provided via screen share (Zoom)

Discussed changes to Title 2 and its impact on CA Community Colleges (and Los Rios District)

The Los Rios District Instructional Accessibility Committee (DAS) supports Los Rios formally partnering with the CCC Accessibility Center.

16. Hiring Committees
28 current hiring committees running this semester

Student involvement in hiring committees discussed

Topic came up during the last ELT meeting, without advance notice to faculty

Strong interest in involving students in faculty hiring process

Certain vague areas of the hiring handbook discussed, which leaves it open to interpretation whether or not students:

- 1) Have to have been trained with the "Hiring the Best" training
- 2) Can participate in ranking candidates after interviews

Discussion (10-15 minutes per item)

17. Report Back (Feedback from College Areas)

- a. Open Issues from any Previous Agenda Item

18. Report Out (Information from District Meetings and Other Areas)

- a. District Academic Senate and District Meetings
- b. Other Areas

19. Items from College Areas for Academic Senate Consideration

Daniel Slutsky (Biology)

NAGPRA Moratorium Taskforce completed its policy on use of human remains and other cultural artifacts

Move to Adjourn 4:XX pm

Upcoming Meetings

- Academic Senate:
Spring Meeting Dates: Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8
- Next DAS Meeting: Feb. 18 District Office Main Conference Room (remote location)

Appendix A:

Attendance

Name	Role	Area	Term End	Empl Status	Present	Remote
Brian Knirk	President		2025	Full-time		
Veronica Lopez	Vice-Pres		2025	Full-time	X	
Jeffrey Sacha	Secretary		2025	Full-time	X	

Alisa Shubb	Past-Pres		2025	Full-time	X	
Adam Karp	Senator	Language & Communication: Spanish	2025	Full-time	X	X
Andrew Fix	Senator	Language & Communication: Philosophy	2025	Adjunct		
Behrang Mokarami	Senator	Business: Accounting	2025	Full-time	X	X
Benjamin French	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2026	Full-time		
Brian Rosario	Senator	Business: Economics	2026	Full-time	X	X
Carlos Ponce	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2024	Adjunct		
Carmelita Palomares	Senator	Counseling	2025	Full-time	X	
Chris Moore	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2024	Full-time	X	
Christian Speck	Senator	Business	2023	Adjunct	X	
Daniel Slutsky	Senator	STEM - Science	2027	Full-time		
David McCusker	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	2025	Full-time	X	
Diane Lui	Senator	Arts	2023	Adjunct		
Dyanne Marte	Senator	Arts: Fashion and Interior Design	2026	Full-time	X	
Dylan Popowicw	Senator	People, Culture & Society: Phil	???	Full-time		

Eric Black	Senator	Kinesiology & Athletics	2024	Full-time		
Gina Barnard	Senator	English	2025	Full-time		
Glenn Jaecks	Senator	STEM - Science	2025	Full-time	X	
Jen Kirkman	Senator	Health & Education: Nursing	2025	Full-time		
Jennifer Scalzi	Senator	Counseling	???	Full-time	X	X
Jody Johnson	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2026	Adjunct		
John Burke	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2026	Full-time	X	
Judith Valdez	Senator	Student Support Services: EOPS	2024	Full-time	X	
Kris Fertel	Senator	Language & Communication	2027	Full-time		
Lauren Chavez	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2024	Adjunct		
Linda Gelfman	Senator	Arts	2024	Full-time		
Matthew Stoehr	Senator	Arts: Art/New Media		Full-time	X	
Mayra Mireles-Tijero	Senator	Counseling	2026	Full-time	X	
Michael Crowder	Senator	English	2025	Full-time		
Michaela Cooper	Senator	English	2026	Full-time	X	
Mihaela Badea-Mic	Senator	STEM - Science	2025	Adjunct		
Mikhail Drobot	Senator	Manufacturing, Construction & Transportation	2023	Adjunct		X

Ricardo Caton	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2025	Full-time	X	
Rob Juner	Senator	Health & Education	2026	Full-time	X	X
Sarah Lehmann	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	2026	Full-time	X	
Sabina Simon	Senator	Language & Communication: ESL		Full-time	X	
Sonya Reichel	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2025	Full-time	X	X
Susan Chou	Senator	Health & Education	2027	Full-time	X	X
Tak Auyeung	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	2027	Full-time	X	
Tee Gager	Senator	People, Culture & Society	2026	Part-time	X	X
Valerie Bronstein	Senator	English	2026	Adjunct	X	
Vivian Dillon	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	2024	Full-time	X	
Deborah Gale	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science		Alt Adjunct	X	
Arthur Jenkins	Senator	Student Support Services	Ex Officio	Alt Full-Time	X	X
Ellen Bowden	Senator	People, Culture & Society: Anthro		Alt Adjunct		
Erik Haarala	Senator	Language & Communication		Alt Full-Time		
John Coldiron	Senator	Health & Education		Alt Full-Time		

Kim Herrell	Senator	Counseling	Alt Full-Time		
Lana Anishchenko	Senator	STEM - Math & Computer Science	Alt Full-Time		
Lonetta Riley	Senator	Career Education, Workforce, Public Service, & Apprenticeship	Alt Full-Time		
Marianne Harris	Senator	Library/Learning Resources/Instructional Tech. Center	Alt Full-Time		
Melissa Diaz	Senator	English	Alt Full-Time		
Michael Nakada	Senator	Arts: Hospitality Management	Alt Full-Time		
Shannon Pries	Senator	English	Alt Full-Time	X	X
Susan Ramonés	Senator	STEM - Science: Biology	Alt Full-Time	X	