

**SADDLEBACK COLLEGE – ACADEMIC SENATE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

November 19, 2025

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saddleback College, AGB 106

8	Senate Officers:		56	
9	Dan Walsh, President	Present	57	School of Science, Technology Engineering and
10	Frank Gonzalez, President-Elect	Present	58	Math (7)
11	Claire Cesareo, Past President	Present	59	David Giordano Present
12	Michelle Gustafson, Vice President	Present	60	Jim Repka Absent
13	Michelle Duffy, Ed.D., Recorder	Present	61	Michele Rousseau Present
14			62	Morgan Barrows Present
15	School of Arts, Media, Performance &		63	Nicholas Timmons Present
16	Design (5)		64	Sam Abbas Present
17	Maria Mayenzet	Present	65	Sumaya McCleave Present
18			66	
19	School of Business and Industry (3)		67	Associate Faculty (4)
20	Emily Quinlan	Present	68	Bruce Gilman Present
21	Taylor Brooks	Present	69	E.J. Baldonado-Wilkins Absent
22	Jane Medling	Present	70	EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris Present
23			71	Wonderful Nancy Allah Present
24	Division of Counseling Services and Special		72	
25	Programs (5)		73	Shared Governance Group Representative
26	Casey Eyman	Present	74	Frank Gonzalez, Faculty Assoc. Present
27	Efren Rangel	Absent	75	Claire Cesareo, Faculty Assoc. Present
28	Kolin Williams	Present	76	Georgina Martinez, Classified Senate Present
29	Mike Long	Absent	77	Erlynn Ballo, CSEA Absent
30	Sarah Chang	Present	78	Adriana Maher, ASG Absent
31	Maria Castellanos, Alt	Absent	79	Juliette Sturgis, ASG Present
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33	Division of Extended Learning (1)			
34	Jill Ibbotson	Present		
35	Stacy Eldred, Alt	Present		
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37	School of Health & Wellness (3)			
38	Nahid Meshkin	Present		
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40	School of Humanities and Social Sciences (9)			
41	Christina Smith	Present		
42	Jake Williams	Present		
43	Jennifer Hedgecock	Present		
44	Mako Tanaka	Present		
45	Megan Martin	Absent		
46	Poly Pantelidou	Present		
47	Travis Ames	Present		
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49	Division of Instructional Support and Teaching			
50	Innovations (1)			
51	Carolyn Seaman	Present		
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53	Division of Kinesiology & Athletics (2)			
54	Brandee Craig	Present		
55	Jennifer Rohles	Present		

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2pm.

2. INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS & NEW SENATORS

Dan Walsh, Academic Senate President, asked guests to introduce themselves. Jake Williams from English introduced himself.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sam Abbas moved to adopt the agenda with the flexibility to move items to accommodate guests. Morgan Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM November 5, 2025.

Taylor Brooks moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Morgan Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate approved the adoption of the minutes.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dan Walsh shared that his favorite color is orange.

7. CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS

A. Faculty Association

Frank Gonzalez, representing the FA, reported that the FA held a “Your Voice Matters” session that reviewed the responsibilities of exec members, what FA does, how the members work etc... Turnout was great!

B. Student Government

Adrianna Maher for ASG had nothing to report.

C. Classified Senate/Association

Georgina Martinez updated that the First Gen Celebration went well. Thank you for your help. Their Caring Campus event was a success as well.

D. California School Employees Association

None.

8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A. Curriculum

None at this time.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees

Sam Abbas motioned to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees. Morgan Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees.

B. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update

Dan Walsh shared:

BP/AR 4300 Field trips, Excursions, and Field Study Courses: Tabled until next meeting

AR 5031 Instructional and Course Materials fees: Changes include: (1) the addition that faculty are responsible for selecting instructional materials and (2) “The District will

ensure student access to textbooks and supplemental materials that are needed on the first day of class.”

C. Curriculum Update

Michelle Duffy reminded faculty of the following:

- CCN Phase III templates are being completed. Once they are released, they will be built in META and faculty discipline chairs will be notified. CCN Phase III courses are scheduled to be implemented in fall 2027.
- New courses approved to move forward must be built in META by this Friday, December 5th. In addition, any programs approved to move forward must have their paperwork (narratives, program master, LMI/analysis if needed etc...) submitted by December 5th.
- The next window for new courses proposals and new program initiation forms closes Friday, January 23, 2026.
- The Curriculum Team is working through some recent Title 5 changes to the COR including adding course disciplines and incorporating DEIA. Stay tuned for more information in early Spring.

D. Banner

Dan Walsh shared a memo that was drafted and sent to the Board of Trustees outlining all of the grievances/concerns etc... about Banner and the troubles students, faculty and staff have encountered. Poor faculty morale and the poisoning of the “secret sauce” were included. One trustee responded that she will be asking about the concerns. Emily Quinlan asked if the Faculty Senate had also sent a letter. Georgina Martinez responded that they had not, but they plan to and would like to align their goals with that of Academic Senate.

Dan Walsh then opened the floor for comments/concerns:

- Morgan Barrow expressed concern that the survey results will not be given straight to the BOT. Dan Walsh confirmed that they will. She also reported that leave time in Banner does not show her part-time leave hours that she should have for overtime classes. Payroll specialist said essentially that they will get to it.

- Frank Gonzalez shared that they are in the process of hiring a payroll specialist coordinator.
- Jane Medling shared that the load she agreed to was changed in Banner and they are doing a load audit to try to figure it out.
- Sumaya McCleave asked about a student being on a waitlist and needing to drop another section first. A student cannot be enrolled in a class and be on the waitlist in another section of the same class. Sarah Chang shared that counselors were told this had been fixed.
- Taylor Brooks had a student who could not add to a wait list of his AUTO 103 course since there was another section available with seats.
- Michelle Gustafson shared that a student who had taken BUS 10 and could not enroll in another version of STAT since they already had credit.

E. Plenary – Report Out

Frank Gonzalez shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the various strands attended. Notes:

- AB 928: getting all students on a transfer pathway and keeping them on it to transfer out; alignment with student goals was questioned
- CCN (AB 1111): articulation is still not being done up front
- How to Advocate without Burnout session- book Rest is Resistance
- Resolutions: CCN, CalGETC, CPL liaison (now Frank Gonzalez)

Resolutions are brought to the State Chancellor by the State Academic Senate President and many of them turn into actionable items, laws, and/or initiatives.

All slides from the presentations are available on the ASCCC website.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Online Education Update

Brett Myhren shared an update on what is happening with OE at Saddleback and the World.

Successes:

- Received Innovation Funds to help make courses mobile friendly
- Tools are being demoed

Other news:

- AI Agents- allows you to do a series of actions/tasks; students can use this to log into Canvas and complete their assignments; He shared Anna Mill's substack article called "The Time to Reckon with AI Agents." The article shares some ideas of how to navigate/handle this. Canvas, when confronted about the issue, took no responsibility and essentially put it back on instructors to create course and assessment designs that focus on authentic, higher-order tasks and make AI use less effective.
 - Can we sue ChatGPT? No, it is not regulated. We could try to get legislation to intervene and set regulations. It takes public action
 - Student concerns- What about faculty using ChatGPT to create all assignments, discussion boards etc...?
 - Chat generated emails from colleagues. Faculty and administration using too much
 - Can we get a paid subscription to an AI Checker so that we can get a tool to help us navigate this terrain? Brett responded that the AI Checkers are not that good, He encouraged using them alongside other resources
- Use of AI (cheating) is not limited to online education; instructors will need to rethink our pedagogy
- Jennifer Rohles reminded senators that the use of video responses can help with encouraging student authentic work
- Nancy Allah asked about the use of AI in Zoom meetings

B. 2027/2028 Academic Calendar Update & Brown Act

Dan Walsh updated senators on the calendar status after IVC dismissal of Saddleback suggestions and their vote at Senate. IVC voted without noting it on their agenda which is in violation of the Brown Act. Now we need to figure out our next steps. IVC wants to keep the Flex Day in Flex Week, and they asked if CSEA had been consulted. Senate Presidents will be meeting with CSEA to discuss.

The calendar needed to be to the BOT by the beginning of November, but the BOT will not look at it until March.

C. College President Search Update

Senate Exec met with Chancellor Barnes to discuss the College President search. The discussion went well. The timeline was discussed and the plan is to have someone in place by July 1st so that there is overlap with Elliot's departure. The District is hiring a search company to recruit and they will do an extensive background check.

Timeline is posted in SharePoint.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive

Frank Gonzalez- gave a heads up that the Baccalaureate degree for MLT will be coming to Academic Senate for discussion at our next meeting. It will also be discussed at the GE meeting on November 25th.

B. College/Senate Committees

None.

12. REPRESENTATIONAL AREA/ATEP/PT FACULTY REPORTS

Sarah Chang- Career Center will be hosting workshops for completing college applications.

13. ADJOURNMENT –

Dan Walsh adjourned the meeting at 3:26pm.

HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED WITH AGENDA &/OR AVAILABLE ON THE SENATE SHAREPOINT WEBSITE

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Agenda Item 4 - Minutes Draft from November 05, 2025

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 9A. - Approval of Faculty to Sit on Committees

Agenda Item 9B - Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update

BP/AR 4300 Field Trips, Excursions, and Field Study Courses

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 10A - Online Education Update

Agenda Item 10B - 2027/2028 Academic Calendar Update & Brown Act

KEYWORDS: Brown Act, Student Banner Complaints, Faculty Banner Complaints, Banner Survey Results, Banner Feedback