

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

February 04, 2026

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saddleback College, AGB 106

8	Senate Officers:	56	Brandee Craig	Present	
9	Dan Walsh, President	Present	57	Jennifer Rohles	Present
10	Frank Gonzalez, President-Elect	Present	58		
11	Claire Cesareo, Past President	Present	59	School of Science, Technology Engineering and	
12	Michelle Gustafson, Vice President	Present	60	Math	(7)
13	Michelle Duffy, Ed.D., Recorder	Present	61	David Giordano	Present
14			62	Kat Shaw	Present
15	School of Arts, Media, Performance &		63	Michele Rousseau	Present
16	Design	(5)	64	Morgan Barrows	Present
17	Maria Mayenzet	Present	65	Nicholas Timmons	Present
18			66	Sam Abbas	Absent
19	School of Business and Industry	(3)	67	Sumaya McCleave	Present
20	Emily Quinlan	Present	68		
21	Taylor Brooks	Present	69	Associate Faculty	(4)
22	Jane Medling	Present	70	Bruce Gilman	Present
23			71	E.J. Baldonado-Wilkins	Absent
24	Division of Counseling Services and Special		72	EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris	Present
25	Programs	(5)	73	Wonderful Nancy Allah	Present
26	Casey Eyman	Present	74		
27	Efren Rangel	Present	75	Shared Governance Group Representative	
28	Kolin Williams	Present	76	Frank Gonzalez, Faculty Assoc.	Present
29	Mike Long	Absent	77	Claire Cesareo, Faculty Assoc.	Present
30	Sarah Chang	Absent	78	Georgina Martinez, Classified Senate	Present
31			79	Erlynne Ballo, CSEA	Absent
32	Division of Extended Learning	(1)	80	Juliette Sturgis, ASG	Present
33	Jill Ibbotson	Present	81		
34	Stacy Eldred, Alt	Present	82	Guests	
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36	School of Health & Wellness	(3)			
37	Nahid Meshkin	Present			
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39	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	(8)			
40	Brenda Plascencia-Carrizosa	Present			
41	Christina Smith	Present			
42	Erica Vogel	Present			
43	Jake Williams	Present			
44	Jennifer Hedgecock	Present			
45	Mako Tanaka	Present			
46	Megan Martin	Present			
47	Travis Ames	Present			
48	Caroline Gee, Alt	Present			
49	June Millovich, Alt	Present			
50	Poly Pantelidou, Alt	Present			
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52	Division of Instructional Support and Teaching				
53	Innovations	(1)			
54	Carolyn Seaman	Present			
55	Division of Kinesiology & Athletics	(2)			

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91 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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93 The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.
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95 **2. INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS & NEW SENATORS**

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97 Dan Walsh, Academic Senate President, asked guests to introduce themselves. Kat
98 Shaw, STEM, introduced herself as a new senator.
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100 **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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102 Morgan Barrows moved to adopt the agenda with the flexibility to move items to
103 accommodate guests. EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris seconded. The Academic Senate
104 unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.
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106 **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM January 21, 2026**

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108 Taylor Brooks moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Morgan Barrows
109 seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the minutes.
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112 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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114 Taylor Brooks shared that ATEP has experienced Banner issues, and all Wednesday
115 night classes were put on Mondays. They are able to make do; however, the lab tech is
116 overworked and Taylor has been working overtime doing adjunct/clerical duties. In
117 addition, the adjunct instructor is having to work for 7 weeks before pay since the
118 paycheck dates are now spread over 4 months. Student issues have arisen with Banner
119 and students are not appearing in Canvas. HR has called the Automotive department in
120 competent.
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122 David Giordano shared that vendors have contacted him saying that they have not been
123 paid. Dan Walsh said to forward the concerns to your dean and Ann Marie Gabel.
124 Brenda Plascencia-Carrizosa asked faculty to please take into consideration the trials of
125 our undocumented students and to keep in mind the struggles that they are still
126 enduring.

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128 Kolin Williams re Student Veterans of American. He also noted how the college is special
129 for military connected students. The support they receive by faculty is amazing and he
130 conveyed his appreciation

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132 Sumaya shared that Frank turned 50 yesterday!

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134 June Millovich pointed out that we may need a bigger room.

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137 **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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139 Dan Walsh shared:

- 140 • Considering running for President Elect, VP or Recorder; elections are coming up;
141 please submit your name by March 1st; an email will be sent
- 142 • Coast Community College District was told that our Banner issues is because of
143 our operating system (not true)
- 144 • Our new president has not been chosen already despite rumors
- 145 • Need a representative for the hiring committee- Financial Aid Supervisor
- 146 • Pause on CCN Phase III
- 147 • Thanks to Jane Medling for the snacks!

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150 **7. CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS**

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152 **A. Faculty Association**

153 Frank Gonzalez, representing the FA, reported that the part-time pay structure was
154 changed and while messaging from FA and District payroll happened, some were caught
155 off guard. They will only be receiving 4 pay checks per semester (Sept-Dec and Feb-
156 May). Senators commented that the email from Payroll came across a bit rude and
157 condescending. Other shared their concerns for part-time faculty and their financial
158 situations.

159 If a member of FA, you should have received a request to vote for a MOU. A lengthy
160 summary was included that you will see when you go in to vote. If any questions, reach
161 out to a rep or someone on FA Exec. Voting goes through Monday at 5pm.

162 **B. Student Government**

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164 Juliette Surgis, ASG representative, did not have a report.

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166 **C. Classified Senate/Association**

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168 None.

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170 **D. California School Employees Association**

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172 None.

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175 **8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

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177 **A. Curriculum**

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179 Taylor Brooks motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Morgan Barrows
180 seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar
181 items.

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184 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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186 **A. Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees**

187 Taylor Brooks motioned to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees. Morgan
188 Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Faculty to
189 Serve on Committees.

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

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193 • **AR 4230 Grade Point Average and Academic Record Symbols**

194 Kolin Williams, CPL Committee member, and the Counseling faculty have begun to
195 review the language. Three areas: AR, transcript key, transcript notations
196 The language mirrors that of the CCCA; They have a couple questions:

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198 1. Honors? Frank Gonzalez said the chart was predefined tags already in Banner.
199 MIS reporting structure, provided by Aimee Tran, is a big help and shows that high
200 school articulation is missing.

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2. Front of transcript notations

- 202 • AR 7123 Recruitment and Selection: Full Time Faculty
203 Dan Walsh revisited our decision from last meeting. Senators were previously asked
204 to go back to their constituents to determine if we wanted to add language for our
205 college or just let it remain an IVC thing.
206 David Giordano, STEM, shared that his department did not like the language of the
207 first sentence. Suggested a change to the first sentence and add “at IVC” to the first
208 sentence.
209 David Giordano motioned to add “at IVC” to the first sentence of the IVC Student
210 Participation (Advisory) section. Kolin Williams seconded. The Academic Senate
211 unanimously approved the addition of “at IVC” to the first sentence of the
212 IVC Student Participation (Advisory) section.

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214 C. Curriculum Update

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216 Michelle Duffy reminded faculty of the following:

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- 218 • CCN Phase III templates are being held and will not be a part of scheduled review
219 for fall 2027.
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221 • The list of courses up for scheduled review will be posted in the Curriculum
222 SharePoint by the end of the month and due to be launched in META by April
223 30th. Once approved, the course revisions will be viable for fall 2027. In addition,
224 the contact Curriculum Chair, either Michelle Duffy or June Millovich, will be
225 posted for each representational area.
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227 • Reasons for an unscheduled review: ADT changes, licensure in jeopardy, course
228 changes that impact another course, and articulation concerns.
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230 • The Curriculum Team is working through some recent Title 5 changes to the COR
231 including adding course disciplines, SLOs on the COR (reach out to Kathy Damm
232 with questions), CIP code alignment, and incorporating DEIA. Details to be
233 announced soon. META workshop dates are posted in the Curriculum Committee
234 SharePoint under Courses> Scheduled Review.
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236 • ADTs: Biology 2.0, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, and Music Industry

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239 D. PT Faculty Representation – Bylaws Change

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241 Dan Walsh shared additions to Section 2. Part-Time Faculty; Section 1. Elections; Added
242 alternate language; Part-time senators must have an assignment to serve. This will come
243 back in two weeks for a vote.

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245 **E. Condensed Calendar**

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247 Claire Cesareo began the discussion of options (including forming a workgroup) for
248 SOCCCD to move to a condensed academic calendar. Many faculty have inquired as to
249 this issue, so we are beginning the conversation. The District Calendar Committee want
250 the colleges to decide whether this should be entertained. The idea is that the colleges
251 work together.

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253 Emily Quinlan asked what is meant by “condensed calendar.” Claire Cesareo clarified
254 that this means we would move to a 16-week calendar. Sumaya McCleave asked about
255 PD days. Dan Walsh clarified that this is a separate issue. Caroline Seaman: Would the
256 non-instructional faculty work week be different as well? Yes, this would need to be
257 discussed.

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259 Kolin Williams: Is the workgroup going to be the ones who really move this forward?
260 Dan Walsh clarified that the workgroup’s goal would be to determine IF we want to
261 work to move forward on this.

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263 Concerns about moving to a 16-week calendar: logistics, workload, classified issues, lab
264 classes, intersession, classroom utilization, pedagogical concerns, grading and prepping
265 for next semester. In addition, concerns were voiced over forming a workgroup that is
266 well-balanced and unbiased. How will the condensed calendar impact Saddleback?

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268 IVC will be discussing this at Senate.

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270 Claire Cesaero motioned to establish a workgroup in conjunction with IVC to discuss the
271 condensed calendar. Jennifer Rohles seconded.

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Votes recorded as follows:

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Voted Yes - 29	Voted No - 5	Abstained - 0
1. Dan Walsh	1. Michelle Gustafson	None
2. Frank Gonzalez	2. Kolin Williams	
3. Claire Cesareo	3. Caroline Seaman	
4. Michelle Duffy, Ed.D.	4. Taylor Brooks	
5. Maria Mayenzet	5. Casey Eyman	
6. Emily Quinlan		
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275 Brenda Plascencia- Carrisoza asked if we can get a folder of the documentation from
276 past discussions of the condensed calendar. Claire Cesareo and Frank Gonzalez both
277 acknowledged that information was on the district SharePoint and they will look to get
278 this put into an accessible space. Caroline Seaman asked if students were polled. Dan
279 Walsh said yes so that information should be available as well

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282 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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284 **A. Academic Senate Committee – Open Meetings and Transparency**

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286 Dan Walsh began a brief discussion of how, as sub-committees of the Academic Senate,
287 AS committees must follow the open and transparent guidelines for public agencies.
288 Curriculum Committee is the only sub-committee mandated to strictly follow the Brown
289 Act, but all committees must be open and transparent: post agendas, welcome public
290 (they are not to participate unless the committee chair allows). Subgroups of committees
291 can handle tasks and discuss sensitive topics, but no decisions can be made.

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293 Cure and correct when Brown Act is not followed. The college can be sued.

294 **B. Spring 26 PD Line-up**

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296 Kim Stankovich shared lots of exciting PD opportunities this Spring!

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- Emails are being sent with upcoming opportunities to fulfill requests from faculty
 - 298 • SharePoint- PD Calendar has sessions and links to events
 - 299 • Feb 20th 1:30-3:30 Flyer- AI Legal Paul McGlocklin in HS 145 and via Livestream
 - 300 • March 6th 9-10am Jennifer Wallace “Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep
 - 301 Connection and Purpose” via Zoom
 - 302 • March 13th 2:30-4:30 Part-Time Faculty Gathering: Supporting our First Gen
 - 303 Students in CC 212 (part-timers receive a stipend for 2 hrs)
 - 304 • April 3rd Business and Industry in HS 145 with Livestream option

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306 **C. Mental Health Within Course Syllabi**

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308 Nadine Chaaban, ASG Senator at Large for Mental Health & Student Wellness-
309 recommending inclusion of a standardized mental health resources section within course
310 syllabi for all departments.

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315 **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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317 **A. Executive**

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319 Frank Gonzalez shared three things from the AI Taskforce: 1. They were very pleased
320 with edits to guidelines; 2. Warned faculty to be aware of Google/Gemini freebees 3.
321 Discussed overburdening of staff with Banner (AI agents that you can train and give
322 tasks).

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324 **B. College/Senate Committees**

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326 None.

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328 **12. REPRESENTATIONAL AREA/ATEP/PT FACULTY REPORTS**

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330 Taylor Brooks, ATEP, shared two events: Feb 20th CMDA Career Educational Day and
331 May 9th Vital Link EV Challenge Race for high school students.

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333 Caroline Seaman shared that beginning Feb 6th an art exhibit entitled 2% Excellence in
334 Black Artistry will be displayed on the 3rd Floor of the Saddleback Library.

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336 EvaMarie Rodriguez- Morris shared that the Part-Time Faculty State will host a webinar
337 on April 24th.

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339 Bruce Gilman shared that part-time faculty will be publishing a newsletter; part-time PD
340 funding will be included in the discussion.

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342 Kolin Williams, VETS counseling update, working on a resolution to express their
343 dissatisfaction with Banner.

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345 Claire Cesareo reminded senators that the Peer Mentorship program applications are
346 due April 9th by 5pm; 10 faculty each semester; paid PD hours; reminder to be sent.

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348 Brenda Plascencia- Carrisoza shared that Feb 22nd is Free Museum Day in Southern
349 California.

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351 **13. ADJOURNMENT –**

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353 Dan Walsh adjourned the meeting at 3:38pm.

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355 **HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED WITH AGENDA &/OR AVAILABLE ON THE SENATE**

356 **SHAREPOINT WEBSITE**

357 AS Agenda – 04Feb2026

358 Agenda Item 4 - Minutes Draft from January 21, 2026

359 **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

360 Curriculum:

361 Agenda Item 8A.1 - Proposed course revisions and deletions for academic year 2026-27

362 Agenda Item 8A.2 - Proposed program revisions for academic year 2026-27

363 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

366 Agenda Item 9B.1 - AR 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols-Discussion & new CPL
367 symbols

368 Agenda Item 9B.2 - AR 7123 Recruitment and Selection: Full Time Faculty - Adding student
369 participation in the full-time faculty hiring process.

370 Agenda Item 9D - PT Faculty Representation – Bylaws Change

371 Agenda Item 9E - Condensed Calendar

372 **NEW BUSINESS**

373 Agenda Item 10A - Academic Senate Committee – Open Meetings and Transparency

374 Agenda Item 10B - Spring 26 PD Line-up – PD Opportunities via FPD-TIC

375 **KEYWORDS: CPL Credit for Prior Learning, Part Time Faculty Representation, Condensed**
376 **Calendar, Academic Senate sub-committees, Brown Act**