

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

February 18, 2026

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saddleback College, AGB 106

8	Senate Officers:		57	Brandee Craig	Present
9	Dan Walsh, President	Present	58	Jennifer Rohles	Present
10	Frank Gonzalez, President-Elect	Present	59		
11	Claire Cesareo, Past President	Absent	60	School of Science, Technology Engineering and	
12	Michelle Gustafson, Vice President	Present	61	Math	(7)
13	Michelle Duffy, Ed.D., Recorder	Present	62	David Giordano	Present
14			63	Kat Shaw	Present
15	School of Arts, Media, Performance &		64	Michele Rousseau	Present
16	Design	(5)	65	Morgan Barrows	Present
17	Maria Mayenzet	Present	66	Nicholas Timmons	Present
18			67	Sam Abbas	Present
19	School of Business and Industry	(3)	68	Sumaya McCleave	Present
20	Emily Quinlan	Present	69		
21	Taylor Brooks	Present	70	Associate Faculty	(4)
22	Michelle Weckerly	Present	71	Bruce Gilman	Present
23			72	E.J. Baldonado-Wilkins	Present
24	Division of Counseling Services and Special		73	EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris	Present
25	Programs	(5)	74	Wonderful Nancy Allah	Present
26	Casey Eyma	Absent	75		
27	Efren Rangel	Present	76	Shared Governance Group Representative	
28	Kolin Williams	Absent	77	Frank Gonzalez, Faculty Assoc.	Present
29	Mike Long	Absent	78	Claire Cesareo, Faculty Assoc.	Absent
30	Sarah Chang	Present	79	Georgina Martinez, Classified Senate	Present
31			80	Eryllyne Ballo, CSEA	Absent
32	Division of Extended Learning	(1)	81	Juliette Sturgis, ASG	Absent
33	Jill Ibbotson	Present	82		
34	Stacy Eldred, Alt	Absent	83	Guests: Chris Stillwell; Karima Feldhus; Kim d'Arcy,	
35			84	Vivian Nguyen, Thomas McKenzie, Amanda Turner;	
36	School of Health & Wellness	(3)	85	Thurmon Brown	
37	Kate Magsino	Present	86		
38	Nahid Meshkin	Present			
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40	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	(8)			
41	Brenda Plascencia-Carrizosa	Present			
42	Christina Smith	Present			
43	Erica Vogel	Present			
44	Jake Williams	Absent			
45	Jennifer Hedgecock	Present			
46	Mako Tanaka	Present			
47	Megan Martin	Absent			
48	Travis Ames	Present			
49	Caroline Gee, Alt	Present			
50	June Millovich, Alt	Absent			
51	Poly Pantelidou, Alt	Absent			
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53	Division of Instructional Support and Teaching				
54	Innovations	(1)			
55	Carolyn Seaman	Present			
56	Division of Kinesiology & Athletics	(2)			

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95 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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102 Dan Walsh, Academic Senate President, asked guests to introduce themselves. None
103 present.
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106 **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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108 Sam Abbas moved to adopt the agenda with the flexibility to move items to
109 accommodate guests. Morgan Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously
110 approved the adoption of the agenda.
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113 **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM February 4, 2026**

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115 Taylor Brooks moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Morgan
116 Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the
117 minutes.
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120 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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122 EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris shared that on March 6th there will be a book drive
123 through pick-up for One Book One College from 11am-1pm.
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125 **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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127 Dan Walsh shared:

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- 129 • Website image finally changed; Looks like we're on a 4 yr rotation cycle
- 130 • PIE Committee is looking for new faculty leads for goals 1 and 6; one meeting
- 131 per month; \$500 semester stipend; contact Claire Cesareo, if interested
- 132 • Plenary is April 9-11 in Santa Rosa; Area D meeting is on March 14th; contact
- 133 Dan for more information
- 134 • AS is looking for a larger space

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136 **7. CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS**

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138 **A. Faculty Association**

139 Frank Gonzalez, representing the FA, shared that you should have received your
140 request to vote and all MOUs passed. Part D of Medicare wording was a bit unclear
141 and it has been clarified that retired faculty only pay part of Part D. There will be
142 another vote to ratify this amendment. Contact him with questions.

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144 **B. Student Government**

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146 None.

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148 **C. Classified Senate/Association**

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150 No updates.

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152 **D. California School Employees Association**

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154 None.

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

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158 **A. Curriculum**

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160 Morgan Barrows motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Taylor Brooks
161 seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar
162 items.

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164 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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

167 Taylor Brooks motioned to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees. Morgan
168 Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Faculty
169 to Serve on Committees.

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

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174 Dan Walsh led senators through a discussion of the following policies:

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- 176 • BP 4040 Selection of Library Materials- BPARC addition of:
177 The Chancellor shall ensure that the colleges and their library
178 staff maintain compliance with all applicable state and federal laws related
179 to library operations, including the Reader Privacy Act.
- 180 • BP/AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates- no
181 suggestions
- 182 • AR 4105 Distance Education (Counseling did not comment)
- 183 • AR 4106 Nursing Program (Counseling did not comment; technical things like
184 our appropriate name were made)
- 185 • BP/AR 4230 Grade Point Average and Academic Record Symbols- slight
186 rewording and new paragraph re CLP; need key for asterisk(s) meaning added
187 to the end. It looks like this is clarified within the document; this AR is not
188 saying how CPL looks on the transcripts. It is just saying that you can use it.
189 Getting this done creates an urgency for the transcript issue to be resolved.
190 Aimee Tran asked are we referencing AR 4235? These need to be consistent.
191 Dan Walsh will look into it.
- 192 • BP 4240- no suggestions
- 193 • AR 4240 Academic Renewal- Counseling suggested revisions to requirements
194 **1** is either subjective, and difficult to prove; or is redundant with number 6.
195 There seemingly is no current process to prove the
196 "previous substandard work does not reflect the student's current performance
197 or capabilities. If possible, suggest removal of this statement.
198 **3** Previous substandard work, as indicated by the student on the Academic
199 Renewal petition, will be disregarded within the student's cumulative GPA.
200 **5** Why does it need to be two terms? If possible, please define the two terms
201 to be either just fall and spring, or include summer. There has been confusion
202 with this in the recent past.
6 If possible, to make this section clearer:

- 203 The student must have completed one of the following:
204 ○ 18 units with a 2.00 grade point average (GPA) or higher
205 ○ 15 units with a 2.25 GPA or higher
206 ○ 12 units with a 2.5 GPA or higher

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208 **C. Curriculum Update**

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210 Michelle Duffy reminded faculty of the following:

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- 212 • CCN Phase III templates are being held and will not be a part of scheduled
213 review for fall 2027.
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- 215 • The list of courses up for scheduled review will be posted in the Curriculum
216 SharePoint by the end of the month and due to be launched in META by April
217 30th. Once approved, the course revisions will be viable for fall 2027. In
218 addition, the contact Curriculum Chair, either Michelle Duffy or June Millovich,
219 will be posted for each representational area.
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- 221 • Reasons for an unscheduled review: ADT changes, licensure in jeopardy, course
222 changes that impact another course, and articulation concerns.
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- 224 • The Curriculum Team is working through some recent Title 5 changes to the
225 COR including adding course disciplines, SLOs on the COR (reach out to Kathy
226 Damm with questions), CIP code alignment, and incorporating DEIA. Details to
227 be announced soon. META workshop dates are posted in the Curriculum
228 Committee SharePoint under Courses> Scheduled Review.
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231 **D. PT Faculty Representation – Bylaws Change**

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233 Dan Walsh showed the changes made to the bylaws that have been previously
234 reviewed by senators.

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236 EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris motioned to approve suggested changes to part-time
237 representation on Academic Senate. Bruce Gilman seconded. The Academic Senate
238 voted unanimously to approve suggested changes to part-time representation on
239 Academic Senate.

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241 Now that this is passed, the election or selection is held within the representational
242 areas effective for fall 2026. Bruce Gilman requested that Senate Exec send an email

242 to the Deans to let them know about this change in part-time senate representation
243 so that they can be supportive.

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246 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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A. AI FAST Grant – AI, Communication, Education (ACE) Update

250 Chris Stillwell provided an update on AI FAST grant using a PowerPoint. \$150,000 to
251 support teachers and students to facilitate AI learning. Students typically use AI for
252 translation and have not found issues with AI. Students overall are interested in
253 learning how to use AI better.

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255 Student workshops for students to peer share, discuss effective use of translation and
256 Chatbots. The goal is to use Playlab to transform communication (role play).

257 Communication Instruction- direct instruction in second/foreign language, in content
258 areas, and learning content area terms

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260 Playlab- nonprofit, platform agnostic and institution serving; Chris demonstrated
261 Next upcoming events:

- 262 • Friday, Feb 27th 10am Zoom ACE
- 263 • April 2 next workshop

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265 Concerns were voiced about using AI to replace human interaction. A couple senators
266 shared their positive experiences using Playlab.

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B. Teams Telephony Soft Phones

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270 Thurman Brown, Director of Technology Services, led a discussion regarding the
271 upcoming transition from landline phones to Teams. Everything will be transitioning
272 to the Cloud and your phone will be transferred to your computer. You can choose to
273 add it to your phone as well. Anticipated to go live this summer. All classrooms,
274 hallways etc... will still have desktops.

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276 Jennifer Hedgecock inquired if faculty will get an AI response when calling tech
277 services. Thurman said no. Not for the time being. 😊

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279 Dan Walsh added that calling students will now show your office number. Thurman
280 added that you can enable "Do not disturb" and voicemails go to your inbox.

281 David Giordano asked about part-time faculty. PT faculty can now have phone
282 numbers. Nancy Allah expressed her appreciation for not being excluded.

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284 Emily Quinlan gave praise to the Technology Services team. Other senators agreed.

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286 Brenda Plascencia- Carrizosa asked about emergency situations. Thurman shared that
287 there is another product that they are looking at for situations that need an
288 emergency response. Will we get a privacy disclaimer? We will discuss the legal issues
289 at a different date.

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291 EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris asked how long will it take to implement. It should take 3
292 months and be completed by fall; How will the part-timers get their phone numbers?
293 Tech services will ask for a full list and try to start phasing them in.

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295 Morgan Barrows asked if this is the same as the refresh that Jenny McCue sent out
296 and email about... You could update your desk phone, but most will be replaced.
297 What is the device that faculty use for speaking? A headset will be distributed.

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299 Emily Quinlan cautioned about privacy rights when you put school emails etc on your
300 phone. This issue will come back to senate as an agenda item for discussion.

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302 Efren Rangel asked about part-timers and if there is concern about the number of
303 licenses. Thurman responded no and that the goal is to have every employee with a
304 phone number. Will our numbers stay the same? Yes.

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306 Nancy Allah- how will students be informed? Thurman responded that you can put
307 the information in your Canvas shell, syllabus, and/or in your bio (for which we should
308 have access said an anonymous senator).

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310 **C. ed2go/Cengage**

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312 Dan Walsh provided a brief overview of ed2go/ that was previously hosted at
313 careertraining.saddleback.edu; it was brought to attention of the School of Business
314 and Industry by a student that courses were being marketed as "Saddleback" classes,
315 but they were not. Emily Quinlan provided details about the incident. Once on the
316 radar, the courses mysteriously disappeared from the Saddleback and ed2go website.

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318 Karima Feldhus shared her experience with ed2go and their fee- based courses.
319 Saddleback was not able to stop their contract with ed2go, but the company has

320 stopped advertising Saddleback courses and Saddleback will not renew the contract
321 that is up next year. The site is still up but there are no courses available.

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323 Karima added that community education is planning to focus on younger students
324 (17 and under). Typically, new community education courses come to Curriculum and
325 Academic Senate for approval. The ed2go courses were not new and community
326 education was unaware of the overlap of courses. As of finding out, ed2go will no
327 longer be advertising any courses on behalf of Saddleback.

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329 IVC has several courses offered through ed2go/Cengage. Their AS president is aware.

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331 **D. ADA Title II Requirements**

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333 Kim d'Arcy provided an important update regarding federal accessibility requirements
334 that will directly affect the design and delivery of course materials. She played a video
335 on a new accessibility standard, WCAG 2.1 Level AA, ensures content is accessible.
336 Deadline is April 24, 2026 to have all digital things compliant.

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338 First things to do:

339 Ally and/or Pope Tech accessibility checkers.

340 It will tell you good starting points.

341 Creating accessible courses- \$1800 stipend

342 Liability- Title II is for the entity not the individual; if you do not teach in Canvas, this
343 still applies to you.

344 Faculty Center "house" has tons of resources

345 Copilot and Gemini can help make this more accessible

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347 Brenda Plascencia-Carrisoza encouraged senators to join the senate.

348 Sumaya McCleave asked about a PDF packet that is not accessible- should faculty
349 take down a lengthy packet that is not accessible and put back up when done? Or
350 take down now? Kim responded that the state is looking for us to move towards
351 accessibility.

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353 Nancy Allah would like someone to replace Jenny while she is on maternity leave.

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355 EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris applauded the Faculty Center. How is this going to be
356 checked for part-time faculty? This is a lot of work and PT faculty are concerned
357 about doing the work and others not being held accountable. Kim responded that

358 there is no checking. Should the district get sued it would be a problem for you at
359 that point.

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361 Michele Rousseau asked if the stipend is for faculty teaching asynchronous classes?
362 Yes, but they want to open it to all.

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364 Morgan Barrows asked if this course is different from POKER? Yes, but you do not
365 need to do both.

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367 Frank Gonzalez- ADA compliance course is 25 spots per semester. Kim d'Arcy added
368 that they are trying to see if they can figure out a way to accommodate more faculty
369 and are bringing on tools to help. Another question- science course that uses the
370 same ZTC, is there a chance that this could be prioritized to be made accessible? If
371 you have a DSPS student, they will do it for you. He also noted that Playlab can make
372 PDFs into accessible documents.

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374 Kim d'Arcy shared that they have many tools to help remediate.

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376 Brenda Plascencia- Carrisoza asked if faculty can repeat the accessibility course? No.
377 They are already overfull.

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379 Information with resources to be emailed to senators and they will present at the
380 Deans and Chairs meeting.

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383 **E. Call for Candidates for Senate Leadership Positions**

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385 Faculty interested in running for Academic Senate Recorder, Vice-President and
386 President-Elect must submit their names to Dan Walsh before March 1st.

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389 **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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391 **A. Executive**

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393 Frank Gonzalez shared that Jennifer LaBounty and Penny Skaff are submitting an
394 application for a Strategic Enrollment Management Team focused on the returning
395 learner. If it applies to your area, let him know.

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397 **B. College/Senate Committees**

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399 Brenda Plascencia-Carrisoza, CRTL, reminded faculty that there are many dates to
400 commemorate; ADL.org has a calendar of observances.

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

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405 EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris shared the new Part-time Faculty News: The latest form
406 the Academic Senate; monthly flyer; At the state-level, there is a webinar on Friday,
407 April 24th to celebrate amazing things that faculty are doing.

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409 **13. ADJOURNMENT –**

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411 Dan Walsh adjourned the meeting at 3:49pm.

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413 **[HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED WITH AGENDA &/OR AVAILABLE ON THE SENATE](#)**
414 **[SHAREPOINT WEBSITE](#)**

415 AS Agenda – 18Feb2026

416 Agenda Item 4 - Minutes Draft from February 04, 2026

417 CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

418 Curriculum:

419 Agenda Item 8A.1 - Proposed new credit courses for academic year 2026-27 (Spring)

420 Agenda Item 8A.2 - Proposed new noncredit courses for academic year 2026-27 (Spring)

421 Agenda Item 8A.3 - Proposed new credit course for academic year 2027-28

422 Agenda Item 8A.4 - Proposed new credit course justifications for academic year 2027-28

423 Agenda Item 8A.5 - Proposed new credit program justification for academic year 2027-28

424 Agenda Item 8A.6 - Proposed new noncredit course justifications for academic year 2027-28

425 Agenda Item 8A.7 - Proposed new noncredit program justifications for academic year 2027-28

426 OLD BUSINESS

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

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

429 BP 4040 Selection of Library Materials

430 BP/AR 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

431 AR 4105 Distance Education

432 AR 4106 Nursing Program

433 BP/AR 4230 Grade Point Average and Academic Record Symbols

434 BP/AR 4240 Academic Renewal

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448 **KEYWORDS: CPL Credit for Prior Learning, Part Time Faculty Representation, Bylaws**
449 **update, Ed2Go/Cengage, AI ACE Grant, Title II ADA, Teams, Telephony**