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SADDLEBACK COLLEGE – ACADEMIC SENATE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

October 7, 2026
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Saddleback College, AGB 106

Senate Officers:

Frank Gonzalez, President	Present
Dan Walsh, Past President	Present
Erica Vogel, President-Elect	Absent
Michelle Gustafson, Vice President	Present
Carolyn Seaman, Recorder	Present

School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design (5)

Taylor Hartmann	Present
Blake Stephens	Absent

School of Business and Industry (4)

Don Bowman	Present
Jane Medling	Present
Taylor Brooks	Present
Afshin Hariri, PTF Representative	Present

Division of Counseling Services and Special Programs (4)

Casey Eyman	Present
Hollis Casey	Present
Kolin Williams	Present
Mike Long	Present
Paris Peck	Present
Andy Chu, PTF Representative	Present

Division of Extended Learning (1)

Stacy Eldred	Absent
Jill Ibbotson, Alt	Present
EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris, PTF Rep	Present

School of Health & Wellness (3)

Angel Hernandez	Absent
Kate Magsino	Absent
Nahid Meshkin	Present

School of Humanities and Social Sciences (8)

Brenda Plascencia-Carrizosa	Present
Carolina Hernandez-Bachman	Present
Caroline Gee	Present
Emily Blumenthal	Present
Jake Williams	Absent
Jennifer Hedgecock	Present
Lawrence Lan	Present
Megan Martin	Absent
Wonderful Nancy Allah, PTF Rep	Present

Division of Instructional Support and Teaching Innovations (1)

Alicia Zach	Present
Carolyn Seaman, Alt	Present

Division of Kinesiology & Athletics (2)

Brandee Craig	Absent
Jennifer Rohles	Absent

School of Science, Technology Engineering and Math (7)

David Giordano	Present
Kat Shaw	Present
Michele Rousseau	Present
Morgan Barrows	Present
Ronald Anderson	Present
Sam Abbas	Present
Sumaya McCleave	Present
Noushin Seddighzadeh, PTF Rep	Present

Shared Governance Group Representative

Violeta Zahrae, Classified Senate President,	Present
Allison Camelot, Faculty Assoc.	Present
CSEA	Absent
Riley Hahn, ASG	Present

Guests:
Christina Hinkle
Karima Feldhus

Saddleback College Academic Senate Minutes

Regular Meeting
Date: October 7, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
Location: Saddleback College, MCS 309

1. Call to Order

Frank Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

2. Introduce and Welcome Guests & Senators

Guests and new senators included Andy Chu, PT Rep, Counseling; Paris Peck, Counseling; Riley Hahn, Student Government; Christina Hinkle, Executive Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences; Karima Feldhus, Executive Dean of Extended Learning.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Sam Abbas moved to adopt the agenda. Don Bowman seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes

Morgan Barrows moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with correction that EvaMarie's name on line 306 be changed with correct spelling. Taylor Brooks seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the minutes with correction.

5. Public Comments

Karima Feldhus shared that she is on vacation as Dean and she is at Senate to announce her candidacy for SOCCCD Trustee of Area 4. It would be her honor and privilege to represent all colleagues at Saddleback and IVC. She believes she has a track record of supporting faculty and believes in this cause. She appreciates and welcomes faculty support.

Wonderful Nancy shared that for many years a lot of faculty have had conflicts with scheduling between training and committees and wondered if there can be a common calendar where everything scheduled is in one place so faculty don't miss anything. Dan and

Frank shared the Participatory Governance Calendar on SharePoint under Governance Groups and the Academic Senate SharePoint also has a spreadsheet of committees with meeting times. Not perfect but going in the right direction.

6. President's Report

Frank shared that it has been a busy 3 weeks with several highlights and events. Vee and Frank joined President Cordova for a fall listening session on 9/17. The next listening session will be on 10/16 and Vee and Frank will both attend again. Faculty should have received an email about signing up and submitting questions. President Cordova can't answer everything, especially contract or FA questions. Frank met with a team from ELACCD (12 colleges) as they are thinking of switching to Banner and Frank was able to offer feedback on our transition from the faculty perspective. This Wednesday was the PT faculty appreciation event and last Wednesday was the President's Installation.

7. Constituency Group Reports

1. Faculty Association: Caroline Gee shared that the FA has a new website with the same URL. It looks great and there is now a link to events. Some upcoming events are the first PT faculty meeting on 10/8 from 12-2pm and a How to Apply to FT Position workshop on 10/9 from 2-4pm. The new contract is still in negotiations. If roadblocks occur there will be a call for participation to support. FA wanted to thank everyone who volunteered to support Gila Jones. There are multiple ways to support the election: lawn signs in Area 4, precinct walking, text banking, and just spreading the word to friends in Area 4.
2. Student Government: No update.
3. Classified Senate: Vee Zahrae shared their first meeting reviewed their one sheet and goals and got feedback on priorities to focus on for the year. A major focus will be to strengthen the classified representation across campus by filling all vacancies on committees and to have reps regularly report back to the larger group. Reach out to Vee if you know of any openings on committees that need a classified rep.
4. California School Employees Association: No update.

8. Representational Area / ATEP / PT Faculty Reports

Taylor wanted to give faculty a heads up that ATEP had two issues come up a couple weeks ago that showed protocol problems with emergencies. The issues are being reviewed by Student Wellness and Risk Management. Taylor will report back to Senate once the review is completed.

EvaMarie shared that the state PT committee is asking for PT faculty in divisions and schools for their input about whether to have another PT institute vs. regional meetings. Please forward any feedback to EvaMarie and she will take information back to the state. PT faculty can attend for free and there is an opportunity for up to $300 for transportation fees. She feels it is a minimal cost for entire weekend to attend. Where the event will be held is still TBD, but it was in San Diego last time.

Kolin Williams shared there is a transfer event on 10/13 where top universities come to the college to recruit our students. Transfer professionals will be in the BOT room from 11am-12pm with tabling event in the Quad from 12pm-2pm. This event is for all students, not just veterans. These admission reps know Saddleback College and always remark how our students are well prepared to succeed at top schools. There is nothing but praise for Saddleback students from the partnering institutions. Our students have a good chance of getting in at these universities and can receive many endowments to attend cost free.

9. Adoption of Consent Calendar Items

Consent Calendar items are approved in one motion without discussion unless an Academic Senate Board Member or Senator requests separate action.

1. Proposed new credit program for academic year 2027-28
2. Proposed program revisions for academic year 2027-28

Frank recommends looking at consent items before each Senate meeting so you are not blindly voting on the items.

Morgan Barrow motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Taylor Brooks seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar items.

10. Old Business

1. **Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees**
   Discussion/Action

Dan reminded faculty that Senate reps don't choose who sits on the committees, it is the individual divisions that determine who sits on the committees. Jill Ibbotson shared that her area has the wrong faculty member listed and Annie Gilbert is not a Senate representative currently.

Taylor Brooks motioned to approve Faculty to Serve on Committees. Dan Walsh seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees.

2. **Curriculum Update**
   Information/Update
   Presenter: June Millovich or Curriculum Committee Representative

Curriculum is in a lull for faculty at the moment while June, Stephanie, Aimee, and the rest of the team are working on getting proposals and packages ready for Curriculum Approval.

Faculty who submitted new course and program initiations in September are waiting for those CC approvals so that they can start entering into Meta and preparing program packages. Once approved, the deadline for entering and submitting is December 4th.

The next important date for Faculty is January 22nd. The due date for New course and program proposals for a targeted Fall 2028 start date.

For anyone planning to submit proposals, the forms and process are being updated! Go ahead and do your initial thinking, but don't start filling anything out yet.

Coming Soon! Canvas Curriculum Shell! Hoping to make dates, timelines, forms, processes, and tutorials easier for faculty to access.

3. **Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update**
   Information/Update/Action
   Continued discussions on relevant BPs and ARs. Next BPARC meeting is Friday, October 30, 2026 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chancellor's Conference Room & Zoom.
   BP 3100 Organizational Structure – revision (with SC & IVC Senate suggestions)
   BP/AR 5110 Counseling – revision (with SC Senate suggestions)
   AR 7401 Candidate Travel Reimbursement – new & boring
   BP/AR-7150 Evaluation of Management Team Members – revision
   Presenter: Dan Walsh

Dan shared that the last BPARC meeting was brief. He has shared everything that is related to Senate at our previous meetings. The Counseling BP/AR tentatively got pulled because IVC had issues with the "personal counseling" term that was included even though that wording has been there for a while. It may still go forward, but Dan will let us know. It is a bit frustrating as this issue should have been addressed in spring. The Evaluation of Management Team Member BP/AR added non-contract member language and some footnotes.

4. **Full-Time Faculty Hiring Prioritization**
   Information/Update
   The FHP Committee met September 22, 2026, to score submissions. President Cordova and Frank Gonzalez met September 29, 2026 to finalize the list to be sent to the District.
   Presenters: Erica Vogel and Frank Gonzalez

The FHP ranking list was shared. Frank reminded faculty that the faculty rep and dean from each area cannot rank a submission from their own area. After the committee ranked all the positions, Erica and Tram met to make sure the extra points got added to the qualifying positions, then the ranking was sent to President Cordova and Frank. They made no changes to the list from the committee ranking. The only thing they did was pull the DSPS and EOPS counseling positions because they are categorically funded and those positions need to be replaced. Waiting to hear about FON numbers to see how many positions will move forward.

Question: when do we anticipate knowing how many will get moved forward? Usually by November.

Question: for FT hiring, is it the state that tells us how many to hire? The state tells us the minimum number we have to hire, but college administration determines our number.

Question: are the state and the district trying to get closer to 75-25? The law is worded that we must work toward that goal. We could elect new board members who support the effort, but faculty doesn't have control over this.

Dan shared that they will likely send 10 positions forward but not necessarily hire the full 10 positions. Financially, they are always trying to spend the least amount they need to do.

Frank asked if anyone went to the President's Opening session during FLEX this year. You may have noticed that there were 11 new faculty. Faculty might wonder where did the other 5 or 6 positions come from? These are typically a failed TRC where replacements are automatic or a failed search which get rolled over to the next year.

Question: is it the state or college who determines which position is most important? The FHP committee decides with the ranked list. Outside of the ranking, things like the EMT position was moved up because they have no FT faculty member and they need one to continue program. Kinesiology is up in the air because the District is trying to convert

coaching positions to management positions. We don't know how that is going to turn out yet.

Question: is this for new or current coaches? Don't know, reach out to your FA rep for that answer.

5. **25-26 Committee Survey Results**
   Information/Discussion
   Presenters: Academic Senate Executive Team

Frank shared the survey results. They were pretty good results with most answers being "always" and "usually" for the answers. However, there were only 12 submitters out of about 35 senators, which isn't a great turnout.

Question: will questions be addressed that were submitted to the committee survey? Brenda thought it would be nice if people's questions were answered.

Question from survey: decision making was not always clear enough. Who made the decision? What was the decision based on? Frank wasn't sure what decisions the person was referring to. Exec does make some decisions without bringing to the larger group. Every decision the AS president makes doesn't make it to the larger meeting, but if it is part of purview of Senate, Exec will bring it to larger group. Example of that is the Caring Campus question that was brought up at Consultation Council. It was asked how Academic Senate could contribute to the effort and members of Exec didn't answer as that is something that needs to be brought to the larger group. Part of what happens in the Exec meeting is putting the agenda together. Some decisions are made due to timing with other meetings such as the CRC and RA process and DEIA extra points and tying requests to new college goals.

Question from survey: can we have minutes of Exec meeting? The Exec meeting is not a formal meeting. The group gets together to discuss the agenda and provide feedback on some issues that Frank has had to work through.

Brenda suggested that if there is something that would be coming in the future like the Caring Campus issue, it might be good to have noted somewhere so senators know it's a discussion that is coming soon. Dan shared that if topics come up last minute or that are not worth agendizing, it would likely be put in the President's Report. If you have a particular issue that you want to speak to Exec about you can come to an Exec meeting.

6. **Inspire 2025-2026 Strategic Priorities**
   Information

Faculty Lead needed to work with Jessica Kaven, Assistant Dean of HSS, on goal tracking Strategic Priorities 2 and 3.

PIE had to move forward with choosing lead. Claire and Frank tried looking for a faculty member to act as lead for this area but could not find a faculty member and now an area will have two administrators as leads. Frank will clarify to confirm this is true. Christina H. thought they did find a faculty member.

11. New Business

1. **ASCCC 2026-27 Exemplary Program Award**
   Information/Discussion

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2026-27 Exemplary Program Award. Established in 1991 by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) and sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges, this award recognizes outstanding community college programs. As selected by the ASCCC Board of Directors, the theme for the 2026-27 Exemplary Program Award is: ***Human-Centered Innovation and Environmental Sustainability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence***.

Presenter: Frank Gonzalez

Frank has some ideas on programs that might fit the criteria of the award but wanted to bring to Senate to get additional ideas from everyone. Top two winners selected will receive $4000 each. Sam A. suggested the innovation lab and Frank will contact Sam for more information. David G. suggested MESA and Advanced Manufacturing. Morgan B. suggested the Environmental Studies dept and programs. Possibly Environmental Justice is an example. The dual enrollment program was also offered as an idea. Frank shared that the English dept. came to mind because of all the AI-centric activities they have been working on. Frank will need to get some clarification on if it has to be an academic program or can groups like CRTL qualify too.

2. **ASCCC Area Meetings and Fall Plenary**
   Information

The Fall 2026 Area D meeting will take place on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Mt. San Jacinto College's Temecula Valley Campus. The Area D meeting will provide participants with the option to attend the meeting either virtually or in person.

ASCCC's Annual Fall Plenary Session will be held November 5–7, 2026. This will be a fully in-person event. Only the Saturday elections and resolution voting session will be offered in a hybrid format. Fall Plenary Session will be taking place at the Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco in Redwood City.

Presenter: Frank Gonzalez

Between now and a week before Plenary happens, there will be a lot of changes to the resolutions. Frank will share final resolution packet to get feedback from Senate. Dan thinks there are some good ones listed this round like the mirrored courses for credit courses and non-credit courses. Passed resolutions will be taken to the Chancellor's Office to become priorities.

EvaMarie shared that as chair of the PT Faculty Caucus, she is another voice for PT faculty to have for resolutions. She recommends PT faculty look at the resolutions and share feedback with her to take to Plenary.

3. **ASCCC PD Opportunities**

Information

Upcoming webinars and Common Course Numbering (CCN) office hours from ASCCC

Presenter: Frank Gonzalez

The Plenary website has list of events, webinars and office hours for faculty. ASCCC has a bunch of PD opportunities on many issues impacting faculty such as CCN, an AI syllabus statement and regular and substantive contact. Kim Stankovich's PD calendar has all the college's PD opportunities that the college hosts but also lists the ASCCC PD opportunities.

12. Committee Reports

1. **Executive**

Dan shared that the Spring FLEX week call for presenters will be coming soon. If faculty want a specific time, submit the form and/or let Dan know early on. PT professional development may be a separate event or might get looped in with new faculty to share FLEX opportunities.

2. **College/Senate Committees**

Culturally Responsive Teaching & Learning – Brenda doesn't have an update of resources today but wished everyone a Happy Hispanic Latine Heritage Month. Also, we will be transitioning to Hindu Heritage Month in middle of October and celebrating Indigenous People's Day, so check with your local communities to share events and celebrations with students.

Frank asked Jane M. to share with Online Education and Career Education committee chairs to think about coming to Senate to give an update. Taylor B. will bring the PIE report back to Senate. Sam A. shared that he is on DEIA, but Frank thought they might be merging with Student Success, so could be better to wait until that change occurs for updates.

Question: is there a snack sign-up? Emily Q. is not on Senate this year and she was the snack coordinator. Brenda volunteered to do the snack calendar/sign-up sheet.

13. Adjournment

Frank Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 3:19pm.

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