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Saddleback College Academic Senate Minutes

Regular Meeting

Date: October 21, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Location: Saddleback College, MCS 309

Senate Officers:

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

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

Taylor Hartmann	Absent
Blake Stephens	Absent

School of Business and Industry (4)

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

Division of Counseling Services and Special Programs (4)

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

Division of Extended Learning (1)

Stacy Eldred	Present
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	Present
Jennifer Hedgecock	Present
Lawrence Lan	Present
Megan Martin	Present
Wonderful Nancy Allah, PTF Rep	Present

Division of Instructional Support and Teaching Innovations (1)

Alicia Zach	Present
Carolyn Seaman, Alt	Absent

Division of Kinesiology & Athletics (2)

Brandee Craig	Absent
Jennifer Rohles	Present

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	Absent
Sumaya McCleave	Present
Noushin Seddighzadeh, PTF Rep	Absent

Shared Governance Group Representative

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

Guests:

June M.

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1. Call to Order

Frank Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

2. Introduce and Welcome Guests & Senators

Amy Strange, Part Time for Counseling.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Don Bowman let Frank know that the next Senate meeting date on the agenda was incorrect. The next Senate meeting date should read as November 4, 2026.

Wonderful Nancy moved to adopt the agenda with correction. David Giordano seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda with the correction of the next Senate meeting date.

4. Approval of Minutes

Michelle Gustafson noted that line 131 should read “Frank met with a team from LACCD (9 colleges).” EvaMarie noted that line 133 should reference “this Tuesday was the PT faculty appreciation event.”

Taylor Brooks motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Dan Walsh seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda with the corrections on lines 131 and 133.

5. Public Comments

None.

6. President's Report

Frank reported that the ASCCC Area D meetings were held on October 9th. He had reached out to some departments on specific resolutions to get feedback. Local and state resolutions were submitted. The pre-plenary packet of resolutions should come out on October 29th and Frank will reach out to areas that may be impacted for feedback and guidance before plenary. Frank will also share information about resolutions at the November 4th Senate meeting. Plenary is November 5th – November 7th in Redwood City. Frank shared that he attended the Gala on Saturday, October 10th. Last Friday was the President's listening session. The listening sessions have a max of 35 seats available. There is one in November with 24 seats left and a December session planned. Ther is one more faculty vacancy left on the College Resource Committee specifically for the RA request process. The Baccalaureate workgroup will be meeting at the beginning of November. The Architecture department has submitted paperwork for a baccalaureate program.

7. Constituency Group Reports

Faculty Association: Allison Camelot reported that some faculty have asked about the process the FA has for endorsing the BOT candidates. She shared that every school or division can have a PAC representative and those reps are invited to regular meetings. The group interviewed all the candidates for Area 4 and they worked as a group to create questions that were asked of every candidate. Most PAC members attended the interviews and then they deliberated, discussed the answers and considered many factors, including voter information. The PAC does not make decisions based on personal relationships and all decisions are pragmatic. The group works together on the decision of endorsement. A lot of time, effort, and consideration goes into the process and decision. If faculty have any individual questions, they can reach out to their PAC rep, Allison, or Deanna. It is a very open process and they are happy to discuss with anyone. FA wanted to thank all the volunteers that have helped with daily advocacy work. They will be needing more volunteers this Saturday from 10am-1pm for canvassing help. The negotiations team is meeting regularly and have had their 2nd meeting with the District. Negotiations are going well so far and faculty can show their support by showing up to the Board meetings. Upcoming FA events include: Coffee Hour with FA President on 10/22 from 4-6pm at Americanos Coffee and via Zoom and Question Time with the Dispute and Resolution chairs on 11/6. The How to Apply for a FT Job workshop changed to 10/30 via Zoom. All events and updates can be found on the FA website.

Student Government: Riley Hahn shared that they are currently preparing for the following events: Spooktober Club Rush on 10/26 from 10am-1pm on the Quad and The Paddock: Saddleback Auto Festival on 11/6 from 6:30pm-9:30pm in Parking Lot 5A. Other activities happening include the robotics club is currently working on their rover, the Model UN, and a

student leadership conference. She also shared that the Film Festival Club is in desperate need for a faculty advisor replacement.
Classified Senate: Vee Zahrae shared that their meeting is next week so no report.
California School Employees Association: None.

8. Representational Area / ATEP / PT Faculty Reports

EvaMarie shared that the State Part Time Faculty Committee of ASCCC is hosting a webinar series starting next Thursday, 10/29, at noon for PT faculty. They are hoping to educate PT faculty about the role of Academic Senate. It is a one-hour session with a presentation and Q&A. This will start a series of webinars by PT faculty, but they are for everyone. EvaMarie asked Frank what the best way was to get an email out to all PT faculty? Frank asked that she send it to him and copy the AS email (Christie) as he has all the email lists and can send to the PT list.

Erica shared her Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion class is hosting a Samhain Pagan Festival on Thursday, 10/29 from 9:15am-11:45am on the Quad. ASG is providing food.

Kolin shared that the Military Appreciation football game is this Saturday, 10/24 at 1pm. They will be honoring student veterans and President Cordova will be there to accept honor at halftime.

Wonderful Nancy shared that CTA of California meeting focused on support for Prop 3 and asked faculty to please encourage people to vote yes on Prop 3. The proposition is aimed at protecting existing funding to schools and students. Without funding, class sizes are likely to increase.

Brenda encouraged faculty to sign up for this year's Snack Attack. Paper sign-up sheet going around and Brenda will turn it into digital file so you can have a reminder. Whatever faculty brings, they will take back with them and they are in charge of putting it out and cleaning it up.

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 DEIA/UDL screen for META to meet Title 5 requirements
2. Proposed 2026-27 Curriculum Committee goals
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6. Proposed new credit course justifications for academic year 2028-29

Taylor Brooks motioned to approve Consent Calendar items. Morgan Barrows 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

   Afshin Hariri motioned to approve Faculty to Serve on Committees. Jennifer Rohles seconded.

   Discussion: Lawerence asked who to ask if a faculty is waiting to hear about being approved to sit on a committee. Frank reminded everyone where the Committee Report Form is on SharePoint and the faculty member (or dean in certain areas) need to fill out and submit. This is the process for Academic Senate to know who is serving on each committee.

   The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Faculty to Serve on Committees.

2. **Curriculum Update**
   Information/Update
   Presenter: June Millovich

June wanted to thank Senate for approving consent items. Curriculum is currently developing the Canvas site to make curriculum items easier to find and will make the process more streamlined. Nothing new this meeting but will keep faculty posted with any changes.

3. **Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update**
   Information/Update
   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.
   The following three board policies and one administrative regulation were approved by the District's Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) on October 2, 2026, the Chancellor's Council on October, 15, 2026, and are on the October 26, 2026, Board of Trustees agenda for approval:
   BP 3100 Organizational Structure – revision (with SC & IVC Senate suggestions) BP/AR 5110 Counseling – revision (with SC Senate suggestions)
   BP-7150 Evaluation of Management Team Members – revision
   Presenter: Dan Walsh

Dan reported that there hasn't been a meeting since the last Senate meeting. BPs/ARs are going forward for approval to the Board at Monday's meeting. The update on the Counseling BP/AR is that the language issue got quickly resolved on IVC's side. The good news is that our counselors' suggestions and recommendations were moved forward.
The BP for payment for travel for interviewing went forward without anyone catching the language about faculty being compensated. This wasn't the case in the past. Managers get compensated currently, so it makes sense that faculty should be too.
Question: When they say pay, do they mean for all costs? It depends, the rules list how much is allowable and is determined by location and other factors.

4. **Student AI Use Guidelines**
   Information/Discussion/Action
   These guidelines were approved by Academic Senate on April 1, 2026. Since then, two changes have been made. First, Consultation Council asked that in addition to a link out to our BP/ARs, that they specifically link out to the AR 5500. Second, the section at the end of the guidelines does not read as guidelines, but more as information for an informational flyer. We would like to delete this section.
   Presenter: Frank Gonzalez

Senate saw these guidelines back last spring and they have recently been approved by ASG, but there have been some changes since Senate saw them. The changes include specifically linking to the student conduct BP. There is also a section at the end that was more informational and not BP/AR language. It took a long time to develop staff and student guidelines because of amount of groups that have to review and approve. Frank shared that he is a part of the AI district workgroup that is currently working on the BP/ARs. Those just came back from Chris McDonald and legal in order to match with CCLC language.

Question: where does this document live and where will students see it? Do not have an answer right now but Frank will ask Kim d'Arcy where this will live.
Erica suggested that the guidelines would be good to include on a syllabus quiz.
Jennifer mentioned that Kim d'Arcy had said at a previous Senate meeting that she would send us all of this language, not just AI language but information on Title II and other stuff, that we could put in our syllabus. She hasn't seen a template of language sent out. Frank will ask Kim d'Arcy.

Jennifer motioned to approve the Student AI Use Guidelines with changes. Brenda Plascencia-Carrizosa seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve the Student AI Use Guidelines with changes.

2. **2028-2029 Academic Calendar**
   Information/Discussion
   Review of IVC's proposed 2028-29 Academic Calendar. Presenter:
   Frank Gonzalez

Frank presented IVC's version of the calendar. The difference is where the purple day falls in the fall semester. Saddleback's version of the calendar has September 5th as the purple day and IVC's version has November 13th as the purple day. Our version has already been approved by our Senate.

Morgan shared that a STEM faculty member who is on the committee said they thought it would be less disruptive to have the purple day at the beginning of the semester than at the end.

Question: what comes next? Both calendars will be submitted to the District Calendar Committee. They will review both versions and discuss and then the committee will vote. Makeup of the district committee is three faculty from each college, CSEA, Classified Senate, and administrators. Negotiation between both versions is at the district level.

Question: why can't we use the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a purple day? Classes have to meet at least 3 days during the week otherwise you have to cancel an entire week of classes. If we took the whole Thanksgiving week off, the semester has to be extended farther into December or start earlier. This is not an option either way as neither approved calendar that is moving forward to the District includes this.

Question: why did we used to have the Wednesday before Thanksgiving off? We were out of compliance when we did that.

Question: Saddleback's version seems more balanced but it might affect the census dates for the 1st 8 week classes. Can they accommodate those census dates? Census dates are set by the start date of classes.

Question: can we propose to have Zoom classes on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving? Those are discussions for the deans or possibly FA.

It was suggested that from a student and instructor perspective for STEM and lab courses, the September 5th purple day seems easier for students than missing more classes in November.

Frank took a straw poll of Senate to see which version the group preferred. An overwhelming majority preferred Saddleback's version.

11. New Business

None.

12. Committee Reports

1. **Executive**

Michelle shared that she was noticing a trend in critical thinking and communication skills of the under 25-year-old students who are coming to us that is very concerning. Adding to that is their unrealistic expectations and lawnmower parents, she is worried about these students' ability to get and keep a job. She wanted to see if other faculty are noticing the same trend and if there were any ideas out there that could be helpful to faculty dealing with this issue. She would like any faculty interested in this issue or those that have ideas to reach out to her or Dan to see about developing a FLEX presentation.

2. **College/Senate Committees**

Senate Committees

- Distance/Online Education – coming in next couple of meetings.

College Committees

- Career Education – Kari Irwin will be coming to share an update soon.

13. Adjournment

Frank Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

- **Next Academic Senate Meeting:** November 4th, 2026

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Key Words: