Academic Senate Minutes

Date October 13, 2026

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NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	ABSENT
Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse	**President**	X	
Senorina Vazquez	**Vice President**	X	
Ana Luz Acevedo-Cabrera	**2nd Vice President**		X
Elizabeth Morales	**Secretary/Treasurer**	X	
Tammy Boates	**At-Large**	X	
Dr. Kelly Locke	Senator	X	
Richard Chapman	Senator	X	
Janet Flores	Senator	X	
Dr. Jason Hough	Senator	X	
Carol Kimbrough	Senator	X	
Steven Lisowski	Senator		X
Adriana Lopez-Romero	Senator		X
Heather Rodriguez	Senator	X	
Trish Sullivan	Senator	X	
Christine Svendsen	Senator		X
Dean Theodosion	Senator	X	
Joel Torres	Senator	X	

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Corina Vasaure	Senator	X	
Austin Moser	Senator	X	
Mustapha Ait Aisssa	Senator	X	
Christopher Zepeda	Senator	X	
Lawrence Adams	Senator	X	
Nick Hajek	Senator	X	
Deborah Stephens	Guest	X	
Ivan Pagan	Guest	X	
Lindsey Bertomen	Guest	X	
Monica Galvan	Guest	X	
Celeste DeWald	Guest	X	
Norma Cuevas	Guest	X	
Eric Grabiel	Guest	X	
Jaimee De Pompeo	Guest	X	
Mercedes Del Real	Guest	X	

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I. Call to Order 3:08 pm

II. Public Comments: 10 minutes (3-minute maximum per person) are set aside to receive comments on agenda items or items not on the agenda but within the authority (10+1) of the Senate

Dr. Jason Hough submitted a public comment via chat urging faculty to check email regarding updates on eight-week courses. He emphasized that fall 2028 is aspirational, not required, and that administrators should be reminded of this. “We need to regularly remind administrators that fall 2028 is a desire and not a requirement.”

III. Motion was made to adopt the agenda by Carol Kimbrough and Dr. Kelly Locke. All in favor.

- **Action:** The agenda was approved

IV. Motion was made to approve the minutes from 09/22/2026 by Carol Kimbrough and Senorina Vazquez. All in favor.

- **Action:** The minutes were approved

V. Action Items

A. Grant Concept Form – AI Career Visibility & Mobility Pathway Grant

- Ivan Pagan Presented - Overview
  1. Proposed $891,000 grant
  2. No matching funds required from Hartnell
  3. Serves 300 adult healthcare learners across six cohorts over 18 months.
  4. Adds an AI career mobility series to the existing ELL Healthcare Pathways Grant
  5. No new curriculum or COR changes, and no faculty workloads would be impacted.
  6. Partners with ASPIDA – Instruction & Training adult school staff, Mujeres en Accion- Recruitment, wrap around services, and External evaluator- 30/60/90-day employment tracking.
- Concerns raised
  1. Cost of consultant ($700k) and the number of workshops
  2. Pipeline tension – Are we preparing more students for nursing when most will not be admitted.
  3. Closure of ROP CAN program and its impact
- Clarification
  1. Grant is not intended to funnel students into LVN; will focus on ELL adults gaining entry-level healthcare employment.
  2. CAN, MA and Dental Assistant pathways remain open-entry but require intermediate English

B. EDD Farmworker Advancement Program & ESL/VESL Grant

- Celeste DeWald and Jaimee De Pompeo – Presented – Overview
  1. Federal funding through CA Labor & Workforce Developmet Agency
  2. Supports AgStep participation with:

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    a. Navigation services
    b. Basic needs support
    c. Contextualized Vocational ESL for Agriculture, ECE, and Health Sciences
3. $390,000 for direct participant support (transportation, childcare, and emergency scholarships)
4. $132,000 for contract with:
    a. Center for Community Advocacy
    b. Action Council
    c. ALBA
5. VESL development begins spring 2027, Curriculum fall 2027, first offering fall 2028.

- Concerns raised
    1. ECE faculty unaware of inclusion in grant
    2. VESL courses are noncredit CDCP, not replacing credit ECE.

VI. Presentation and Discussion

A. Full-Time Faculty Prioritization Committee Results

- Deborah Stephens & Eric Grabiel – Presented
    1. 22 voting members
    2. All replacement positions forwarded as a slate (not ranked)
    3. 31 new positions ranked using a 1-5 scoring system
- Concerns raised
    1. Social Sciences faculty questioned ranking order (Ethnic Studies ranked above History despite department priorities)
    2. Ethnic Studies notes a lost replacement due to a resignation not captured in the process

B. RSI Accreditation Update

- Tammy Boates – Presented
    1. The accreditation team requested RSI evidence for 50 asynchronous courses.
    2. Faculty asked to provide screenshots of announcements, discussions, etc.
    3. Short turnaround (48 hours)'
    4. If insufficient, accreditation may review all asynchronous courses

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C. Part-Time Faculty Office Space
- Dr. Kelly Locke
  1. No private spaces available for adjunct office hours
  2. Some buildings have theoretical spaces, but access is inconsistent
  3. Library spaces are already used by adjunct librarians

D. Update on 2nd VP
- Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse – Presented
  1. Ana Luz Acevedo-Cabrera is unable to attend this semester, so Janet Flores has agreed to permanently replace her as the 2nd VP

E. Town Hall Meeting Update
- Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse – Presented
  1. Administration stated they will rely on faculty to determine which courses remain 16 weeks
  2. Senate agreed to form a faculty-led workgroup to create a rubric
  3. Volunteers requested; Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse agreed to lead

VII. Appointments

A. SSC
- Nick Hajek

B. IRC
- Leticia Contreras
- John Bosio
- Christopher Zepeda

C. One Hartnell
- P1-1 Brook Foley
- P2-2 Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse
- P3-4 Dr. Kelly Locke (reconfirm)
- P1-2 Dr. Kelly Locke (reconfirm)

D. Volunteers Needed
- DIV/EEO
- One Hartnell Workgroups - there are opportunities to join many workgroups!
- Curriculum Committee – Social Sciences

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VIII. Announcements

A. Fall Plenary (November 5-7):

- Tammy Boates, Senorina Vazquez, and Dr. Jennifer Moorhouse will be attending.

IX. Adjournment (Next meeting: 10/27/2026)

A. Motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Kelly Locke and Tammy Boates. All in favor.

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