



ACADEMIC SENATE – SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: LRC 250 COMMUNITY ROOM

Guests may attend on Zoom: <https://cccd-edu.zoom.us/j/89547456221> | Meeting ID: 895 4745 6221

Meeting documents are also available in the [AS SharePoint](#) (CCCD login required)

Mission: The Golden West College Academic Senate's mission is to serve its faculty, promote the best interests of higher education, and to represent the faculty in campus, district, and state-level senate charges by carrying out the primary functions as delineated in the CA Code of Regulations, Title 5, section 53200, which includes both academic and professional matters, and consulting collegially with the local campus and district governing boards. For additional information on the Academic Senate and its mission, please visit the [Academic Senate for California Community Colleges](#).

Vision: The GWC Academic Senate represents all faculty in the shared governance process. We are deeply committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for faculty to express their diverse viewpoints and concerns while maintaining focus on curricular and professional activities. Our campus culture serves to express the collective sum of the individual differences, life experiences, knowledge, innovation, self-expression, and talent that our faculty invest in their work. The GWC Academic Senate will continue to focus on promoting excellence, access, opportunity, and inclusion on our campus and in our programs.

Please note: All GWC Academic Senate meetings are subject to audio and/or video recording at the Academic Senate's discretion to maintain a record of the proceedings. Agendas and minutes will be archived in [the Academic Senate's SharePoint](#).

ACADEMIC SENATE ROLL CALL (Bold = Executive Board)

Jennifer Bailly – CCI Chair	Noah Levin – Liberal Arts & Culture (ANTH, GEOG, GLST, PHIL)
Amanda Best – Arts	Phuong Nguyen – Nursing/Health Professions
Pete Bouzar – Mathematics & Engineering	Teresa Nguyen – ELL/ESL/GED
Dawn Brooks – Performing Arts	Joel Powell – Social Sciences (ECON, PSCI, SOC, ES)
Annamaria Crescimanno – Vice President Biological Sciences	Tiffany Ruggeri Delillo (Comm Studies) – Part-time Faculty At-large
Laura Duvall – Psychology	Matthew Shimazu – Physical Sciences
Sharon Fabian – ASGWC (<i>non-voting</i>)	Justin Smith – President History & Education
Matthew Flesher – Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics	Julie Terrazas – Library
Kate Green (Chemistry) – IPD Chair	Tammie Tran – World Languages (SIGN, INTR, SPAN, VIET)
Connie Heavener – Cosmetology (PT)	Aleksandra Uchlik – Business, Account, Computer Science (MNGT, MKTG)
Damien Jordan – Vice President Counseling & EOPS	Michelle Veyette (English PT) – Distance Education Coordinator (<i>non-voting</i>)
John Kasabian – Auto Tech, Digital Arts, Drafting	VACANT – Classified Senate (<i>non-voting</i>)
John Lervold – Communication Studies	VACANT – Criminal Justice
Theresa Lavarini – English	

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to order – Justin Smith, AS President
- B. Welcome Guest
 1. Meridith Randall, GWC President (1:10 pm)
- C. Approval of the Agenda and Minutes
 1. Agenda – December 2, 2025
- D. Announcements, Congratulations, and Appreciation
- E. Opportunity for Public Comment (*3 minutes per speaker*) - *Members of the public have the opportunity to address the Academic Senate on any item that has been described in this notice, before or during consideration of the item. We ask that you keep your comments to three minutes. Thank you.*

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appointment of the following faculty members to the following committees:

	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
1	Rachel Wegter	Communication Studies	Honors Program Work Group	Full-time Faculty	F2025

Fall 2025 Faculty Requests: Search Committees - *Approval is contingent upon the college president's final hiring decision.*

	FACULTY	DISCIPLINE	COMMITTEE	POSITION	TERM
2	AJ Edmonds	Computer Science (MS Engineering)	Search Committee – Engineering	(3) Full-time Discipline Faculty	F2025
3	Angelo Esposito (OCC)	Engineering			
4	Gita Alemansour	Mathematics (BS Engineering)			
5	Joel Powell	Political Science	Search Committee – Political Science	(3) Full-time Discipline Faculty	F2025
6	Herman Singh	Economics			
7	Vesna Marcina Kuo (OCC)	Political Science			

III. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

Full and Part-Time Faculty members are encouraged to nominate themselves.

Visit the [Academic Senate's Faculty Service Opportunities webpage](#) to view committee openings, review committee descriptions, meeting information, and to submit your nomination. (PATHWAY: GWC Homepage > Quick Links > Academic Senate > Committees – Vacancies & Nominations)

- A. Call for terms starting Fall 2025 - Academic Senate and standing committees.
Vacancies will remain open until filled. Nominations submitted by noon on the Friday before a Senate meeting will be included on the agenda for committee appointment. Refer to the [Committee vacancies and nomination spreadsheet](#) to access the nomination forms.
- Academic Senate | Term: three years (2025-28) unless otherwise specified
 - Classified Senate | 2025-27
 - Criminal Justice | Fall 2025
 - Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI) | Term: three years
 - Kinesiology, Health Ed, Athletics | 2025-28
 - Part-time Faculty Member At-Large |
 - Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
 - Computer Science | 2023-26
 - Criminal Justice | 2024-27
 - Social Sciences
 - Institute for Professional Development (IPD) | Term: three years unless otherwise specified
 - Automotive Technology, Digital Arts, Drafting | 2024-27
 - Criminal Justice | 2025-28
 - Library | 2024-27

IV. GUEST REPORTS & UPDATES (max 5 minutes per item; 5-10 minutes total)

- A. ASGWC Report – Sharon Fabian, ASGWC President
B. Faculty Hiring Update – Meridith Randall, GWC President (1:10 pm)

V. NEW DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (max 5 minutes per item; 5-10 minutes total)

- A. Role of AS in addressing systemic inequity and institutional barriers as it pertains to academic and professional matters - Acknowledgement * Accountability * Action
1. Faculty Prioritization Feedback – Justin Smith, AS President
B. Other Agenda Requests

VII. STANDING DISCUSSIONS & ACTION ITEMS (max 5 minutes)

- A. Program Review
- B. AI (Artificial Intelligence)
- C. 10 + 1

VIII. REPORTS & UPDATES *(max 3 minutes per report; total time 15 minutes (@ 2:45 pm)*

Electronic copies of written reports are due to the Senate Office by Thursday at 5:00 pm the week preceding the meeting for which the report is attached to the agenda.

- A. AS President's Report – Justin Smith
- B. AS Vice Presidents' Reports – Damien Jordan and Annamaria Crescimanno
- C. Council for Curriculum & Instruction (CCI) – Jennifer Bailly, Chair
- D. Institute for Professional Development (IPD) – Kate Green, Chair
- E. Distance Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) – Michelle Veyette, DE Coordinator
- F. Union Update – Rob Schneiderman, CFE Union President, or Theresa Lavarini, GWC representative
- G. Special Reports (as requested by Academic Senate)
- H. Information Item
 - 1. [ASCCC 2025 Fall Plenary Resolutions](#)

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Move to Adjourn. Thank You! – Senate President

XI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Senate Scholarship Fund Balance: Endowed balance: \$7,417. Recommended 2025-26 scholarship: \$370 *(Contact the Foundation Office to submit donations)*
- B. Senate Sympathy and Salutations Fund – *(Senators may contact the Foundation Office to submit donations)*
- C. 10+1 Senate Purview
 - 1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines *(rely primarily)*
 - 2. Degree and certificate requirements *(rely primarily)*
 - 3. Grading policies *(mutually agree)*
 - 4. Educational program development *(rely primarily)*
 - 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success *(rely primarily)*
 - 6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles *(mutually agree)*
 - 7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports *(rely primarily)*
 - 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities *(rely primarily)*
 - 9. Processes for program review *(rely primarily)*
 - 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development *(mutually agree)*
 - 11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate *(mutually agree)*