ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

February 25, 2026| 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Room 21147 + Zoom for visitors

Agenda Item – Zoom information at end of agenda

1. **Call to Order:** 2:32 pm

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve (Joanna Jen)/seconded (Peter Zimmer)/approved unanimously

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (February 11, 2026):** Motion to approve (Collin Thormoto)/seconded (Jeff Judd)/discussion (7.4 – remove question and answer regarding FA negotiators)/approved unanimously

4. **Public Comments** (3 minutes): *This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Academic Senate. Please limit comments to 3 minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Academic Senate cannot act on items not already on the agenda.* None

5. **Consent Items**

6. **Action Items**

7. **New Business**
   7.1 Foundation Endowment
   Kenneth Cooper, Executive Director of LPC Foundation, presented on endowment funds. A minimum of $12,500 is required to establish an endowment with 4.5% being allotted annually for scholarships or other purposes as indicated. An emerging endowment may also be established with donations earmarked towards the final endowment amount; this is typically recommended if funds will meet the minimum endowment requirement within five years. Question if an emerging endowment fund is allowed even if the minimum is not met within a five-year span? Yes; the benefit of reaching the goal within five years is due to earning potential interest.

   Ashley Young suggested reducing the number of scholarships to a maximum of three, allotting $200-$300 for the classified appreciation event, and saving the rest with the goal of a future endowment. If future years have similar results to this past year (a little over $2,000 was earned in the fall fundraiser), approximately $600 could be set aside each year for the endowment. Clarification that the BMO account should have between $300-$500 maintained.

Joanna Jen expressed concern for the prevalence of AI-generated scholarship letters. It is too late to include a statement in this year's scholarship application but there can be a specification/recommendation added for the next cycle. Question regarding who may be contacted with scholarship questions? Lydia Penaflor in Financial Aid.

8. **Old Business**

   8.1 Classified Appreciation Day
   Possible food options were discussed. Kimberly Burks will get catering quotes.

   8.2 AI Listening Group
   Question regarding when the next listening session will take place? There are no further meetings scheduled; future AI discussions will take place during flex day activities. OurMedia is offering a student discussion regarding AI today.

   Could we create a resolution regarding AI in scholarship letters? Resolutions go to board so one would not be needed unless there is a call to action from trustees. The best solution is to speak with Lydia.

   8.3 Resolution on Retiree Healthcare Investments
   Collin did not receive feedback, likely because most division meetings were cancelled last week. This item will return at the next senate meeting for a vote.

9. **Wellness Break** (5 minutes)

10. **Reports** (5 minutes each)

    10.1 LPC Student Government (TBD): None

    10.2 A.I. Honesty (Catherine Suarez): The committee met with Wanda Butterly to discuss a visual rubric/tier system of AI allowance per class. They are working on universal design to ensure the rubric colors are accessible.

    Catherine was alerted to Einstein AI, which can be incorporated into Canvas and take actions on behalf of the student, including taking lecture notes in the student's absence. The committee will further discuss this application at their next meeting.

    10.3 CEMC/DEMC (Ashley Young): David Powers reported out from the DEMC meeting from the previous day. The Chancellor plans to set next year's targets up 5% from last year. Question if DEMC is aware that significant increases in FTEF will be required to substantially raise efficiency? This is on the committee's radar but future advocacy may be needed.

    10.4 Curriculum (Craig Kutil): CurrIQunet has been updated and requisites are much easier to read. CCN Phase III has been put on an indefinite hold. The ASCCC and the State Chancellor's Office are in agreement to continue the pause until CSU and UC systems agree to CCN articulation. Clarification that the C-ID numbering system is separate from CCN. Question if CurrIQunet training will be held during flex day? Yes.

    The new attendance counting method will begin in the 2027/2028 academic year, which dictates that funding will be based on units rather than the length of a course offering. Some of our courses have an

extra lab hour per week, which is not enough to add an additional half unit to the course resulting in a "hanging hour." This extra hour will now be an outside-of-class activity hour, as detailed in the proposed AP 4020. If the AP is approved, there will be no more "no-unit value labs" since the state does not pay for them. Cal-GETC will be affected since several transfer courses (math, English, and a few others) will be impacted. ESL courses will also be impacted, although they are not used for transfer. Clarification that class time and pay will remain the same and that this AP does not need to go to board. The Chancellor has agreed to compensate faculty who need to update curriculum. Craig is working with CurrIQunet to add activity units and remove no-unit value lab options.

10.5 Distance Education (Kat King): Kat spoke to the uptick in autonomous AI applications that go beyond generative AI, like Einstein. There has been communication with Canvas and other providers regarding guardrails. The committee is investigating tools that safeguard against autonomous and generative AI dishonesty in a test-taking environment. One option includes utilizing a standalone browser (as opposed to Proctorio, which is a web extension), although students from other institutions have expressed concerns regarding privacy and being forced to download technology that takes control over their devices. Additionally, there are potential equity issues since software continues to disproportionately flag students of color and students with disabilities. Representatives from both campuses have been asked to test out a lockdown browser called Respondus.

Kat shared a save the date for an upcoming AI event hosted by a regional AI workgroup.

Follett has rebranded Follett Discover to My Materials for textbook selection.

3C Media, a platform that hosts instructional videos and provides captioning, will be removed from Canvas since Studio provides the same services.

10.6 District Technology (Jeff Judd): None

10.7 Faculty Hiring Prioritization (Heike Gecox): None

10.8 Guided Pathways (Nadiyah Taylor & Jill Carbone): None

10.9 Honors (Irena Keller): None

10.10 Professional Development (David Powers): Flex Day on March 19th will feature a student panel regarding thoughts on AI. Variable flex part 2 is due May 15th.

10.11 Treasurer (Catherine Suarez): None

10.12 President (Ashley Young): None

10.13 Divisions
- A&H (Justin Garoupa, Catherine Suarez): Catherine shared concern for MyPortal being inaccessible some evenings. She also shared concerns for the lack of an Assessment Specialist providing language assessments. A&H has been given until April to determine who will take over this process for each subject.

- BSSL (Joanna Jen, Felipe Ponce, Collin Thormoto): None

- PATH (Susan deFuniak): None

- STEM (Anita Bhatia, Moh Daoud, David Montelongo): Some district IT requests have been unmet, particularly with MyPortal concerns.

- Student Services (Kimberly Burks, Ryan Eckles): None

- Part Time Representatives (Jeff Judd, Peter Zimmer): None

11. **Good of the Order/Announcements**
    See Jamila Jabbar-Mahmood's email about Ramadan for important information.

12. **Adjourned:** 4:24 pm

13. **Next Regular Meeting:** March 11, 2026

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