

Academic Senate Minutes — April 2nd, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | **Location:** In-Person IB1-106

Statement of Purpose

The Academic Senate is organized under the provisions of the California Code of Regulations, Title 5. It shall represent the faculty and make recommendations to the administration and to the Board with respect to academic and professional matters, so long as the exercise of such functions does not conflict with the lawful collective bargaining agreement.

The passage of AB 1725 in 1988 granted the Academic Senate the role as the college's primary authority on academic and professional matters.

Our purpose is to represent all faculty in dealings with Administration and the Board of Trustees, in developing, revising, and implementing college-wide policies and procedures that concern faculty. The Academic Senate should strengthen the role faculty plays in the collaborative governance process. Furthermore, the Academic Senate should provide a platform where faculty discuss, debate, formulate resolutions and recommendations, provide opinions on academic and professional matters, as well as on other issues of concern.

The Academic Senate is a democratically elected group of faculty who represent their respective divisions.

Meeting Roles

- **Facilitator:** Sean Moore — Academic Senate President
 - **Parliamentarian:** Kent Schwitkis — Senator
 - **Recorder:** Michael VanOverbeck — Secretary
 - **Timekeeper:** Victoria Martinez — Senator
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Role Descriptions

The Facilitator leads the meeting and ensures the agenda is followed. The Parliamentarian oversees meeting procedures and enforces rules. The Recorder documents minutes. The Timekeeper monitors time and helps keep the meeting on schedule.

Vision

Compton College will be the leading institution of student learning and success in higher education.

Mission Statement

Compton College is an equity-driven, inclusive community resource dedicated to providing opportunities and support for historically underserved student populations, particularly students of color. We cultivate a sense of belonging to support students in achieving their academic goals. Compton College provides students with knowledge, strategies, and skills needed for workforce readiness and facilitates clear pathways for program completion and transfer to four-year institutions; all aimed at enhancing the well-being of our local community.

Attendees

Officers:

President – Sean Moore [x] Vice President and Senator – Hassan Elfarissi [] Secretary and Senator – Michael VanOverbeck [x]

Senators:

Manzoor Ahmad [x] Stephani Baez [x] Roza Ekimyan [x] Samitha Givens [x] Joshua Johnson [x] Nathan Lopez [x] Victoria Martinez [] Janette Morales [x] Jesse Mills [x] Noemi Monterroso [x] Mayela Rodriguez [x] Kent Schwitkis [x] Juan Tavaréz [] Mandeda Uch [x] Andree Valdry [] Jose Villalobos [x] Lorena Villarreal [x] Pam West []

Ex Officio Voting Members:

David Chavez [x] Brad Conn [x] Charles Hobbs [x]

Nonvoting Attendees:

Sheri Berger [x] Bedan Kamau [] Nikki Williams [x] Minodora Moldoveanu [x] Kendahl Radcliffe [x] Susan Johnson [x] Judy Crozier [x] Valerie Woodward [x] Lydell Willis [x]

Time Management Reminder

To help ensure we cover all agenda items, and give everyone a chance to share, please try to keep comments brief and focused. Being mindful of time and making space for others to speak helps the meeting flow smoothly and productively. The Timekeeper will kindly provide gentle reminders as needed to keep us on track.

Agenda Structure

While the Brown Act does not require a specific order for agenda items, this structure places Unfinished Business first, followed by New Business. All Unfinished Business items are addressed before moving on to New Business. This approach supports fairness, transparency, and meeting efficiency by ensuring previously introduced items are resolved before new topics are considered.

Amending Agenda Criteria

In accordance with the Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54954.2), agenda changes may only be made during the meeting if an immediate need for action arises after posting, with a brief explanation and approval by a two-thirds vote (or unanimous if fewer than two-thirds are present). This process helps ensure transparency and protects the public's right to be informed.

Meeting started at

Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda

- April 2, 2026
- **Supporting document:** Included in the Packet

Jesse M. motioned to approve the amended agenda. Noemi M. seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

- March 19, 2026
- **Supporting document:** Included in the Packet

Brad C. motioned to approve the minutes. Jesse M. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Noemi M. motioned to open 3a-f. Stefani B. seconded.

3. Reports and Follow-up Questions

No action will be taken on these reports. Senators may discuss them and ask questions for clarification within the allotted time

a) President, Academic Senate

- **Supporting document:** *Summary of Decisions Approved by Academic Senate on March 19th, 2026* (Sent to the District).
- [Summary-of-Decisions-Approved-By-Academic-Senate-On-March 19, 2026.docx](#)
- **Time:** 5 minutes

b) Vice President, Academic Senate

- **Time:** 2 minute

c) College Curriculum Committee Chair

- **Time:** 2 minutes

d) Distance Education Faculty Coordinator

- **Time:** 2 minutes
 - Visiting Students (Incoming via CVC): 309
 - Student coming from other colleges enrolled in Compton College courses.
 - Compton College Students (Outgoing via CVC): 79
 - Compton students enrolled in courses at other institutions.
 - Course Scheduling Updates
 - Summer 2026 and Fall 2026 courses have been successfully submitted and published through the California Virtual Campus (CVC)
 - AI Workshops & Professional Development
 - A faculty professional development session on AI was held on March 20, 2026
 - Student workshops are scheduled for April, focusing on:
 - AI Basics for Students
 - Emphasis on practical use of Microsoft Copilot

e) Reference Librarian

- **Time:** 2 minutes
 - Attended conference for college Librarians.
 - Holding a series of research workshops (**Location** - SSC 130 **Time** 1-2pm)
 - April 23rd Library Catalog
 - April 30th Online Databases
 - May 7th Online Databases
 - May 14th Open Lab
 - PD workshop - LibGuides how-to
 - April 9th, 12-1:30 pm – zoom
 - Bookmark design contest
 - March 23 – April 26
 - Visit Compton Library

f) Vice President, Academic Affairs

- **Time:** 2 minutes

Noemi M. motioned to close 3a-f. Jesse M. seconded.

Michael V. motioned to approve 4a-g. Noemi M. seconded. Unanimously approved.

4. Curriculum Consent Agenda Items—March 24th, 2026**, College Curriculum Committee meeting:**

- a) **2-Year CTE Course Review—Revised Course Description—Revised Requisites—Add Course Prerequisites and Non-course Requisites—Revised Course Hours:** FTEC 115 - Fire Academy
- b) **Articulation/Transfer Review—Revise Course Description:** ESTU 106 - Introduction to Asian American Studies.

- c) **Conditions of Enrollment/Requisites Revision:** ART 145 - Graphic Design I.
- d) **Course Review—Conditions of Enrollment/Add Prerequisite Course:** ENGR 109 - Engineering Mechanics – Statics.
- e) **Course Review—Revised Non-course Prerequisite Requirements—Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Update:** CSCI 101 - Problem Solving and Program Design Using C++.
- f) **New Courses:** COMS 100H - Honors Public Speaking (CCN- COMM C1000H); LOGI 101 - Logistics Fundamentals; LOGI 102 - Logistics Operations Specialist; LOGI 103 - Logistics Leadership; LOGI 104 - Logistics Analyst; LOGI 105 - Logistics AI Specialist; LOGI 106 - Logistics Project Management; LOGI 107 - Logistics Safety; and LOGI 108 - Logistics e-commerce Entrepreneur.
- g) **Course Inactivations:** LIBR 110 - Library Research Using the Internet.
and LIBR course originator of course—Lynn Chung and FACH vote to approve inactivation of course is listed on proposal in CNET as March 3, 2026.

Michael V. motioned to approve 5a. Noemi M. seconded. Unanimously approved.

5. Curriculum Consent Agenda Items—March 10th, 2026, College Curriculum Committee meeting:

- a) **Course Inactivations:** SLAN 113 - American Sign Language III; SLAN 131 - Perspective on Deafness.

Note: SLAN originator of both course—Victor Monroy and FACH voted and approved to inactivate both courses above on March 3, 2026 (confirmed)

- **Time:** 2 minutes

Noemi M. motioned to open 6a. Kent S. seconded.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a) **Third Read:** Proposed—Distance Education Handbook
 - **Supporting Documents:** *Proposed Distance Education Handbook* in Word format with track changes; *Current Distance Education Handbook*; and the *2025 Faculty Survey on Online Teaching Recertification Survey Report* (all three links below)
 - [Distance Education Handbook-Revisions -Approved-Revisions-From-the-Second-Read.docx](#)
 - **Time:** 20 Minutes
Requested by: Dr. Bradfield Conn—revisions include the removal of the recertification language that was approved to remove by the Academic Senate on March 10th, 2026, and hyperlinks corrected that were not directing to the appropriate websites.
 - Nikki Williams presented her advocacy to retain DE recertification language in the DE handbook.

- Committee discussion continued back and forth about the pros and cons behind making recertification mandatory without compensation for all faculty wishing to teach online.
- Discussion about who's role it would be to mandate faculty to recertify. Union or Senate. Senate cannot negotiate pay compensation. Union doesn't want to include mandatory recertification language into the contract.
- Union members advocate to add mandatory online recertification language into the distance education handbook and require all faculty to recertify without compensation being negotiated first.

Jesse M. Motioned to put the DE recertification language back into the proposed DE handbook to further discuss or amend it when it comes back to senate. Kent S. seconded.

Michael VanOverbeck requested a rollcall on the vote.

Senators:

Manzoor Ahmad [n] Stephani Baez [y] Roza Ekimyan [n] Samitha Givens [y] Joshua Johnson [a] Nathan Lopez [y] Victoria Martinez [x] Janette Morales [n] Jesse Mills [y] Noe Monterroso [y] Mayela Rodriguez [y] Kent Schwitkis [y] Juan Tavarez [x] Mandeda Uch [y] Andree Valdry [y] Jose Villalobos [a] Lorena Villarreal [a] Pam West [x] Michael VanOverbeck [n]

Ex Officio Voting Members:

David Chavez [y] Brad Conn [y] Charles Hobbs [y]

yay – 12

nay – 4

abstentions – 3

x = not present - 3


Mayela R. motioned to [table the rest](#). Kent S. seconded. Unanimously approved.

7. New Business

- a) [Vote to Remove the DE Coordinator position as a voting member of the Academic Senate due to a decrease in the position's release time.](#)
 - **Time:** 10 minutes

Requested by: Dr. Brad Conn, DE Coordinator

b) Presentation: New Basic Needs services Requirements.

- Supporting Document: BNS Student Expectations for Completion
-  [BNS Student Expectations for Completion.docx](#)
- Time: 20 minutes

Requested by: Lydell K. Willis M.S, AMFT, Director of Student Basic Needs & Success

c) First Read: Proposed Compton College Academic Senate Resolution—Enforcement of Sanctuary Campus Protections and Defense of Human Rights.

- **Supporting Document:** *Proposed Compton College Academic Senate Resolution—Enforcement of Sanctuary Campus Protections and Defense of Human Rights.*
- [COMPTON COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION Enforcement of Sanctuary Campus Protections and Defense of Human Rights.docx](#)
- **Time:** 20 Minutes

Requested by: Dr. David Chavez, Union President

For clarification: The title of this item presents it as an Academic Senate Resolution; however, although it was introduced at the Senate, it was not authored by the Academic Senate Executive Board.

8. Future Agenda Recommendations

- **Time:** 2 minutes
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9. Public Comments

- **Time:** 1 minute per person

Note: Members of the public may address the Senate during the Public Comments section on any agenda item or other matters within the Senate's jurisdiction.

Comments are limited to one minute per speaker to ensure fairness and efficiency. No prior notice is required; comments may be made spontaneously during this time.

End of Agenda

Meeting ended at 3:05pm