

Academic Senate Minutes

Facilitator: Sean Moore—Academic Senate President

Recorder: Michael VanOverbeck—Secretary **Time Keeper:** Victoria Martinez

Date: February 20, 2025 / **Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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: Sean Christopher Moore_X_; Minodora Moldoveanu_X_; and Michael VanOverbeck_X_.

Senators: Mayela Rodriguez_X_; Juan Tavarez_X_; Mandeda Uch_X_; Andree Valdry_X_; Susan Johnson_X_; Eckko Blake_X_; Carlos Maruri_X_; Janette Morales_X_; Liliana Cazares_X_; Bria Roberts_X_; Nathan Lopez_X_; Pam West_X_; Jesse Mills_X_; Michael VanOverbeck_X_; Hassan Elfarissi_X_; Jose Martinez_X_; Kent Schwitkis_X_; Jose Villalobos_X_; Roza Ekimyan_X_; Sophia Tse_X_; and Victoria Martinez_X_.

Ex Officio Voting Members: David Chavez_X_; Charles Hobbs_X_; and Brad Conn_X_.

Nonvoting Attendees: Sheri Berger_X_; Brittany Olayele_X_

AGENDA:

Meeting started at 2:07pm

1. Approval of Agenda: February 20, 2025.

- **Roza E. motioned to approve the amended agenda. Eckko B. seconded. Unanimously approved.**

2. Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2024.

- **Jesse M. motioned to approve the minutes. Victoria M. seconded. Unanimously approved.**

3. Reports and Follow-up Questions From Attendees:

- **Jesse M. motioned to open reports 3a-e. Victoria M. Seconded**
- a) President, Academic Senate
 - Summary of Academic Senate December 5, 2024 Decisions Sent to the District.
 - District Response to Academic Senate November 21, 2025 and December 5, 2025 Approvals—Document Attached.
- b) College Curriculum Committee Chair
 - Updates on course reviews and approvals, including Chemistry and Cosmetology courses. Discussion on new course approval process remains open.
- c) Distance Education Faculty Coordinator
- d) Faculty Development Chair
- e) Vice President, Academic Affairs
 - Dr. Sherry Berger discussed the new accreditation standards and the shift from compliance to outcomes focus. A crosswalk between old and new standards was presented.
- **Brad C. motioned to close reports 3a-e. Victoria M. seconded.**

4. Curriculum Consent Agenda Items:

- **Michael V. motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items 4a-b. Carlos M. seconded. Unanimously approved.**

Note: Approved by the College Curriculum Committee on December 10, 2024.

- a) Course Review; Articulation/Transfer Review: CHEM 104 - Beginning Chemistry
- b) Course Review; CTE Two-Year Course Review; No proposed Changes: COSM 110 - Intermediate Cosmetology; COSM 112 - Advanced Cosmetology; COSM 118 - Preparation for the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Practical Exam; COSM 125 - Cosmetology Applications; and COSM 126 - Cosmetology Applications and Theory.

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5. Action Items:

- **David C. Motioned to open action item 5a for first read. Brad C. Seconded.**
- a) First Read: AR 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education—Minodora Moldoveanu.
 - Discussion on AR4025, with changes to GE requirements aligning with Title V. The document was reviewed section by section.
- **Carlos M. Motioned to close action item 5a. Charles H. Seconded.**
- **Victoria M. Motioned to open action item 5b for first read. Jesse M. Seconded.**

b) First Read: DE Handbook—Brad Conn.

- DE Handbook Revisions
 - Revisions to the DE Handbook include updates on Title V language, union language, and a new recertification process requiring faculty to demonstrate course quality every three years.
 - Recertification Process Concerns
 - Concerns were raised about the new recertification process, including potential teaching restrictions for non-compliance and the impact on faculty availability.
 - Implementation and Scheduling of Certification Processes
 - The meeting discussed the logistics of implementing certification processes, including scheduling, fairness in class reviews, and ensuring faculty are not left without the ability to teach due to certification delays.
 - Poker Certification and Compensation
 - The need for more poker-certified faculty was discussed, along with concerns about compensation for training. The college is a poker campus, allowing it to conduct its own training.
 - Compensation for Recertification and Training
 - There was a debate about whether faculty should be compensated for the time spent on recertification and training, given the significant hours required. Some argued that compensation for the new recertification process should first be negotiated by the union before being brought to the Senate.
- **Carlos M. Motioned to close action item 5b for first read. Jesse M. Seconded.**

6. Action Items:

- **Victoria M. motioned to open action item 6a for first read. Carlos M. seconded.**
- a) ESL Hi-Set Preparation Courses—Brittany Olayele.
- Proposed the approval of four HiSET preparation courses for English, math, social studies, and science. These courses aim to help students prepare for the HiSET or GED exams, especially those who completed high school abroad.
- **Jesse M. motioned to close action item 6a. Roza E. seconded.**
 - **Jesse M. motioned to approve the four HiSET preparation courses for English, math, social studies, and science. As well as the certificate of completion. Roza E. seconded. Unanimously approved.**
- b) Second Read: Draft of Combined Syllabi Mandatory, Mandated by Law, and Optional Checklist Items.
- **Roza E. Motioned to open Action Item 6C. Charles H. seconded.**
- c) First Read: 2024 Standard Crosswalk, Committees, & Offices—Dr. Berger

- The 2024 standards crosswalk was discussed, with a decision to categorize it as informational rather than an action item.
- **Victoria M. motioned to amend the agenda to move the 2024 Standard Crosswalk from an Action Item to an Informational item. Carlos M. seconded. Unanimously approved.**
- **Victoria M. motioned to close item. Carlos M. Seconded.**

Table 6b, 6d, and 6e

Carlos motioned to table 6b, 6d and 6e. Charles H. seconded. Unanimously approved.

- d) [First Read: High School Articulation Agreement.](#)
- e) [First Read: Procedure for High School Articulation Agreements.](#)

7. Academic Senate Senator Comments and/or Future Agenda Item Recommendation(s):

Note: Academic Senate Senators may provide a comment or future agenda item recommendation(s).

- **Carlos M. motioned to open the floor for Senator comments. Charles H. seconded.**
 - Concerns were raised about the process of adding Compton Early College students to classes, as there were issues with verifying student status and preventing fraud. Instructors are getting emails from early college students about adding.
- **Carlos M. motioned to close the floor for Senator comments. Charles H. seconded.**

8. Public Comment(s):

- **Carlos M. motioned to open the floor for public comment. Charles H. seconded.**
Note: Public comments may be presented.
- **Carlos M. motioned to close the floor for public comment. Victoria M. seconded.**

Meeting ended at 3:33pm