



OCC Academic Senate Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 12:30-1:30 PM

Academic Senate Executive Board Members Attendance	
Tyler Boogar, <i>Parliamentarian</i>	yes
Rendell Drew, <i>President</i>	yes
Lee Gordon, <i>Vice-President</i>	yes
Marilyn Kennedy, <i>Secretary, PDI Chair</i>	yes
Michael Lannom, <i>Curriculum Chair (non-voting)</i>	no
Guests	
Irene Naesse	
Minutes Approval	
Approved on May 19, 2026	

I. Preliminary Matters

(Please note that the Presiding Officer's vote shall be recorded as an abstention, unless breaking a tie vote.)

- A. **Call to Order:** President Drew called the meeting to order at 12:42 PM.
- B. **Public Comments:** None
- C. **Approval of the Minutes:** *Motion 1: Secretary Kennedy moved to approve the May 5, 2026, minutes; approved.*
- D. **Executive Board Member Reports:**

Vice President Gordon announced that he cannot not attend next week's meeting due to professional travel.

Secretary Kennedy requested that she be given permission from the **E-Board** to contact the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) and request that because our Senate adopted the Chicago Statement, that OCC to be added to FIRE's public list of colleges who have adopted the Statement. We will be the second community college in California to be added to the list; Glendale was first in 2023. **The E-Board** granted her request.

Simple Syllabus: The **E-Board** discussed the Simple Syllabus issue and the Senate's concerns regarding academic freedom and unnecessary costs for applications not needed or wanted by the faculty. The E-Board agreed that the Senate's voice on this issue needs to be recorded and voted on and not delayed until fall.

Reorganization and Division Senators: **The E-Board** discussed the need to amend the bylaws temporarily due to the division reorganization to take place on July 1, 2026, which will cause two division senators two be in one division [one already elected to be that division's senator, the second elected to represent a division they are being moved out of] and that Athletics will lose its senator due to that reorg, as well.

Parliamentarian Boogar discussed moving the Senate meetings back to the Student Union room, as per requests. The **E-Board** will discuss this further.

II. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

A. Future Agenda Items:

1. **May 19:** BPAP, Resolution on Early Childhood Lab School, Simple Syllabus Higher Ed District Adoption and Academic Freedom, Administration Procedures on Hiring, IEPI Project funding request, temporarily amend bylaws due to division reorganization on July 1, 2026.
2. **Future Agendas:** AI in the Classroom

III. Adjournment:

President Drew adjourned the meeting at 1:16 PM