

Academic Senate Member Attendance

See Voting Tally Chart on last page of these minutes for specific * explanations and individual senator's votes.

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| ✓ | Jason Ball, <i>Part-Time Faculty</i> | ✓ | Marilyn Kennedy, <i>Lit & Lang, PDI Chair, Secretary</i> |
| ✓ | Carol Barnes, <i>Counseling</i> | * | Mike Lannom, <i>Curriculum Chair</i> |
| * | Lauren Becker, <i>Consumer & Health Sciences - Zoom</i> | ✓ | Mickey Laux, <i>at-Large</i> |
| ✓ | Allissa Blystone, <i>Math & Sciences</i> | | Jodie Legaspi Kiaha, <i>Athletics & Kinesiology</i> |
| ✓ | Tyler Boogar, <i>at-Large, Parliamentarian</i> | ✓ | Kate McCarroll, <i>at-Large</i> |
| ✓ | Eric Budwig, <i>Technology</i> | ✓ | Irene Naesse, <i>at-Large</i> |
| ✓ | Jenny Chaiyakal, <i>at-Large</i> | | Leland Paxton, <i>Part-Time Faculty</i> |
| ✓ | Jodie Della Marna, <i>Library</i> | | Katherine Sheehan, <i>Visual & Performing Arts</i> |
| ✓ | Rendell Drew, <i>at-Large, President</i> | ✓ | Jordan Stanton, <i>Social & Behavioral Sciences</i> |
| ✓ | Cyndee Ely, <i>Part-Time Faculty</i> | | Anna Huynh, <i>ASOCC Representative</i> |
| ✓ | Carly Gonzalez, <i>at-Large</i> | | Vacant, <i>at-Large</i> |
| ✓ | Lee Gordon, <i>Business & Computing, Vice President</i> | | Vacant, <i>at-Large</i> |

Guests (Optional & Voluntary Sign-In): Rich Pagel, Michael Mandelkern, Stephen Gilbert, Laura Reese, Tara Giblin, Kayla LaBounty, Jeanette Grimm, John Fawcett, Vesna Kuo, Heather Dy, JohnPaul Nguyen, Arabian Morgan, Sue Harlan, Sheri Sterner, Cora Volkoff, Kelly Holt, Heather Coddling, Thuy Nguyen, Laurie Campbell, Fred Judd, Larissa Nazarenko

1. Preliminary Matters

- A. **Call to Order:** President Drew called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.
- B. **Public Comments:** Jeannette Grimm, Laura Reese
- C. **Approval of the Minutes:**
Motion 1: Vice President Gordon moved to defer the approval of the October 21, 2025, minutes due to the long break for further review until next week; seconded; approved. Motion 2: Secretary Kennedy moved to approve the December 2, 2025, minutes; approved.
- D. **For the Good of the Order**
Parliamentarian Boogar reminded Senators that if they attend remotely, their address needs to be provided to Senate Support by Thursday prior to the meeting so that it can be included in the agenda when posted, per the Brown Act. If not, remote attendance with posting means you are considered absent and cannot participate in voting.

2. Consent Agenda

- A. **Hiring Committees**
 1. **Instructor, Radiologic Technology:** Hiring manager: Kelly Holt, committee Member #1: Elizabeth Blake, committee Member #2: Allison Riggio, committee Member #3: Guido Sendowsky.
 2. **Instructor Engineering Committee:** Hiring Manager: Donald Carlson, committee member #1: Angelo Esposito, committee member #2: Stanley Harriman, committee member #3: Dean Abernathy, committee member #4: Daniel Kreun.
 3. **Instructor Aviation Committee:** Hiring manager: Donald Carlson, committee member #1: John Carter, committee member #2: Rodney Foster, committee member #3: Ron Franz, committee member #4: John Maxwell

Motion 3: Senator Ely moved to approve the hiring committees; seconded; approved.

3. Officer, Senator, & Committee Reports

A. President and Vice President's Reports

1. President Rendell Drew's Report:

Senate Staff Support: He officially welcomed **Nicole Ichiki** as the new Administrative Assistant for the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and the Office of the President, succeeding Beatriz Rodriguez. The Senate thanked Michelle Wang, Thuy Nguyen, and the President's Office for stepping in with their support during that administrative position vacancy. He noted that although there was some backlog in [draft] meeting minutes due to the vacancy, he would ensure that would not occur in the future.

ACCJC Visit, February 26-27: The ACCJC peer review team visit is set for February 25–26, with a draft agenda currently being finalized. There will be ample opportunity for faculty and staff to meet and greet and participate in an open forum. Interviews will be arranged and conducted with selected individuals, including research coordinators, the District Education coordinator, Online Advisory Board members, faculty teaching online, the college president, the HR Director, VPs, and the Academic Senate and the Classified Senate Presidents. On the final day, the team chair will debrief with the college president at that time, and a campus exit report will be provided. Sheri Sterner confirmed that the ACCJC accreditation visit will take place on February 25 and 26, 2026, with the open forum scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, followed by the team's exit report on Thursday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held in Ballrooms B and C and will offer a Zoom option for remote attendees, though the virtual sessions will not be recorded. A formal campus-wide announcement will be issued by the President's Office once the peer review team officially approves the final agenda.

2. Vice President Gordon's Report:

Garrison Fellows Awards, May 7: VP Gordon stated that every year, the Honors faculty in about a dozen academic disciplines and leadership programs select one student in each discipline for special recognition as a Garrison Fellow, named for the founder of the OCC Honors Program, Tom Garrison. The awards are distributed at a special program each spring. There is usually a member of the honors faculty who serves as the faculty host for the event. This year's faculty host for the Garrison Fellows Awards is Professor Anne-Marie Williams from Political Science. The awards will be presented at the Robert B. Moore theater from 11:10 to 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7th. The organizers of the event would appreciate it if you would encourage your students to attend. It is our tradition to have a faculty member from OCC or a California university give a lecture before the presentation of the awards. I will be this year's Garrison Fellows speaker. The title of my presentation will be "To Heal Our Land." Those were the words President Carter cited during Carter's inaugural address in 1976 with respects to the efforts of his predecessor, President Ford. President Carter repeated the words in his eulogy for President Ford in 2007. I've been researching presidents who ran against each other in contentious elections and later reconciled and became friends or renewed their friendship. I admire the example of Presidents Ford and Carter, who contested the presidential election of 1976, and five years later began a friendship and collaboration that showed how people of differing views can work together in common cause. I'd appreciate your help in bringing a student audience to the May 7th event.

B. Coast Federation of Educators (CFE) Bargaining Unit Report:

CFE OCC Executive Director Vesna Kuo announced the faculty union is currently appointing representatives to several newly formed hiring committees. These committees are seeking members for the positions of Dean of Health Sciences, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Vice President of Administrative Services. Faculty members interested in serving as a CFE union representative on any of these committees are encouraged to contact the Union.

C. Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Chair Lannom reported that the first Curriculum committee tech review meeting of the spring semester is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Faculty House. All faculty and staff are welcome to attend as the committee begins its work for the semester.

D. Flex Committee

Faculty Flex Coordinator Blystone announced details about the upcoming Spring Flex Day on February 19th, featuring keynote speaker Galen Elmore and approximately sixty sessions across twelve hours of programming. **President Drew** asked if the accessibility access issues to sessions was resolved. Coordinator Blystone said yes, and that she was pleased to announce a minimum of two hybrid or fully online sessions for all twelve hours. The schedule will be posted in Cornerstone with accessible Zoom links and will be on the Canvas Flex Day Concierge. A list of recommended Flex Day courses will be provided to the Academic Senate. She thanked **Senator Naesse** for communicating with her about this accessibility issue over the winter break.

E. Professional Development Institute (PDI)

PDI Chair Kennedy reported that the District significantly updated its travel guidelines during the winter break and sent out its updated Travel Guidelines on January 6, 2026, with very specific requirements for reimbursements, including clearer and more specific rules on carpooling and allowable expenses overall. During the break Chair Kennedy updated the PDI Handbook as well as the universal PDI application to reflect and accommodate these changes, making it clearer to applicants what can be required and approved so they do not have to memorize the updated Guidelines. The PDI Handbook, updated application, updated Conference Authorization Request form (CAR), and updated Travel Guidelines are posted on the Portal's PDI website. The updated application and Travel Guidelines were sent out to all faculty just before the semester began.

4. Unfinished Business

A. CPOS Resolution Update:

Vice President Gordon requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting until **Senator Jason Ball's** return.

5. New Business

A. Senate Election Timelines:

Parliamentarian Boogar presented the updates to Senate elections timelines for its elections, to ensure the Senate is aligning with the bylaws and changes from last year. The E-Board elections for 2026-2027 are going to take place the first week after spring break which is notably earlier than they have been in recent memory, if you are thinking about running for a position. There is an updated timeline for when all of the senate elections are going to occur, because we want to make sure that we have the Senate roster completely up to date before the E-Board elections, so that everyone knows who's eligible to run for the positions. He provided a chart to the Senate comparing past practice to this year's timelines, based on the bylaws.

Academic Senate Election Timeline
Proposed to Align with Academic Senate Bylaws

| Semester Week | Meeting Dates | Past Practice | Proposed Timeline |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | | Division and Senator-at-Large Term Out Notices |
| 2 | Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | | |
| 3 | Tuesday, February 17, 2026 | | |
| 4 | Tuesday, February 24, 2026 | Division Senator Term Out Notice Sent | |
| 5 | Tuesday, March 3, 2026 | Senator-at-Large Term Out Notice Sent | Division Senator Results Due to Academic Senate on Monday 3/2 FT/PT Senator-at-Large Nomination Opens on Monday 3/2 |
| 6 | Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | | FT/PT Senator-at-Large Nomination Closes 3/9 Send FT Senator-at-Large Ballots on Monday, 3/9, time it so that the results can be announced at 3/17 meeting; |
| 7 | Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | | Results of FT Senator-At-Large Election Notify candidates of their status PT Self Introduction and Vote |
| 8 | Tuesday, March 24, 2026 | | Notice of Non-Selection Sent |
| Spring Break | Tuesday, March 31, 2026 | | |
| 9 | Tuesday, April 7, 2026 | | Executive Board Elections |
| 10 | Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | | |
| 11 | Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | FT/PT Senator-at-Large Nomination Opens | |
| 12 | Tuesday, April 28, 2026 | FT/PT Senator-at-Large Nomination Closes | |
| 13 | Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | FT Senator-at-Large Election Ballots Sent | |
| 14 | Tuesday, May 12, 2026 | FT Senator-at-Large Election Results; <i>PT Senator-at-Large Nominee Introduction to Academic Senate & Vote</i> | |
| 15 | Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | Notice of Non-Selection Sent; <i>PT Senator-at-Large Nominee Introduction to Academic Senate & Vote</i> | |
| 16 | Tuesday, May 26, 2026 | | |

He stated that the Senate will be notifying senators whose terms are expiring this spring:

- Consumer Health and Science Senator: Lauren Becker
- Math and Science Senator: Alissa Blystone
- Technology Senator: Eric Budwig
- Library and Learning Support Senator: Jodi Della Marna
- Athletics and Kinesiology: Jodi Legaspi Kiaha
- Senator-at-Large, Tyler Boogar
- Senator-at-Large, Rendell Drew
- Senator-at-Large, Irene Naese
- Part-Time Senator: Jason Ball
- Part-time Senator: Cyndee Ely
- Part-Time Senator: Leland Paxton
- Vacant, Senator-at-Large (2023-2026)
- Vacant, Senator-at-Large (2024-2027)

If you are a division senator, the bylaws say that you need to notify your division, your dean, that an election needs to be held for your replacement by the timelines. Of course, you're all eligible to run again for your position, but we need to make sure that a call-out is done. If there are no other nominees and if you're interested, just make sure that a call-out is made to your division by your dean to make sure that we are complying with that.

Secretary Kennedy clarified that division senators are not being replaced but running for re-election, noting that if only one person responds to the call-out, a formal election is not required for division seats.

B. Areas of Focus - Senator Roundtable:

President Drew invited the Senate to propose topics, issues, or areas of interest for the body to put on the agenda and address during this spring semester:

- **Senator Stanton:** A focus on enrollment trends—an analysis of current trends and data specifically regarding on-campus, in-person student enrollment.
- **Senator Boogar:** Prioritization of committee communication to improve the flow of information between the Senate and the various committees that report to it or have Senate representatives.
- **Senator Gonzalez:** Strengthen the connection and information exchange between the local body and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) even more.

Hiring delays for non-faculty. **Senator Barnes** raised concerns about significant administrative delays and process inefficiencies in hiring student assistants and professional experts. **Senator Ely** expressed a primary concern is the impact on federal work-study students and student workers; if hiring takes a month or longer, it can reduce the total funding students are able to receive it.

Investigate state funding available to reimburse the college for part-time faculty office hours, as increased student access to faculty would significantly benefit their education. **CFE President Schneiderman** agreed, as such an initiative would be extraordinarily helpful for union negotiations. CFT has been actively pursuing 100% state reimbursement for districts, yet the current district has not expanded its office hours despite the availability of these funds.

- **Senator Kennedy:** Review and work towards providing a dedicated proctoring place and protocol for students, which has been a long-standing, long-discussed need.

Advocate for the college and Senate to issue general messages to students to clarify to students the ethical use of AI, as AI policies vary by instructor.

- **CFE President Schneiderman:** Encourage the Senate to discuss the Board of Trustees' meeting frequency which has been diminished from twice a month to once a month. This change could diminish faculty input and increase the Chancellor's power. Additionally, the Board of Trustees has decided to fill their current vacancy for Trustee Prinsky via appointment rather than a special election; the appointee will serve until the general election in November. He has formally requested a special meeting to allow faculty senates, unions, and students to provide input and interview the candidates before the appointment is finalized.
- **Senator Laux:** The evolving role of Human Resources in hiring committees, as HR's involvement has increased significantly over the last decade.
- **President Drew:** Revisiting **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)** as a future agenda item, as while the Senate passed a resolution in May 2021, a recent conference in San Diego highlighted the need for further discussion. **Vice President Gordon** requested a more comprehensive debate on CPL, as the original resolution may have been tied to funding opportunities rather than a full endorsement of the pedagogical merits. He expressed concern that the Senate is being represented as being in vigorous support of CPL without having had a full debate. **Senator Ely:** Recalled that the issue in 2021 was an opportunity for funding for the other two sister schools and we wanted to support them at that time.
- **Senator Gordon:** Career education to assess how AI will transform job prospects and required skills for students over the next five years. There is a concern that the college hasn't yet fully addressed the speed at which AI is changing the job market, making it vital to prioritize the employment impacts for students entering their careers.
- **Senator Naesse:** Educate faculty fully to be aware of the upcoming Banner 9 changes.
- **Senators:** Classroom temperatures in rooms being inconsistent or unable to be controlled for student optimum learning.

6. Adjournment

President Drew adjourned the meeting at 12:13 PM.

Minutes: Approved on February 10, 2026

MINUTES: First draft written by Senate Support, Nicole Ichiki. Revision of first draft and Senate-approved drafts written by Senate Secretary, Marilyn Kennedy, who also distributes the final Senate-approved version to the Chancellor, Board of Trustees members and secretary, union presidents, GWC and Coastline Academic Senate presidents, OCC College President, and faculty as per OCC Senate bylaws.



ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

| Senators & Voting Tally Chart | Mot 1 Defer 10-21-2025 minutes approval to next week | Mot 2 Approved 12-2-2025 minutes. | Mot 3 Consent Agenda Approval | |
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| Ball, Jason: Part-Time Senator (2025-2026) | absent | absent | absent | |
| Barnes, Carol: Counseling Senator (2024-2027) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Becker, Lauren: CHS Senator (2023-2026) * remote attendance—no address posted for Brown Act compliance—cannot vote—records as an absence | absent | absent | absent | |
| Blystone, Allissa: Math & Sciences Senator (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Boogar, Tyler: Senator-at-Large; Parliamentarian (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Budwig, Eric: Technology Senator (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Chaiyakal, Jenny: Senator-at-Large (2025-2028) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Della Marna, Jodi: Library & Learning Support Senator (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Drew, Rendell: Senator-at-Large; President (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Ely, Cyndee: Part-Time Senator (2025-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Gonzalez, Carly: Senator-at-Large (2024-2027) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Gordon, Lee: Business & Computing Senator; Vice President (2025-2028) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Kennedy, Marilyn: Lit & Lang Senator; PDI Chair, Secretary (2025-2028) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Lannom, Michael: Curriculum Chair; Non-Voting (2024-2027) * remote attendance—no address posted for Brown Act compliance—cannot vote/records as absence | | | | |
| Laux, Mickey: Math & Sciences Senator-at-Large (2025-2028) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Legaspi Kiaha, Jodie: Athletics & Kinesiology Senator (2023-2026) | absent | absent | absent | |
| McCarroll, Kate: Senator-at-Large (2024-2027) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Naesse, Irene: Senator-at-Large (2023-2026) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Paxton, Leland: Part-Time Senator (2025-2026) | absent | absent | absent | |
| Sheehan, Katherine: Visual & Performing Arts Senator (2024-2027) | absent | absent | absent | |
| Stanton, Jordan: Social & Behavioral Sciences Senator (2025-2028) | Aye | Aye | Aye | |
| Huynh, Anna: ASOCC Representative; Non-Voting (Fall 2025) | | | | |
| Vacant: Senator-at-Large (2023-2026) | | | | |
| Vacant: Senator-at-Large (2024-2027) | | | | |