



ACADEMIC SENATE

Regular Meeting – August 8, 2025
12:30pm – 2:00pm
Hyflex Meeting – Room OC1068 and Via
Zoom in accordance with AB2449:
Information below
1 Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Academic Senate President mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

II. Remote Member Attendance

None

III. Roll Call

Present: Krista Warren, Brian Page, Sarah Gross, Katrina Tamura, Kristine Arquero, Afifa Zaman, Alexis Tucker Sade, Ghada Osman, Jeff Murico, Leigh Cotnoir, Sunny Cooke (ex-officio), Robin Allyn (Coordinating Officer), Jim Sullivan (President-elect), curry mitchell (President)

Absent: Sean Davis, Julie Graboi

Others Present: Kathy Rodriguez, Kim Coutts, Kris Peck, Paul Clarke, and Zach Gardiner.

IV. Persons Wishing to Address the Senate

Senator Warren addressed the senate body and distributed a handout titled *Highlights from the ASCCC's 2024 Position Paper*. She called attention to the importance of associate faculty, equity, rights, and roles in governance, and requested improvements in the culture of supporting associate faculty.

V. Changes to Agenda Order

mitchell proposed changing the agenda order to discuss the Rules and Bylaws ahead of the action items for a second read. AP 4240 was proposed to be pulled, and Senator Gross requested discussion on AP 4240.

VI. Consent Calendar

Items A-D

mitchell pulled Item B [AS Constituent List 2025-26] for

discussion. It was noted that a duty of the Academic Senate is to relay information from the constituent base. Regarding the Constituents List, Senator Page inquired why the President-Elect was assigned a group. It was explained that this is due in part to an open senator seat and is a temporary assignment.

Motion to approve Item B – MSU (Warren / Zaman).

There were no objections to approving Items A, C & D [Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting 5/16/2025, AS Composition Calendar 2025-26 and Ratify Faculty Committee Assignments 2025-26].

Motion to approve the consent calendar. MSU (Tucker Sade/ Murico).

VII. Periodic Review - Academic Senate Rules and Bylaws

Description: A welcome extended to new senators followed by a humanized, just-in-time review of voting rights and procedures, including a review of "motions to approve" and "abstention votes."

It was clarified that Rules and Bylaws would be reviewed but not updated at this meeting. Sections A and B (Meetings, Quorum, and Voting - Article 6) were discussed. With full attendance, the Senate has fifteen voting members; quorum is nine. The President's vote may break a tie, and ex-officio members do not vote.

VIII. Action Item, Second Read

AP 4240 Academic Renewal Description: Reduction of the minimum of units that need to be completed with at least a 2.0 grade point average before a student can petition for academic renewal. Currently, students need to complete 15 units and the update recommends a change to 6 units.

AP 4240 Academic Renewal MSU (Tucker Sade/Murico)

Senator Gross proposed allowing students to petition for academic renewal after one term rather than one full academic year, noting that the current policy prevents petitions after transfer. She shared that at Saddleback College, summer is considered a term and referenced Title V in support. Senators expressed support, noting the AP is under review due to a reduction in required units; under the proposed revision, students must complete at least six units to demonstrate good faith. It was cautioned that erasing a semester after poor performance might not always encourage long-term success. MiraCosta may have one of the strongest policies in the state, and Senator Gross was commended

for raising the issue. The Senate's previous recommendation was to clarify the terms "fulfilled" vs. "received," and the new proposal is to allow renewal after one semester instead of one year. It was requested that the revised AP include a statement that MiraCosta does not guarantee other institutions—particularly private or out-of-state—will honor academic renewal.

Motion to table the item for a second read - MSU (Murico/Page).

IX. Information/Discussion

Item A. Description: *2026-27 Academic Calendar - Updates and Discussion in Preparation for a vote August 22. Description: 3 different versions of the compressed calendars approved by AAC were reviewed by the Academic Senate in May. MiraCosta College is awaiting approval by the Chancellor's Office to compress the academic calendar based on the Calendar's Taskforce's recommendation. The Academic Senate will vote to adopt one of these calendar options at our next meeting, August 22nd; the purpose of this discussion item is to review context and to debate the trade-offs of each option in final preparation before we vote.*

Discussion: The Senate discussed approval of Option 1 or 2 for the 2026-27 academic calendar, to be finalized by September 5th for Board review on September 11th. Key topics included Veteran's Day observance, Title V flexibility, impacts on instructional hours, and minimizing disruption to students, with Option 1 identified as the preferred calendar. Senators noted differing philosophies between options, constituent feedback, and trade-offs such as pay and Flex Day placement. Final vote scheduled for August 22nd, Mitchell encouraged all senators to come prepared with final remarks, and their vote. **A motion was made to extend discussion by five minutes**

Item B) Learning and Leadership - Academic Senate Liaison Roles, Senator Reports, And a Special Election.
Tabled until a later date.

X. Reports

Classified Representative Jennifer Streagle shared a bulleted list of updates happening within the Classified Senate. **President Cooke** shared a strong view on how the college supports faculty in their Academic Freedom. Expressed that all Deans, Vice President of Instruction

and the President have open doors and encouraged faculty to reach out if support is needed.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.