

Riverside City College Academic Senate

March 17, 2025 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Hall of Fame

3:00 I. Call to Order at 3:00 pm, quorum met

Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers (Term ending 2026)

President: Jo Scott-Coe

Vice President: Star Taylor

Secretary-Treasurer: Vacant

Department Senators (Term ending 2025)

Applied Technology: Patrick Scullin

Behavioral Science: Eddie Perez

Business, Law & CIS: Skip Berry

Communication Studies: Lucretia Rose

English: Christine Sandoval

History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses

Library & Learning Resources: Sally Ellis

Life Sciences: Gregory Russell

Mathematics: Evan Enright

Music: Steve Mahpar

World Languages: Araceli Calderón

Department Senators (Term ending 2026)

Art: Will Kim

Chemistry: Leo Truttmann

Cosmetology: Rebecca Kessler

Counseling: Sal Soto

Dance and Theatre: Jason Buuck

Economics/Geography/Political Science: Kendralyn Webber

Kinesiology: Jim Elton

Nursing Education: Lee Nelson

Physical Science: James Cheney

School of Education & Teacher Preparation: Emily Philippsen (not present)

Associate Faculty Senator

Lindsay Weiler

Ex-Officio Senators

TLLC: Lashonda Carter (not present)

ASC: Jacquie Lesch

EPOC: Wendy McKeen

GEMQLC: Wendy McKeen

RDASLC: Patrick Scullin

SAS LC: Vacant
Curriculum: Kelly Douglass (not present)
Parliamentarian: Sal Soto

RCCD Faculty Association

Emily Philippsen (not present)

Administrative Representatives

College President: Claire Oliveros

VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright

VP Business Services: Kristine DiMemmo (not present)

VP Planning and Development: Kristi Woods (Interim)

VP Student Services: Thomas Cruz-Soto (Interim) (not present)

ASRCC Representative

Vacant

Recorder of Minutes

Sydney Minter

Guests

- Virginia White- Life Sciences/Program Review
- Megan Bottoms- Student Life/leadership
- Micherri Wiggs- Interim Dean of LHSS
- Shari Yates- Dean of CTE
- Herbert English- Dean of Counseling PSFP
- Courtney Carter- Counseling
- Kristopher Acevedo- Communication Studies

3:0 II. Approval of the Agenda

- M/S/C: (Soto/Nelson) all in favor

3:0 III. Approval of the Minutes – March 3rd

- M/S/C:(Borses/Elton) all in favor

3:0 IV. Public Comments

- No public comments

3:0 V. Liaison Reports

A. RCCD Faculty Association

- The FA has sent out a reminder for the CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) negotiations. Please remember to complete the survey about what sections of

the contract you would like to see opened. Dave Martinez has also sent out a reminder. Please remember to attend FA meetings every Tuesday and read the minutes to stay informed.

B. College President

- The President sends **her** condolences to the family of RCC journalism instructor Matthew Schoenmann. Thank you for honoring him with a moment of silence. Thank you to LHSS Dean Micherri Wiggs for her responsiveness and coordination of wellness checks and taking stock and care of one another following Mr. Schoenmann's passing.
- There have been a lot of adjustments with the time change and coming back and adjusting to the new semester
- Politically it is a very trying time. The district is taking action on some of the unlawful executive orders. We are not scrubbing or changing language on our websites. We are not changing any narratives of our grants or commitments to equity, access, and education.
- Higher ed's core mission is being attacked. We want to make sure we stay the course. We have received three notifications from a federal agency, and we are responding to each one in turn. If you are contacted by anyone, please do not act alone. Send information to the president's office, your area dean or VP so they can consult with the legal team on a course of action in moving forward.
- Strategic planning is moving along, and there will be an update soon.
- We have been identified as a site for hosting Public Agenda and have been approached by the College Futures Foundation and Public Agenda for something at RCC. Dr. Wood's team is organizing a day to conduct interviews with consultants from Public Agenda in coordination with focus groups.
- Reminder Accreditation Standard 2 is convening this Friday, March 21st

C. ASRCC- No student representative present, no report.

VI. Committee or Council Updates

A. RDAS faculty co-chair Patrick Scullin or designee will provide a council update (information)

- Dr. Green and Dr. DiMemmo are co-chairs on RDAS, and we are so glad to have their support.
- The full committee is meeting next week, and we have invited the sub-committees to participate prior to our meeting. We want to meet to address whatever areas the subcommittee is responsible for and work on those issues.
- EPOC participation is needed in revising or rethinking some of the committee structures.

- RDAS is looking for a new technology committee faculty co-chair; further discussion is needed.

B. RCC Curriculum Programs Coordinator Casandra Greene and VPAA Lynn Wright will present an overview about operational changes due to AB1111 and AB928 (information)

- AB111 Common Course numbering and AB928 CAL-GETC officially starts August 1st, 2025, and the catalog is almost ready. The Schedule of Classes will be coming out around April 21st.
- Curriculum programs are unifying across the state to use the same numbering for the same courses.
- Any course across the state that has a **C** means it is common course numbering if it has the letter **H** behind it means an honors version.
- At the state level, Math 12 has been changed and is now STATS.
- Phase I, Phase 2A/2B, and Phase 3 will continue and will be in the 2026-2027 catalog. Curriculum work will be done this year with some changes, and it will come out Fall of 2026.
- Phase IIB will launch in 2027-2028 academic year
- ENGL, COMM, PSYC, and POL SCI had to be completely rebuilt because the system did not have the capacity to roll over the courses with the new discipline stems.
- Vice Chancellor Bishop has coordinated similar catalog language to use across the 3 colleges.
- Curriculum is working on a marketing campaign to communicate the course numbering changes to students, since the previous course names are going away. If there is something in your discipline that needs help or support, please reach out to Dr. Ryder.
- At the operational level for AB928, all of the program codes had to be updated.
- Any non-ADT program that has a degree moving forward, it will have RCC Gen-Ed, and Cal GETC and the B pattern is going away and will be reflected in the catalog.
- As long as students maintain continuous enrollment (at least one term each academic year), they also maintain the catalog rights for the year they first enrolled. This means they are not subject to changes in requirements implemented after their enrollment year.

D. EPOC faculty co-chair Wendy McKeen, classified co-chair Natalie Halsell, and administrative co-chair Kristi Woods or designees will provide an introduction to the 2025-30 Strategic Plan (information)

- Wendy, Natalie and Dr. Woods will be back in a month with a document for a first read
- EPOC co-chairs were invited once a week for about two hours to see what items they would like to see contained in the strategic plan. The group

- collaborated on an exercise to represent values and our placement within the college, thinking about how we should support strategic planning.
- Faculty, classified professionals, and managers participated in the process.
 - Together they came up with a framework that aligned our local plans with Vision 2030.
 - The team generated a strategic plan acronym: BEST
 - **B** is for building relationships with students,
 - **E** engaging students,
 - **S** is for Servingness
 - **T** for treasuring the experience that they have.
 - Each letter is a momentum point of the student journey, and within the momentum points we will apply the lens of equity and access, equity and success, and equity and support.
 - Strategic planning is going all in for the first year student experience and scaling up the Promise Summer.
 - The plan will address AI—from assistance in the classroom, to how to use it, and the good/bad about AI.
 - Professional learning along with a comprehensive communication plan will be essential parts, helping us to think from the student's perspective
 - Budget and space utilization will be considerations in the new strategic plan
 - This will be a working document, and the EPOC team will be coming back to RCCAS in April/May in order to make the June board deadline.

VII. Ongoing Business

- A.** President Scott-Coe or designee will share the call for nominees to represent academic disciplines for ASCCC Common Course Numbering (CCN) Phase III Summer Convenings (information)
- ASCCC is convening summer sessions for Phase III Common Course Numbering
 - As with the previous cycle, subject matter experts will be nominated by their disciplines at the college
 - If selected by ASCCC, these representatives can attend the convenings and feedback about course templates and anything else of concern.
 - Dates of the four convenings are all in June, included in the packet
 - Faculty discipline nominations are due to Senate President Scott-Coe by April 1 so that the names can be ratified by RCCAS at the April 7 meeting (in time to be submitted for the ASCCC deadline of April 15)
- B.** President Scott-Coe will provide an update about AP6210A procedure for equivalencies (information)
- The equivalency draft has been a long process, and there was a desire from the local senate to re-visit the equivalency procedure. The procedure had not been revised or updated since 2015 (for citations).

- This concern was taken to District Academic Senate (DAS) in F2023. In November 2023, DAS delegated a review and possible update of the procedure to the college chairs' committees, with an expectation that volunteers from among the chairs would form a cross-district workgroup.
- Chair committee volunteers from all three colleges formed the workgroup, which also included the VCs, reps from HRER, a faculty association representative, and RCCD general counsel. The workgroup met and worked on the update over roughly 9 months.
- The 1st read of the updated procedure went through DAS on Feb. 24, and the 2nd read will be at DAS next week.
- The workgroup sought to center discipline subject matter experts in equivalency panels, with designees being identified up front.
- The new committee and panels will not be subject to the Brown Act.
- There will be a regular reporting cycle from the committee to DAS, for general information about number of equivalencies requested and granted annually.

VIII. New Business

A. RCC Assessment Committee faculty co-chairs Denise Kruizenga-Muro and Rosa Frazier will introduce the revision of ILO #1 (GE SLO #1) (first read)

- The co-chairs were not present to answer questions, but the senate reviewed the document submitted
- The Assessment Committee discovered in the last academic year that there was NO process for revisions, and so the committee presented this dilemma and drafted a process. It was a district-wide conversation. Academic Senate accepted the revision process.
- It appears that RCCAS is being asked to consider the revision 3.0 on this document.
- A senator suggested that the word "rival" could be changed to a softer word, such as "competing"
- Another question about how SLO 3.0 will be measurable.
- This is a 1st read so we are not voting right now. This will be brought back for a 2nd read at our April 7th meeting, and one or both of the chairs can address questions.
- Questions about "GE SLO" vs "ILO," making sure that it is clear whether we are talking about student learning outcomes or institutional learning outcomes.

B. VP Taylor and the Senate Nominating Committee will sunshine nominees for completing the current term of Secretary-Treasurer from Spring 2025-Spring 2026 (information)

- There is a vacancy for our secretary-treasurer position, and we took nominations for a few weeks, and we received one, Professor Megan Bottoms.
 - The candidate has until April 1st to write a statement to be shared with the senate, and we will vote at our April 7th meeting.
- C. Ratification of new and ongoing appointments: President Scott-Coe or designee will present candidates (action)
- a. Faculty representatives for Division of Nursing on Senate Committees (2024-26): DE (April Carrillo), Faculty Development (Diana Seguro-Lovo)
 - To accept both nominees from the Division of Nursing (M/S/C: Nelson/Calderon)
 - b. Faculty Co-Chair for SAS -TBD

IX. Officer Reports

A. Vice President

- Happy Women's Empowerment Month
- Women's Circle March 26th at 12-2pm in CIS building 114
 - Lift Off is celebrating women in STEM on March 28th from 11a-2pm in Kane 140. The final event is for Title IV.
 - At Crossroads: Progress setback, and the fight ahead is on April 1st from 12pm-2pm in CIS 114.
- In Glen Hunt on April 3rd. Malika Branton and Natalie Vasquez will be hosting an event: Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) on Racialized Organizations, Elevating Intersectional Consciousness to Reframe the HSI.
- On March 1st from 12:50-1:50 Luis Molina and Ginger White will be hosting a multi-level centered analysis of intersection ally in an HSI. The case of college internship access for Latin students.
- LHSS is hosting a Walking Wednesday for 30 minutes starting at 10:15 in front of the music building
- Student Equity hour is meant to address student issues. This equity hour will be held in Kane 140 from 12:50-1:50 on March 20th.
- Early alert: Faculty who are teaching an 8-week course are encouraged to participate in getting your students early assistance to persist them through the semester and address any concerns that they may have as their faculty member.
- EMLI cohort application is opening up for the 25-26 academic year on March 25th

- Navigating AI in course in ethics, equity, and empowerment on March 24th at 12pm.
- There will be an Undocumented Advocate training in person on Friday, March 21st in Quad 144 (qualifies as equity FLEX). Please RSVP.

B. President

- The security audit report exists now, and it was briefly introduced at the District Safety and Security meeting a week ago. It is 400 pages long. President Scott-Coe will be following up to see what the flow of sharing will be. The original plan was that the auditors were going to provide their report to the board of trustees last fall (last October).
- Senate leadership met with the Vice President of Business Services, Kristi DiMemmo, last week, and there will be an update coming from her on the budgetary issues and budget allocation model (BAM) in early May. She also may be able to share an executive summary related to the district safety and security audit.
- ASCCC Area D meeting is this Friday, March 21st. The preliminary packet has been shared. More to come as senates prepare for Spring Plenary.
- The Independent study AP was on the agenda at our last meeting as senate presidents needed feedback from local senates. Across district, we are seeking some consensus. If anyone has concerns or would like to speak to positive benefits of independent study, they are encouraged to come to the DAS meeting on Monday.
- Regarding the Course Caps process draft, there was some clarification needed. The draft was apparently sent to the three college Academic Senates prematurely; we will receive it as an information item if/when the Faculty Association reviews and accepts it.
- Adrian Grayson who oversees CCAP and Rising Scholars wanted us to know about an ASCCC convening for faculty interested in the Rising Scholars program; it will be hosted by ASCCC at Cypress College. Anyone who interested, please reach out to President Scott-Coe. The deadline to register is March 24th.
- The chairs and deans of your departments consult to establish hiring committees for full-time faculty recruitment and hiring. Committees being recommended are sent to the Academic Senate President for affirmation. Once the committees are affirmed and put through, Human Resources (HR) should not be unilaterally editing hiring committees. If HR has concerns or recommends changes to a committee as submitted and after being affirmed, consultation must take place with the faculty chair.
- Departmental and division elections are here again, and President Scott-Coe/Academic Senate will be sending email messages to all chairs and

deans with information about election seats and cycles, so let folks know to be on the lookout for messaging/reminders.

- President Scott-Coe along with other senate presidents have another meeting with VC Aaron Brown regarding Barnes and Noble “first day” (aka “equitable access” aka mandatory billing) and whether it is permissible to market any “pilot” to individual faculty or individual students. Faculty are vigilant about predatory billing practices marketed to students. The senate presidents have asked for clarification about whether marketing “first day” pilots violate the terms of the vendor agreement. An update will be forthcoming.
- IETTC forums for faculty may be the beginning of April or the very beginning of May. VC Bishop has input from all three senate presidents about date windows this term. It may not be feasible until Fall.
- The district is working on their own 5-year plan, and they are looking for faculty to participate in the drafting and feedback process to harmonize the 3 colleges. If you are on EPOC or another council and you want to provide some input, let President Scott-Coe know. Funding will be available for summer work.
- Dr. Wright let us know that the Vision 2030 meeting is happening in Ontario, CA. on May 7th & 8th at the Ontario Convention Center. President Scott-Coe will try to attend, and it would be good to have another senate representative if possible.

X. Open Hearing

- A senator mentioned that President Oliveros still has not established her Advisory Council on diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility, antiracism, and belonging for social justice from her announcement in May 2024.
- Friday, April 11th will celebrate AAPI Art and Culture (typically done in May for AAPI Heritage month). On Thursday, April 24th Tiger Con in collaboration with RCC library and the Art Department has invited some high-profile animation and comic artists to come out and present. We encourage students to come out and participate.
- Parking concerns: do not park in EV charging stations, especially if you have non-EV vehicle. There is also a glitch in the ticketing system with permits.
- Two teams have been put forward for the Inland Empire, California Cyber Majors Cup. In April some women have been chosen to go to the Cybersecurity Conference in Dallas, Texas.
- The emergency alert system should never use the word URGENT if the matter is not urgent and/or if it is just a test alert message.
- District Cyber security committee and board policy 2721 has passed and requires participation, so please participate.

- There has been an increase in fraudulent registrations and account issues. RCCD is looking into software that will help in resolving this issue, but it is important that the software is compatible with our current system.
- Parking email and voicemail has the wrong information. The voicemail is dated back to 2021. The parking email that went out has incorrect directions and it needs to be updated.
- Sexual harassment training is now required. Watch your emails for necessary information.
- Accreditation work groups are happening Friday, March 21st 8:30- 12 in B123. They will be working on Standard 2. All are invited on Friday April 4th and Friday, May 2 to continue working on the draft.
- UCR- RCC transfer student success residential experiential program for low-cost housing. The deadline to apply is April 28th. Please direct students to the website or their direct points of contact Kyla Teufel, Dean of Enrollment Services, Thomas Cruz-Soto, Interim Vice President of Student Services, or Elizabeth Hilton, Director of Financial Services. They are on track for students to move in August 23rd.
- The nature of the President's advisory council is changing. An email will be going out this week from President Oliveros.

XI. Learn, Share, Do

- Do not park your car in the EV spots
- HR can't suddenly change faculty hiring committees
- All the phase for common course numbering
- Extend grace to journalism students with the loss of our colleague
- The strategic plan has four key points, represented by B-E-S-T
- The equivalency process update is coming along and will go to DAS
- RCC is staying the course on DEIA
- AB1111 is changing course names; Cal GETC changes are happening too
- Review the definition of catalog rights with your departments
- Stickers are available about ICE; remember that Kyla Teufel is the contact person for faculty

XII. Adjourn at 4:36pm

M/S/C: (Perez/Nelson) All in favor