Riverside City College Academic Senate

September 21, 2026 • 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 2029)
President: Patrick Scullin
Vice President: Megan Bottoms
Secretary-Treasurer: Kayla Henry

Department Senators (Term ending 2027)
Applied Technology: Daniel Eini- Not present
Behavioral Science: Eddie Perez – Not present
Business, Law & CIS: Jennifer Corr
Communication Studies: Lucretia Rose
English: Christine Sandoval
History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Deborah Brown
Library & Learning Resources: Sally Ellis
Life Sciences: Gregory Russell
Mathematics: Mary Legner
Music: Steve Mahpar
World Languages: Huda Aljord

Associate Faculty Senator(Term ending 2026)
Virginia McKee- Leone

Department Senators (Term ending 2028)
Art: Will Kim
Chemistry: Leo Truttmann
Cosmetology: Rebecca Kessler
Counseling: Sal Soto
Dance and Theatre: Kristin Nemecek
Economics/Geography/Political Science: Sean Pries
Kinesiology: Jim Elton
Nursing Education: Lee Nelson
Physical Science: Aaron Sappenfield-Arrived at 3:02 pm
School of Education & Teacher Preparation: Kayla Henry

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Ex-Officio Senators
TLLC: Lashonda Carter- Not present
ASC: Jacquie Lesch
EPOC: Wendy McKeen
GEMQLC: Virginia White
RDASLC: Tucker Amidon
SAS LC: Melissa Harman
Curriculum: Kelly Douglass
Parliamentarian: Sal Soto

RCCD Faculty Association
Araceli Calderon

Administrative Representatives
College President: Eric Bishop
VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright
VP Business Services: Elia Blount
VP Planning and Development: Kristi Woods -Not present
VP Student Services: FeRita Carter- Not present

ASRCC Representative
Aleida Hill

Recorder of Minutes
Sydney Minter

Guests
Eniya Farquharson- Viewpoints News Reporter
Rosa R. Frazier- Dance and Riverside Assessment Committee
Micherri Wiggs- Dean LHSS
Shari Yates- Dean CTE

3:05 II. Approval of the Agenda
M/S/C: (Nelson/Aljord) approved by consensus

3:05Ill.Approval of the Minutes August 31
M/S/C:(Legner/Soto) approved by consensus

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3:10 IV. Public Comments

- On Friday, September 11th, an English Faculty member woke up to an announcement on their Canvas Dashboard about NECTIR AI, and they are concerned about who decided to implement this tool, the faculty voices involved, whether they opt out, who is paying for this, and how the money is being allocated for this tool. The faculty member feels that this contradicts the values of our institution and the main tenets of our strategic plan and wants to ensure that shared governance procedures and policies are adhered to, and would like to task Academic Senate with proposing a resolution regarding AI use and procurement that aligns with the values of ASCCC.
- ASRCC has partnered with Inland United Nations, and they will be hosting a judges' forum that comes about every 10 years. The forum is to bring awareness to voting on matters that will be on the ballot this year. The forum is September 21st from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be provided, and it is open to the community.
- ASRCC is also hosting their yearly Lowrider Car Show, so if you know of anyone interested, please have them reach out to ASRCC.
- Christine Sandoval would like an item agenized and she will reach out to President Scullin with the details.

3:20 V. Committee or Council Updates and Reports

a. **Rosa Rodriguez-Frazier of the Riverside Assessment Committee (RCC) will present 2022-2026 ILO Assessment findings (information)**

- Since 2022, the Assessment Committee has gone through a few rounds of assessing each of our four institutional learning outcomes (ILO's). In spring of 2026, they finished going through self-development and global awareness.
- Now that the committee has all of this data, they have found some common themes, and they want to put together a game plan that is on the same wavelength as the strategic plan and contribute to the college in terms of assessment.

- Common Themes
- Clarifying ILO language- to encompass all disciplines.
- Intentional Assignment Design
- Reflection Deepens Learning
- Building Shared Understanding of Serving Ness- and understanding its relationship to non-academic indicators. The assessment committee is using Gina Garcia's framework as part of their rubric for assessing some of the student artifacts.
- Helping Students See Purpose

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- Students Learn Everywhere
    - In addition to assessing the information from the ILO's, the committee is working on a toolkit to support us all with how to implement these non-academic indicators into our assignment design to make them more thoughtful, so that students can see the purpose in their assignments and have a deeper connection that goes beyond just checking a box, so that they can see the larger context of their lives beyond RCC.
    - In common theme 6, Students Learn Everywhere, we noticed that some of the traditional artifacts, like essays, projects, and quizzes, do not show the deeper work that is happening.
    - The committee members are team players, and they want to be thoughtful about how to move forward in conjunction with and parallel to the RCC strategic plan.
- Game plan
- Priorities: clarify ILO language specifically for ILOs 2, 3, and 4
- Supporting intentional assignment design with a toolbox that has different examples of how you can create assignments with Gina Garcia's non-academic indicators
- Sharing it with faculty by the end of the spring semester
- Create clarity and a collective understanding of what is serving Ness and what that looks like in our assignments. The assessment committee is teaming up with teaching and learning to get more clarity.

a. **Curriculum chair, Kelly Douglass or designee, committee updates (information)**

    - Thank you to everyone who participated in the cycle of the timeline launching and our review process. The tech review and the District Curriculum Committee are reviewing between 600-650 new proposals over four meetings instead of two. The deadline for relaunching is October 2nd, which is next Friday. If something was missing or we needed you to fix something, faculty should have received an email.
    - Senator Douglass, in partnership with DRC and the Dean of Equity and Inclusion, presented during flex week on Universal Design for Learning. Inclusive Curriculum and Title V section 55001 has this new requirement. If you launch something on October 3rd, the day after the October 2nd deadline, you have to fill in the box. This is the box where you are to speak to the equity-minded curriculum parts of your course outline of record and where there is universal design for student learning in your course outline of record. So please spread the word. Resources are available on the district curriculum page under resources, and scroll down to Title V, section 55001 compliance policy.

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- We have been having robust conversations about the mandates coming from the state, and we don't want our classes to lose our articulation, so we would like to write a strongly worded letter on this point. For those going to Plenary in November in San Francisco, if there are resolutions related to curriculum, please reach out to Senator Douglas so that she can provide the language. We need your voice.

a. **EPOC chair, Wendy McKeen or designee, committee updates (information)**

- On September 16, the first joint leadership council retreat was held. A couple of the goals were to help build community among members, reinforce what leadership council members' roles and responsibilities are, and then the main focus was that each leadership council has been assigned objectives from the strategic plan, and there are nine objectives overall. Each leadership council is also supporting the main work.
- The goal is to come up with three things that they really want us to focus on. We talked about budget and financial accountability, facilities and campus environments, and technology services and innovation. Some movement has already been made on some of the metrics of the strategic plan, such as increasing the number of comprehensive ed plans by 33%in trying to operationalize the strategic plan and get stuff done.

3:35 VI. Officer and Liaison Reports

i. **President**

- Welcome to our new senators
- President Scullin attended the EPOC retreat, and he thought it was very productive, and he liked the methodology of really trying to attack the problems and come up with practical ways to fix the issues.
- President Scullin also attended the district budget advisory committee on Friday, and they are building a team to help us attend those meetings and make sure that RCC is well represented and the faculty voice is a part of the conversation.
- Conversations are happening with the DE Committee, which is now a standing committee of the Academic Senate, which we can utilize to help us with different issues that arise as we move forward.
- We have a number of building projects happening on campus, and President Scullin is trying to be available for every planning committee meeting, and he encourages others to participate in the conversation. President Scullin has not received any information or links for our building projects and is waiting on administration for direction and details.
- IETTC Jurupa Valley- long-term project
- ATEC building – meetings to begin this semester, so if there are faculty who have not been invited to meetings regarding this space, please let us know.

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i. Vice President

- We have an event happening on Tuesday, September 22nd for LatineX Heritage Month. The Camino Hacio El Cio event is about how to get the Seal of Excellencia, located in CIS 114 A/B from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.
- At the state level, the nursing department over the last several semesters have been working to pursue a baccalaureate program, which has been halted at the state level due to CSU's and UC's creating a blockade. There has been some progress with SB960/AB2694. The CSU's and UC's have retracted the blockade, and the bill went to Governor Newsom's desk to be signed to allow community colleges the opportunity to start pursuing baccalaureate degrees with a few caveats. Workforce, regional workforces, how many colleges in your district have them, does our nearby campus have them, and so this is something the Academic Senate at the state level is watching.
- At the Federal level, the IRS has a proposed regulation targeting the tax-exempt status of private educational institutions that utilize race- conscious policies or diversity, equity, and inclusion preferences. This tax-exempt status threatens both K-12 and higher education institutions that have race-based preferences in admissions, financial aid, and institutional programming, which could impact things like preferencing in admissions and encourage students to join affinity groups and affinity alumni groups. There is an open comment period for the IRS rulemaking that is open until November 3rd 2026.

i. Secretary Treasurer

- It's the 5th week of the semester; take care of yourself as you can!

i. RCCD Faculty Association

- New contracts were available for faculty to take for themselves and their colleagues.
- There will be a Collective Bargaining Agreement training (2026-2029) on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 3 pm-4 pm via Zoom. Another training will be on Friday, Sept. 25th from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., also via Zoom.
- In regard to accessibility, a mandate needs to come from the district before we can negotiate compensation for the work that has to be done, and the Faculty Association is waiting for that to come in so they can develop a proposal for a demand to bargain.
- In respect to the online certification, some associate faculty completed the Ad1 courses that were not on the approved list from the district. The FA is trying to close the loop regarding the compensation/certification for associate faculty to ensure that they are compensated.
- Araceli and Rhejean facilitated a workshop for tenure-track faculty and first-year tenure-track faculty on the IOI process. Attendance was low, so please encourage your department chairs to

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give these new tenure-track faculty a nudge to participate in these things. If they have any questions, please have them reach out.

i. College President or designee

- Following up on VP Bottoms comments about the baccalaureate program, the governor vetoed AB2301, which was the BSN bill for the third year in a row and specifically for PSN. The president is working with the state chancellor's office to see what the implementation looks like and try to figure out how to move forward.
- RCC will be a polling place for the upcoming election. We will have a vote-by-mail drop off site beginning October 5th through October 30th from 10 am-3 pm in BE*108 and we will also be a voting center. The voting center will be from October 31st through November 2nd from 9 am-5 pm in the same location. Election Day is November 3rd from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. at the same location as above.
- We are working to explore the new regulations and requirements for workforce PELL grants from the federal government, which allow students in our certificate programs to receive PELL grants. We are also working to put together a task force workgroup of programs, and there are some strict requirements that the government has put in place in terms of outcomes and job placement.
- President Bishop is exploring with Think Tank Friday, and the next one is coming up the first Friday in October.
- Dr. Bishop, along with Dr. Wright, is working to launch full-time faculty replacement hires sooner rather than later, and he still has the goal of our hires getting to the April board meeting.
- Dr. Bishop had a conversation with our student leadership last week during Club Rush. For those of you that do not know, Turning Point USA was on our campus speaking to students. We are a free speech institution, and as college educators, we have a responsibility to inform our students on how to respond and engage.

i. ASRCC Representative

- ASRCC is still collecting responses for the RTA survey; please encourage your students to complete the survey so that they can get more information about their experiences.
- ASRCC will be hosting Homecoming October 12th -17th. They will also be hosting a pep rally on October 15th from 12: 30 pm to 2 pm in the Quad.
- Halloween Town is Friday, October 23rd from 5 pm to 8 pm. This event is open to students and the community as well.
- The ASRCC team is working on getting students signed up for shared governance at their next meeting.

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- ASRCC recently had their fall special election; they should have 8 or 9 incoming senators because they currently have 4. At their next meeting on Tuesday, they will be getting everyone set up for shared governance.

4:05 VII. Ongoing Business

i. **VP Wright or designee will provide updates on the accessibility initiative and resources for faculty (information)**

- On Friday, faculty should have received an email on accessibility from District Distance Education. They will be hosting one-on- one appointments, drop-in Zoom hours, and on Tuesdays they will have accessibility workshops during college hour with access to the accessibility guide. The DE Team has also shared the five—step accessibility plan for faculty.
- Here at RCC, in addition to what DE is doing, we will start hosting accessibility workshops.
- Dr. Wright is currently working on a flyer to send out, and on October 2nd we will have a basic introductory accessibility workshop from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. The DE team, as well as some faculty, will be present to help facilitate the session.
- Another DE workshop will be hosted on October 23rd from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. that focuses on images and video. Professor Sunny Sui, along with Professor Scott Hernandez and the DE Team, will be present to facilitate this workshop.
- November 13th will be the last workshop, and the topics are to be determined.
- Dr. Bishop has arranged for DE to secure 3 professional experts to be on call for RCC only. More details to follow soon.
- Dr. Wright is looking for more faculty champions to assist with workshops and help other faculty. Please be on the lookout for another email coming out soon.

i. **RCCAS will discuss ongoing DE faculty certification efforts, @ONE courses, Canvas tools, and collect feedback for the RCC DE committee. (discussion)**

- A lot of overlap between initiatives and overlapping interests
- Discussion to be postponed to a later meeting
- The committee meets the 3rd Friday from 10-11, and the meeting location changes.
- If you want to teach online, faculty need to be certified by December 31st.

4:25 VIII. New Business

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i. **Carla Reible will present the new Non-credit Faculty Coordinator position (information/discussion)**

- One of the items brought to Academic Senate last semester was a non-credit faculty coordinator position that was at .2, which was handed off to Dr. Bishop to go to the Faculty Association. The goal is to coordinate our non-credit offerings so that we have more accessibility for our students so that they can access the material.
- Currently, the team is trying to reach out to the other colleges to make sure that the district plan is aligned with what each one of the colleges is actually doing because it is different across all three colleges. In order to do that, the team has put together a college packet of some of the basic information about non-credit courses. All the information gathered will be sent to Dr. Bishop so that he can convene a group to gather some input so that everything is aligned when we write to the district.

i. **President Scullin will discuss faculty participation in planning efforts for campus construction projects, including ATEC, ATEC Secondary Effects, and IETTC. (information/discussion)**

- Faculty participation in the building and planning process
- Cosmetology building coming soon.
- Space utilization and space optimization meeting with consultants to be determined

i. **Ratification of new and ongoing appointments: President Scullin or designee will present candidates for the following committees or councils (action)**

1. Madeline Bettencourt – Appointed to Equivalency Committee replacing Sunny Siu

   M/S/C: (Kessler/Sandoval) approved by consensus

1. Mark Sellick – Appointed as Senate Representative to District Budget Advisory Council (DBAC)

   M/S/C: (Soto/Henry) approved by consensus

4:45 X. Open Hearing

- Request to have items agenized during open hearing. The request is to agendize the NECTIR AI on the Canvas shell.

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- Asian Pacific Islanders had their first meeting last week, and thank you to those that showed up and came out and supported the group. Please reach out to Will Kim if you have any questions, concerns, or want to offer some support.
- There will be a Cultivate Print exhibition here at RCC in the Quad Gallery on October 1st from 6-8 pm, and it is the first exhibition of the semester by student scholarship recipients of the Los Angeles Printmaking Society.
- Senator Rose had a concern in that the platform is confusing because it combines all the classes and the evaluator cannot accurately speak to the student feedback for the classes that they are evaluating and furthermore the faculty under evaluation has no way of knowing which class to improve upon based on feedback.
- September is Student Parent Month; thank you to all those that have been advocating and supporting parenting students. There is a workshop on September 23rd from 12 pm-1 pm via Zoom. FLEX credit for the workshop is available.
- Friday, September 25th is California Native American People Day, so please add it to your calendars so that we can show our respect. There is a powwow happening here in the community that is affiliated with Cal State San Bernardino; please share the information if you can.
- Sept. 30th, many educators are going to be wearing orange to support All Children Matter to recognize missing and/or killed indigenous people and children from residential schools and elsewhere.

4:45 XI. Learn, Share, Do

- Remove tax exemption from different colleges and K-12 institutions.
- Do CORS again
- RCC will be an early voting location
- Reminder about the new workshops for the contract
- Oct 2 curriculum relaunch
- Share RTA survey
- Comment to IRS by Nov. 3rd

5:00 XII. Adjourn at 4:49 pm
M/S/C: (Nelson/Bottoms)

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