Irvine Valley College

MINUTES

Academic Senate

October 15, 2026
N3.106 (BSTIC -117)
2:00pm-3:50pm
Attachments: https://tinyurl.com/IVC-Senate-Documents

- Call to Order

2:02 pm

President Beck said that the School of Languages and Learning Resources requested to seat Professor Korina Camel as a senator.

First	Second
Thomas Cullen	**Tony Lin**

Motion passes (Approved by consensus)

- (v) Adoption of the Agenda

  Items on the agenda may occur out of order at the discretion of the Academic Senate President, or designee, based on availability of those presenting to, and meeting with, the Senate.

President Beck requested to amend the order of the agenda to move public comments to after the introduction of guests and brief announcements

First	Second
Tiffani Gamboa	**Thomas Cullen**

Motion passes (Approved by consensus)

- (v) Approval of Minutes

  October 1, 2026 Representative Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment

First	Second
Mike Salviani	**Savyonne Steindler**

Motion passes (Approved by consensus)

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- ## Introduction of Guests and Brief Announcements - (10 minutes)

  - Please limit announcements to two minutes. Senate meetings are open. Guests are welcome and invited to contribute to discussion on agenda items when recognized by the Senate President or designee.

Elissa Oransky - Executive Director, College Foundation

- Today is Giving Day! Currently at $273,000 with 10 hours to go! For a contribution of $100 or more, the Foundation Office will give an IVC blanket.
  - Irvine Company donated $50,000.

Rebecca Beck - Academic Senate President

- A special thank you to Brandee Idelman and Amanda Romero for a successful Pathways to Success Fair.
  - In total, over 300 students and 75 volunteers participated.

Deanna Scherger - Faculty, English; Faculty Association President

Mohammad Youssef - Faculty, Math

- ## Public Comments
  - Senator Meyer requested to make senator reports a standing item on the agenda. For example, Saddleback's Academic Senate has a space for this on their agendas before consent items.
  - Senator Cullen asked for consideration of moving public comments to the beginning of the agenda.
    - President Beck and Vice President Donavan asked that for any issues the Representative Council would like to agendize in the future, to email the Senate Cabinet.
  - ASIVC representative Bechr Sawas is seeking feedback from constituents regarding menstrual leave.
    - President Beck will explore agendizing the topic with the Senate Cabinet for a future meeting.
  - Senator King publicly thanked everyone for their support and efforts in trying to secure a child lab on campus. The goals are supporting student parents and students who are learning about child development.

- ## Standing Items

A. Senate Cabinet Reports:

- Senate President (Rebecca Beck)
  - Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Update - Attachment
    - One component that is being implemented is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).
    - CPL is granting credit to students for skill sets that occur outside of the classroom and are awarded toward their degree.
    - President Beck will be leading CPL efforts on the instructional side; Efren Rangel will be the lead on the non-instructional side.
    - The goal is to create an easier way for IVC students to pursue CPL opportunities on campus. Some of the available CPL options for students include:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Joint Service Transcript (JST) (military credit)
- Credit by exam
- Industry recognized credentials
- Student created portfolios

- Rebecca and Efren will be doing roadshows to different groups soon. The priority is to upload the currently approved IVC CPL opportunities to the state database (Mapping Articulated Pathways) (MAP). However, local faculty purview in awarding credit is still required.

- Senate Vice President (Keith Donavan)
  - IEC updates
    - No IEC updates
  - BDRPC updates
    - Initial design configuration for the Student Activity Center (SAC) will be forthcoming. The design considerations for the building will focus on:
      - 1. Maintaining the Spot/Basic Needs Center
      - 2. Potentially adding IVC Foundation Offices
      - 3. Allowing for a large meeting space
      - 4. Potential location for a parenting center

- Senate Vice President of Equity (Jeff Wilson)
  - Filipino American Heritage Month
    - Quad event scheduled for October 21 from 11-1pm. Food and music is scheduled for the event.
  - CSP/UDL Training update
    - The training for the first cohort (25 faculty) is scheduled for October 23. Various disciplines representing both full and part time faculty will be participating.
  - DEIAC
    - Meeting next Monday. Updates from the meeting will be shared at a future Academic Senate meeting.
  - SSEC

    - The college is moving toward moving away from deficit based language for students that have been placed on academic probation and dismissal statuses. The new language is now academic notice and academic pause.

- Academic Affairs Chair (Summer Serpas)
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    - 2026-2027 PD funds update as of October 8
      - $124,076.02 encumbered in PD funds
      - $212,033 in rollover budget
    - Committee projects update
      - Faculty Handbook revision
        - Close to finalizing content for the handbook.
      - Bylaws revision
        - Academic Affairs received the final draft of the bylaw revisions. A vote will be taken on October

27 to determine moving the bylaw revisions to an all faculty vote.
    - Transition from Academic Affairs to Faculty Affairs
        - Will be working on Hub Coordinator applications for the spring semester.
    - Creation of Professional Learning Committee
        - Going forward to APTC on October 20 for a first read.
    - Department Chair selection process
        - Two different options are currently being explored. The first option is an informal option for departments to share their process for selecting a department chair. The second option is a formal requirement to require departments for a written process to be on file.
    - FT faculty hiring prioritization list process review
        - The two items under consideration include when to account retirees in the process and how to account for faculty teaching in the campus centers (i.e. Writing Center) (does not apply to non credit).
- Upcoming Hub events & other PD events
    - Tech Thursday - 10:00 and 4:00 in the Hub (link)
        - Today at 4:00 - Accessibility in Google Workspace/Docs
        - October 22 - Accessibility in PDF
        - October 29 - Overview and tips for Canvas
        - November 5 - Design Plus: Basic to Intermediate
    - IVC Student Support Roadshow - 10:30-11:30 on Zoom (link)
        - October 21: Basic Needs & Adult Learner Program
        - November 4: Transfer Center & Veterans Center
    - Spooky Science & Snacks - October 22 from 5:00-7:00 (link)
    - Caring Campus Fall Reset, Relax, and Reconnect - November 4 from 12:00-2:00 in the Hub (more info coming soon)
- Spring 2027 Flex Week
    - Proposals due October 26 (link)

- Curriculum Committee Chair (RJ Dolbin)
    - TOP-to-CIP spreadsheets out now

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(V) Voting Item

        - Went out last week to department chairs, Curriculum Committee representatives, and deans.
        - For any questions, please contact RJ, Gillian Ashton, or the Office of Instruction. The deadline to submit everything is November 16.
    - DEI/UDL in the COR

- Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC)
    - AR 7401 - Candidate Travel Reimbursement - Attachment

        - AR-7401 was pulled. Exploring reimbursement for faculty for the first level in addition to the second level interviews.

- Guest Reports:
    - Standing Guest Reports
        - ASIVC Report (Anna Pak and Bechr Sawas)
            - The Kickball event has been postponed.
            - Exploring a resolution for free printing for students on campus.
        - Faculty Association President (Deanna Scherger)
            - The FA has developed a new website.
            - Next FA coffee hour will be held at Americano Cafe (near Saddleback College) on October 22 from 4-6pm.
            - First Fridays is question time with the grievance chairs. The next event is scheduled for November 6 from 1230-230pm via Zoom.

        - Classified Senate (Briana Bell)

- Consent Items

- Old Business
    - Low Textbook Cost (LTC) - Attachment
        - Please take back to Schools for feedback. For a class to be considered a LTC, the threshold will need to be $30 per the CCCCO. Does SOCCCD want to adopt this? This will be going to a vote at the next Academic Senate meeting.

- New Business
    - Lunar New Year Observance
        - Senator Steindler mentioned that LLR has had discussion considering Lunar New Year as a recognized holiday as permitted by the State Chancellor's Office. This is permitted to swap out with Lincoln's Day or Washington's Day.
        - Currently, over 55% of IVC's AESL program self identify as Asian American. Overall, over 35% of IVC students identify as Asian American. Within Irvine alone, 45% of residents are Asian Americans. While all may not celebrate Lunar New Year, anecdotally, a number of students do.
        - The North Orange County Community College District currently recognizes this as a holiday.
            - Vice President Wilson discussed how the calendar is decided upon by the colleges and eventually district and if implemented, it would be over 4 years from now. While forward thinking, impactful, and culturally responsive, ideally, would like to get insights from students, classified staff, faculty, and the community at large to gather interest. Perhaps a small working group will allow for such discussion and be able put a future proposal together.

- 2028-2029 Calendar - Saddleback: Attachment, IVC: Attachment
    - Senator Cullen mentioned that he prefers the IVC calendar because of the even balance of Monday/Wednesday vs. Tuesday/Thursday classes especially in consideration of science lab classes. Overall, the Representative Council would like to move forward with the IVC calendar.

- Formal Presentations (10 mins)
    - President, John Hernandez: Great Colleges to Work For - Attachment
    - Vice President of Administrative Services, Davit Khachatryan: Promise Program - Attachment

- Public Comments

- Adjournment

4:00 pm

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Attachment 1: Attendance

#	School	Name	In Attendance	Notes
1	Arts	Susan Boettger	Yes	
2	Arts	Gokce Kasikci	No	
3	Business Sciences	Carolina Kussoy	No	
4	Business Sciences	June McLaughlin	No	
5	Counseling	Taliah Chatterfield	No	
6	Counseling	Heather Johnson	No	
7	Humanities	Kurt Meyer	Yes	
8	Humanities	Daniel Vernazza	Yes	
9	IDEA			
10	IDEA			
11	Kinesiology			
12	Kinesiology			
13	Languages	Savyonne Steindler	Yes	
14	Languages	Korina Camal	Yes	
15	Library	Anthony Lin	Yes	Proxy for Taliah Chatterfield
16	Library	Brandee Idleman	Yes	Proxy for Heather Johnson
17	Life Sciences	Justin Wright	No	
18	Life Sciences	Diana Hurlbut	No	
19	Math/Comp Sci.	Nichole Carver	Yes	
20	Math/Comp Sci.	Michael Salviani	Yes	
21	Physical Sciences	Justin Komine	Yes	

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22	Physical Sciences	Thomas Cullen	Yes	
23	Social Behavioral	Erick Peterson	No	
24	Social Behavioral	Donna King	Yes	Proxy for Erick Peterson
25	PT Representative	April Kim	No	
26	PT Representative	Tiffani Gamboa	Yes	Proxy for April Kim

Total Senators: 22
In Attendance: 13 + 4 proxies
Quorum (50% +1): Met

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