Irvine Valley College

MINUTES

Academic Senate

November 5, 2026
N3.106 (BSTIC -117)
2:00pm-3:50pm
Attachments: https://tinyurl.com/IVC-Senate-Documents

- Call to Order

2:03 pm

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

First	Second
April Kim	**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 Professor Shirin Sahini's presentation to after the introduction of guests and brief announcements

First	Second
Tiffani Gamboa	**Diana Hurlbut**

Motion passes (Approved by consensus)

- (v) Approval of Minutes

  October 15, 2026 Representative Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment

First	Second
Taliah Chatterfield	**Savyonne Steindler**

Motion passes (Approved by consensus)

(v) – Voting item

- 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.

Xuan Tran - PhD student; (English) and intern through the California Community College Internship Program (CCIP) (Professor Skjonsby Intern)

Realynn Requena - Masters student at CSUDH (Counseling) (Senator Johnson Intern)

Deanna Scherger - Faculty, English; Faculty Association President

Elissa Oransky - Executive Director, College Foundation

- In the process of preparing the annual calendar and within the calendar, list all of the endowments.
  - Added 18 new endowments this year; minimum endowment is a $10,000 gift or more.
  - Once October transfer occurs, the endowment balance will be over $4 million.

- Formal Presentations (10 mins)
  - Shirin Sahani - Professor, Political Science: Experiential Learning - Attachment
    - If interested in experiential learning, please contact Shirin! Some ideas of involvement may include:
      1. Establish a workgroup or Community of Practice to foster awareness, collaboration, and integration of Experiential Learning across the institution.
      2. Incorporate Experiential Learning into the Vision 2035 strategies and initiatives, while supporting faculty in strengthening their pedagogy through best practices, practical examples, and innovative approaches.
      3. Rebrand and expand co-curricular opportunities through external funding and partnerships, and develop additional non-credit experiential learning opportunities.
      4. Explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to design, enhance, and expand Experiential Learning experiences.

- Standing Items

A. Senate Cabinet Reports:

- Senate President (Rebecca Beck)
  - Advanced Planning Technology Committee (APTC) Update
  - Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Update
    - The two coaches visited the college last Wednesday to review the six goals created by SEM. All six goals are fully operational.

  - College Council Update
    - On October 31, new federal regulations were announced that directly impact accreditation standards moving forward. Among the changes include:
      - Academic freedom and intellectual diversity:
        - New expectations for how accreditors evaluate institutional policies protecting academic freedom,

intellectual diversity, and the expression of different viewpoints.
- Student achievement and post-completion outcomes:
  - Greater emphasis on program level outcomes, including completion, employment, continued education, and the economic value of credentials.
- Transfer credit and CPL:
  - Stronger expectations for transparency, credit recognition, and student appeal processes.
- Accreditation processes:
  - Greater flexibility for accreditors to streamline institutional evaluations and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Senate Vice President (Keith Donavan)
- IEC updates
  - A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 9am for the "Your Student" dashboard. The program provides department chairs an opportunity to view how many students are enrolled within programs. This can provide an outreach opportunity to connect with students.
- BDRPC updates
  - A proposal is coming forward to increase parking rates for students.
  - Parking rates for students have been frozen since fall, 2014.
  - Parking fees fund up to 50% of IVC police salaries.
  - Parking revenue since pre-COVID has dropped about $1 million every year whereas expenses from salaries have increased.
  - The proposed increase in parking would be $7 per student every semester, and increase by $7 every semester for the next several years. Currently, annual parking for students is $40 per semester.
  - The maximum allowable is $75 per semester for students.
  - The maximum charge to students who qualify for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) statewide is $30 per year; however, IVC does not currently charge CCPG students parking for the 26-27 academic year.

- Senate Vice President of Equity (Jeff Wilson)
  - DEIAC
    - DEIA Day: April 16, 2027
      - Tentatively scheduled from 8am-1:30pm. The title of the event will be "Belonging by Design: Understanding, supporting, and advancing Black/African American students' success."
    - November: Native American Heritage Month
      - On November 18, there will be two events:
        - Native Beading Workshop: Link
        - Native Basket Weaving Workshop: Link
      - On November 12 from 10-12pm, the Veterans Day ceremony will be held at the Live Oak Terraces: Link

- SSEC

- Academic Affairs Chair (Summer Serpas)
    - 2026-2027 PD funds update
        - $133,371.02 encumbered in PD funds as of October 22
        - AAC also voted to increase the allowable percentage for part-time faculty stipends to 30% of the PD budget for this fiscal year ($60,000).
            - $37,706.00 encumbered as of October 22 (18.9% of overall budget and 28.3% of total encumbered funds)
        - Rollover budget proposal by Kristen Skjonsby and Mark Okuhata to bring Naomi Hirahara to campus for an event in March.
    - Committee projects update
        - Faculty Handbook revision
        - Bylaws revision
            - The committee approved the final draft and will be on the ballot this month.
        - Transition from Academic Affairs to Faculty Affairs
            - The charge sheet was sent to APTC. They will vote on November 17.
        - Creation of Professional Learning Committee
        - Department Chair selection process
            - Academic Affairs will be voting on whether to have a formal written requirement by each department for selecting chairs or an informal requirement of departments sending in their processes which will be accessible to all.
        - FT faculty hiring prioritization lis process review
            - One issue Academic Affairs is exploring is how Centers are counted in the calculation process. For example, how are the Writing, Math, and ELC Centers counted?
            - The committee found out that for any Center counted under “TU,” they do not get counted in the total LHE because they arent under that department.
            - However, other departments such as Math, English, Kinesiology, etc. are under that department.
            - Ultimately, the committee is determining whether to count them all or none at all.
            - LHE ranges from 6 to 71 across various disciplines.
    - Upcoming Hub events & other PD events
        - Tech Thursday - 10:00 and 4:00 in the Hub (link)
            - November - Canvas/Instruction series

(v) – Voting item

- De-escalation training in the Hub (link)
  - Tuesday, December 1 from 4:00-5:00 OR
  - Friday, December 4 from 10:00-11:00

- Spring 2027 Flex Week
  - Proposals were due October 30
  - Schedule will be online in early December

- Curriculum (RJ Dolbin)

  TOP-to-CIP -
  - Reminder - spreadsheets due November 16
  - Questions regarding cross-listed courses and tutoring courses, RJ find answers and report back

  Updates coming to META -
  - "Clone" button - good for mostly identical versions of courses within the discipline area (e.g. honors versions, mirrored credit/noncredit), but NOT for cross-listed courses; separate process for linking cross-listed courses coming
  - DEI/UDL tab-
    - Adding "accessibility" to DEI
    - Adding "SLOs" and "LOs" as check boxes where DEIA/UDL can be incorporated
    - Reordering check boxes to mirror order items appear as tabs on left side
  - DEIA/UDL resources - working with Jeff to create documents that provide guidance, examples, before/after language, etc. to help faculty optimally incorporate DEIA/UDL into both CORs and classrooms

- BPARC - AR 7401 (Candidate Travel Reimbursement) - IVC changes accepted:
  - Full-time faculty candidates covered for both first and second level interviews
  - Language added to make it clear it's $800 per interview level (i.e. $800 for first level and another $800 for second)

- Guest Reports:
  - Standing Guest Reports
    - ASIVC Report (Anna Pak and Bechr Sawas)
      1. Legislative for this Friday has been cancelled because of the high demand for the research symposium. Further, ICC meetings have also been cancelled due to Veterans Day.
      2. Both the Halloween Festival and Thrift Day were huge successes!

    - Faculty Association President (Deanna Scherger)
      1. Over 60 faculty attended the “How to Apply for a Full-Time Position” event last Friday. Will be working on how to interview for a full-time position event next.