

Academic Senate

The regular monthly meeting of the NOCE Academic Senate was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., in room 105 (Anaheim Campus), staff lounge (Wilshire), and room 118 (Cypress Center), and as a videoconferencing meeting for approved attendees who submitted an emergency cause or just cause form. The President being the chair and the Secretary being present.

Senate President Michelle Patrick-Norng called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Present Members: Cynthia Azarcon, Liliana Balasi, Heather Carlopio, Raheem Collins, Danielle Carlson, Kristina De La Cerda, Carlos Diaz, Luz Fernandez-Marquez, Yvette Krebs, Corinna Lopez, Megan Ly, Candace Lynch, Tina McClurkin, Khanh Ninh, Michelle Patrick-Norng, Megan Reeves, Bryan Reyna, Afraim Sedrak, Souzan Sahakian, Erin Sherard, Julie Shields, Casey Souza, Dan Stackhouse, Ali Stanojkovic, Ivan Stanojkovic, Matt Stivers, Anacany Torres, Anh Tseng, Matt Van Gelder

Guests: Flavio Medina-Martin, Deb Perkins, Valentina Purtell, and Gracie Valdez

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- I. Approval of agenda – Approved by unanimous consent with one correction: New Business item G tabled. Motion: J. Shields.
 - II. Approval of May 6, 2025, meeting minutes. – Approved by unanimous consent. Motion C. Sousa.
 - III. Announcement and Public Comments (Limited to 3 min per person, 15 min total)
 - a. Anacany Torres announced her Transitioning to College course from October 15-November 12, 2025.
 - b. Deb Perkins shared the rollout of Starfish early alert. Look for an email from her coming in the next couple of days with information about Starfish. Reach out to Deb Perkins with any questions.
 - c. Khanh Ninh shared information about the Faculty Staff association APIDA membership drive. Please consider joining to support student scholarships. There is a QR code on the flyer or reach out to Khanh directly.
 - d. Michelle Patrick-Norng expressed condolences and sympathy for the loss of Julie Schoepf's husband, Jon.
 - e. Flavio Medina- Martin shared upcoming events related to Hispanic Heritage Month.
 - IV. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report, Michelle Patrick-Norng
 - o **Welcome Meetings:** 1:1 meetings with Michelle Patrick-Norng are taking place with all new full-time faculty and all new adjunct Senators to discuss the role of the Academic Senate and participatory/shared governance. Michelle formally welcomed our new four new full-time faculty to NOCE: Danielle

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Bloom (LEAP/Emeritus), Sara Franko (HSDP/Basic Skills), Luz Fernandez-Marquez (Counseling and Student Services), and Ivan Stanojkovic (DSS Instructor) and three new Adjunct Senators, Raheem Collins and Heather Carlopio from Basic Skills and Bryan Reyna from ESL. Lastly, Michelle expressed gratitude to the Adjunct Senators who are returning to serve: Anh Tseng and Liliana Balasi from Basic Skills, Cynthia Azarcon and Souzan Sahakian from ESL, and Michael Garcia from DSS.

- **ASCCC:** The Area D Regional meeting will take place on Friday, October 10th via Zoom. The Fall Plenary is scheduled for November 6-8 in San Diego, CA.
 - **District Hiring Committee:** Tina McClurkin will be serving on the search committee for the position of **Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services.**
 - **Hold Harmless:** New updates coming from district personnel regarding the district's budget indicate that NOCCCD may no longer fall under hold harmless if enrollment trends continue.
 - **Anaheim Campus:** Modernization of the four elevators was approved at the last Board of Trustees meeting. The entire project is expected to cost roughly two million dollars with a completion time of two years since the elevators will be replaced one at a time.
- b. Vice President's Report, Candace Lynch
- The special election for Senate Secretary/Treasurer resulted in Ivan Stanojkovic being elected as Secretary/Treasurer for a 2-year term, 2025-2027. 27 Senators voted, 26 ayes and 1 abstention.
 - The final Sunshine Fund budget numbers for the 2024-2025 academic year were shared. We are carrying over \$190. If Senators want to contribute for this academic year, \$20 is requested from full time faculty and \$10 from adjunct faculty.
- c. Secretary's Report –Vacant. No Report
- d. Curriculum Committee Chair, submitted by Jennifer Oo; read by Michelle Patrick-Norng.
- The first Curriculum Committee meeting of the academic year is Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in room 1025.
 - Jennifer is available for help with curriculum or Curriconet questions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please email her to schedule an appointment.
- e. Distance Education Committee Chair, Corinna Lopez
- DE Committee granted OTC equivalency to 3 faculty over summer
 - DE also added 2 more faculty members to the POCCR team.
 - For DE best practices, DE Committee added a Mid-Course and an End-of-Course survey to Canvas Commons
 - i) Search "NOCE Adoptable" in Canvas Commons and import

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- A fall NOCE OTC Recertification Workshop is scheduled for Friday, November 14 from 9a - 12p hosted by Instructional Designer, Maria Aceituno; Alt Media Specialist Emily Johnson; and DE Chair Corinna Lopez covering accessibility, Cidilabs design tools, and UDOIT Accessibility Assistant
 - i) This is an option for faculty certified between 2020 - 2023 who need recertification by March 2026
- NOCE will pilot the Hyflex DE modality hopefully with 8-week courses in fall and definitely with full-term courses in spring in ESL
- First DE Committee meeting of this academic year is Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 3:00pm in AN 1014

f. SLO Coordinator, Alli Stanojkovic

- Finalizing SLO report to be shared soon.

g. Accreditation Faculty Chair, Tina McClurkin

- Finalizing process. The WASC report is due in June 2026.

V. Unfinished Business

a. NOCE OTC Recertification Process Update – Corinna Lopez

Corinna shared updates to the document. The DE Committee might discuss extending the recertification timeline from 3 to 5 years. If the committee agrees to such a change, the document will come back to the Senate for approval.

Motion to adopt the recertification process as presented was approved unanimously
Motion: A. Stanojkovic.

b. AI Catalog Language – Michelle Patrick-Norng

This item was voted on in May but Michelle is bringing it back with minor edits. Motion to support the revised AI catalog language, M. Patrick-Norng (second E. Sherard). Motion carried unanimously

VI. New Business

a. Scholarly Symposium Flavio Medina-Martin

Flavio Medina-Martin shared the genesis of the program, as a way to allow faculty to share findings or summaries of faculty dissertations or other research with our greater academic community. He also shared the scope of the program and its goals. Deadline to apply for this academic year is September 30, 2025. Please contact Flavio for more information.

b. District Mediation Program Flavio Medina-Martin

The District Mediation Program was launched last academic year in order to create a space for collegial conflict. Flavio Medina-Martin shared the purpose and goals of the mediation program as well as who the program is for and what it can be used for.

c. Student Equity Plan 2025-2028 Draft Plan Deb Perkins

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Deb Perkins shared the first read of the three-year Student Equity Plan, 2025-2028. The plan will be submitted at the end of November 2025. She shared the highlights from the report, including required data, summaries and key strategies. This plan will focus on Hispanic/Latinx students as they are our largest group with disproportionate impact. This item will come back to Senate as a second read in October. Please send any feedback to Deb Perkins.

d. Class Section Efficiency Valentina Purtell

President Purtell shared the District's new efficiency metrics. During and post-pandemic, we had one time funds to allow for support to class sections that were low enrolled. Most of that one-time money is gone, meaning we will not have the resources to run classes that aren't efficient. The new minimum student engagement number is 15-22 students.

e. WASC Leads Proposal Valentina Purtell, Tina McClurkin, Michelle Patrick-Norng

President Patrick-Norng shared the purpose for and scope of the WASC Leads Proposal. She shared the membership of the group as well as the responsibilities. President Purtell added that the proposal is designed to call on existing committees and structures to draft and finalize the WASC mid-term report. Motion to adopt the WASC Leads Proposal as presented approved unanimously. Motion: M. Patrick-Norng.

f. Academic Senate Overview Michelle Patrick-Norng

President Patrick-Norng shared an overview of the Academic Senate, the regulations that allow us to exist, what our role is, and how we function within the structure of our institution

g. Tabled.

h. Committee Appointments, Action (5 min) Michelle Patrick-Norng

- i) Anacany Torres, Anaheim Campus Sustainability Committee, 2 year term
- ii) Khanh Ninh, Anaheim Campus Sustainability Committee, 2 year term
- iii) Khanh Ninh, Budget and Facilities Planning Committee, 2 year term
- iv) Bryan Reyna, DE Committee, 2 year term
- v) Danielle Carlson, DE Committee, 2 year term
- vi) Janet Williams, District Technology Committee, 2 year term
- vii) Kristina De La Cerda, SEAP Committee, 2 year term

Motion to approve the committee appointments as a block vote. M: A. Sedrak. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to support committee appointments, M: E Sherard. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

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- a. Please send any committee reports from August to Candace Lynch for inclusion in the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.