

NOCE Academic Senate Minutes March 3, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the NOCE Academic Senate was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., in room 402A (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.

Call to Order: Senate President Michelle Patrick-Norng called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present Members: Cynthia Azarcon, Jennifer Carey, Raheem Collins, Carlos Diaz, Sara Franko, Yvette Krebs, Megan Ly, Candace Lynch, Cathleen Mang, Tina McClurkin, Khanh Ninh, Jennifer Oo, Michelle Patrick-Norng, Megan Reeves, Bryan Reyna, Giana Rivera-Tweedie, Souzan Sahakian, Afraim Sedrak, Erin Sherard, Julie Shields, Casey Sousa, Alli Stanojkovic, Ivan Stanojkovic, and Kenny Yu.

Remote Non-Voting Members: Heather Carlopio

Guests: Martha Gutierrez, Jennifer Perez, Valentina Purtell

- I. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda, motion by C. Lynch (seconded J. Carey) approved by unanimous consent.
- II. **Approval of February 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve meeting minutes, motion by C. Lynch (seconded C. Sousa) approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Announcement and Public Comments** (limited to 3 minutes per person, 15 minutes total)
 - a. **Candace Lynch**
 - Will be sending an email out. Survey regarding our labs and our request to form a workgroup regarding our labs and student support center. Trying to put together a workgroup to get feedback related to what is working in those labs and how to boost student attendance and best practices. Responding to concerns to labs not getting enough attendance
 - b. **Cathee Mang**
 - Shared that enrollment is still open for her ESL College Success Skills courses in Listening and Speaking and Reading and Writing. She also announced a screening of her sabbatical project film, The Three Queens of Bali, scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in the Anaheim Campus Board Room. Additionally, she noted that the NOCE UF meeting will take place in Room 100A following the Academic Senate meeting.

IV. Executive Council and Faculty Leaders Report (15 Min)

a. President's Report, Michelle Patrick-Norng

- ASCCC Spring Plenary is taking place in April in Santa Rosa. Three faculty will be attending: Candace Lynch (VP, voting delegate in Michelle's absence), Ivan Stanojkovic (Secretary), and Alli Stanojkovic (SLO Coordinator).
- Unfortunately, I will have to miss this year's Commencement event due to travel out of state for my niece's college graduation from the University of Minnesota.
- The three Senates (CC, FC, and NOCE), along with UF and AdFac leaders, will be hosting an All Faculty Picnic on Sunday, April 19th from 12-4 p.m. A Save the Date flier will be emailed to faculty.
- Two main topics of discussion at the last Academic Leadership Team meeting were data for Program Review and student attendance and enrollment concerns for NOCE Labs (ex: Learning Center, ESL Support Center, Career Skills and Resource Lab).
- Many conversations are happening at the District level regarding clear and consistent communication regarding the policies and procedures in place should there be ICE activity on or nearby the campuses.
- Calls will go out this week for committee/workgroup vacancies for the 2026-2027 academic year. For those wanting to complete another term on a given committee/group, please be sure to submit your name to me in response to the call out.
- A call will go out for SLO Department Leads this week. The role comes with 10% reassigned time. Additional details will be included in the email.

b. Vice President's Report, Candace Lynch

- Report deferred, as the information would be shared under a later agenda item.

c. Secretary's Report, Ivan Stanojkovic

- No Report.

d. Curriculum Committee Chair, Jennifer Oo

- Reported that CourseDog implementation began last Friday and will continue through weekly meetings for the rest of the semester, with curriculum representatives and IT involved until full implementation. NOCE meetings will be held Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Also shared that the committee has entered the second phase of program review and is reviewing department data and reports, and announced upcoming curriculum training for committee members on Title 5 and CurricUNET.

e. Distance Education Committee Chair, Jennifer Carey

- March 4th - [Using Accessibility-Aligned AI to Move Courses Toward the Revised ADA Title II](#) - Training for faculty sponsored by the Chancellor's office.
- March 11th - [Into the Libreverse! Getting Started With LibreTexts](#) - LibreTexts have signed a 5 year agreement with ASCCC to provide the OER platform for higher ed. This training will introduce faculty to the "Libreverse".
- March 16th - [OERI Toolkit for Inclusive Workforce Education: Embedding Essential Professional Skills into Your Course](#). Our own Alli Stanojkovic is leading this training and is sponsored by ASCCC OERI.
- April 17th- CCCC [Reclaiming Joy: Human-First Teaching in the AI Era](#) - watch party held in 105/107 from 8:30 to 3. Faculty are encouraged to attend all or part of the training, either online or as a group at NOCE. Fullerton and Cypress faculty will be invited.

f. SLO Coordinator, Alli Stanojkovic

- Announced upcoming SLO inputting sessions on April 23 and May 1 in a HyFlex format. She clarified that these are not trainings, but supportive group input sessions, and suggested scheduling office hours with her for individual support. The April 23 session will be held in the afternoon, and the May 1 session will be held in the morning.

g. Accreditation Faculty Chair, Tina McClurkin

- No Report.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. **DE Committee Bylaws, Second Read/Action (10 Min)** – Jennifer Carey
 - Jennifer Carey presented the second read of the DE Committee Bylaws and noted that revisions were made to align the document with Academic Senate processes and voting structure.
 - **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the revised DE Committee Bylaws as presented. **Second:** J. Oo. **Abstention:** C. Mang. **Motion carried.**
- b. **WASC Mid-Cycle Report and Action Plan, Second Read/ Action (10 Min)** – Tina McClurkin
 - Presented the second read of the WASC Mid-Cycle Report and Action Plan and noted that no major changes were made, aside from minor additions, including clarification of the ambassador role.
 - **Motion:** C. Sousa moved to approve the WASC Mid-Cycle Report and Action Plan as presented. **Second:** E. Sherard. **Abstention:** C. Mang. **Motion carried.**
- c. **Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding, First Read (5 Min)** – Michelle Patrick-Norng
 - The first read of the Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding was presented. Revisions were reviewed to clarify the names and roles of the participating senates and associations, the ordering of items in Sections 6, 8, and 10, the annual review process in Section 12, and the revision process in Section 13, including who may propose changes and the level of support required to move revisions forward.

VI. New Business

- a. **2026 Commencement and Student Success Ceremony, Information (10 Min)** – Jennnifer Perez and Martha Gutierrez
 - Information was shared regarding the 2026 Commencement and Student Success Ceremony, including confirmation of the event details, faculty and staff participation, and student speaker and Student Success Award nominations. It was noted that the ceremony will be held in the evening and will follow a format similar to last year. Additional event details will be shared by email, and the commencement website is available at noce.edu/commencement. In response to questions, it was shared that cap and gown information will be provided at a later

time, and that recognition of scholarship recipients will not take place this year, though it may be explored in the future. A follow-up comment expressed interest in ensuring scholarship recipients are recognized.

b. Election Report, Informational (5 Min) – Candace Lynch

- An election report was shared. Four adjunct senators were recently elected and will begin their two-year terms in the fall:
 - Cassandra Hall (DSS)
 - Jesse Marroquin (CSS)
 - Tracy Sattler (ESL)
 - Marlo Smith (ESL)
- The following faculty were also elected:
 - Michelle Patrick-Norng, Senate President
 - Jennifer Oo, Curriculum Chair
- Deans would be contacted regarding meeting availability for the newly elected adjunct senators.

c. WASC Faculty Co-Chair Appointment, Action (5 Min) – Valentina Purtell

- Support was requested for the appointment of Michelle Patrick-Norng as WASC Faculty Co-Chair.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the appointment of Michelle Patrick-Norng as WASC Faculty Co-Chair. **Second:** A. Stanojkovic. **Motion carried.**

d. Reassigned Time for Faculty Leadership 2026-2027, Action (5 Min) – Michelle Patrick-Norng

- The proposed reassigned time allocations for faculty leadership roles for 2026–2027 were presented for approval.
 - President, 60%
 - Vice President, 40%
 - Secretary/Treasurer, 30%
 - Curriculum Committee Chair, 75% (60% + 15% Program Review Chair)
 - Curriculum Committee Members, 10%
 - Program Review Committee Member, 1 instructional and 1 counseling faculty, 10%

- DE Committee Chair, 70% (60% + 10% Program Review Committee member)
- SLO Coordinator, 50% (40% + 10% Program Review Committee member)
- SLO Department Leads, 10%
- WASC Accreditation Chair, 30%
- Pro D Committee Chair, 60%
- DEIAA Committee Chair, 20%
- **Motion:** S. Franko moved to approve the reassigned time allocations for faculty leadership for 2026–2027 as presented. **Second:** J. Carey. **Abstention:** E. Sherard.
Motion carried.
- e. **Updated NOCE OTC Recertification, Action (5 Min)** – Jennifer Carey
 - The updated NOCE OTC Recertification process was presented for approval. It was noted that recertification will move to March to allow deans more time for department scheduling, and that faculty must recertify every three years to remain eligible to teach online. The update also clarified that faculty certified between 2020 and 2023 must recertify by March 2026, even if they completed OTD, and reviewed the five available recertification options. It was also noted that the only substantive changes were the addition of the chart and the correction of dates from May to March.
 - **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the updated NOCE OTC Recertification process as presented. **Second:** A. Stanojkovic. **Motion carried.**
- f. **Updated NOCE Approved Online Teaching Certifications, Action (5 Min)** – Jennifer Carey
 - The updated NOCE Approved Online Teaching Certifications list was presented for approval. It was noted that faculty granted equivalency through an approved external certification must complete the NOCE Accessibility Refresher course within one year. It was also shared that two additional certifications were added to the list of other accepted certifications.
 - **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the updated NOCE Approved Online Teaching Certifications list as presented. **Second:** R. Collins. **Motion carried.**
- g. **Draft APs Inclusive Restrooms and Facilities, First Read (5 Min)** – Michelle Patrick-Norng

- The first read of two draft APs, AP Inclusive Restrooms and AP Inclusive Locker Room Facilities, was presented. It was noted that the proposals were developed by a cross-district workgroup and were accompanied by a presentation to provide background and support discussion.
- h. NOCE Student Leadership Program Updates, Discussion (10 Min)** – Candace Lynch
- Updates were shared regarding the NOCE Student Leadership Program. Recruitment is underway for student leaders for next year, and faculty were encouraged to nominate or refer students. It was noted that student leaders typically serve for two to three years, depending on their educational plan, and meet on Thursday evenings. Information was also shared about the upcoming Student Trustee election process, including outreach and support available to interested students. In addition, an update was provided on student clubs, including the need for faculty advisors and ongoing review of related processes and paperwork to better support student participation and involvement.
- i. Academic Senate Survey Results, Discussion (5 Min)** – Michelle Patrick Norng
- A PowerPoint presentation was shared summarizing the Academic Senate survey results. Survey feedback included support for maintaining three campus attendance locations, continuing with one meeting per month on the first Tuesday, considering a 3:15 p.m. start time, keeping Executive Council and faculty leader reports brief, and submitting committee reports in writing. It was also suggested that special meetings on the second or fourth Thursday could be held as needed.
 - **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. **Second:** K. Ninh.
Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports (submitted, unless deemed necessary, 5 Min)

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Ivan Stanojkovic, Secretary