

NOCE Academic Senate Minutes April 7, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the NOCE Academic Senate was held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 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.

Call to Order: Senate President Michelle Patrick-Norng called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present Members: Cynthia Azarcon, Liliana Balasi, Jennifer Carey, Danielle Carlson, Raheem Collins, Luz Fernandez-Marquez, Sara Franko, Yvette Krebs, Megan Ly, Cathleen Mang, Khanh Ninh, Jennifer Oo, Michelle Patrick-Norng, Megan Reeves, Bryan Reyna, Souzan Sahakian, Afraim Sedrak, Erin Sherard, Julie Shields, Casey Sousa, Ivan Stanojkovic, Matt Stivers, Anacany Torres, Matt Van Gelder, and Kenny Yu.

Remote Non-Voting Members: Heather Carlopio, Candace Lynch, Alli Stanojkovic, and Carlos Diaz

Guests: Karen Bautista, Flavio Medina-Martin, and Valentina Purtell

- I. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve the agenda, motion by J. Carey (seconded S. Franko) approved by unanimous consent.
- II. **Approval of March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve meeting minutes, motion by C. Sousa (seconded E. Sherard) approved by unanimous consent.
- III. **Announcement and Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person, 15 minutes total)**
 - a. **Jennifer Carey**
 - Announced that Puppies for Pawsitivity events will be held on all three campuses during the week of May 4, with specific dates to be shared.
 - b. **Cathee Mang**
 - Shared that her video screening is being rescheduled to May 14, 2026 at 2:30 pm and will include short student readings. She also announced an advanced-level ESL for Art Appreciation course at the Anaheim Campus, and reminded faculty of the UF meeting following Senate.

c. **Souzan Sahakian**

- Announced the Reclaiming Joy: Human-First Teaching in the AI Era event, which will include hands-on training, speakers, and in-person and online participation options.

d. **Anacany Torres**

- Shared information about the Dream Your Future college event scheduled for April 16 and encouraged faculty to share RSVP information with students.

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

a. **President's Report, Michelle Patrick-Norng**

- ASCCC Spring Plenary will take place April 9–11 in Santa Rosa. Candace Lynch will serve as voting delegate in Michelle's absence, and Ivan Stanojkovic and Alli Stanojkovic will also attend.
- The ASCCC Spring Plenary resolutions are available through the Resolutions Process Page, and faculty were asked to send comments, concerns, or feedback to Michelle and Candace as soon as possible.
- Michelle Patrick-Norng reminded the Senate that she will miss this year's Commencement event due to travel for her niece's college graduation from the University of Minnesota.
- The three Senates (Cypress College, Fullerton College, and NOCE), along with UF and AdFac leaders, will host an All Faculty Picnic on Sunday, April 19, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Ted Craig Regional Park in Fullerton.
- A call went out for one faculty member to serve on an Ad Hoc Workgroup drafting policy language related to Artificial Intelligence. Interested faculty were asked to email Michelle by Friday, April 10.
- An enrollment update from President Purtell was shared. As of March 30, the institutional average for student attendance per hour was 23.9. Minimum enrollment thresholds will be 20 students for summer and 22 students for fall, with low-enrolled distance education sections using alternative attendance accounting to be canceled after first census as needed for accurate reporting.

b. Vice President's Report, Candace Lynch

- Shared updates related to student leadership and the Student Trustee election process, including that there is one candidate.

c. Secretary's Report, Ivan Stanojkovic

- Shared information regarding upcoming districtwide accessibility compliance training and resources available to faculty and staff.

d. Curriculum Committee Chair, Jennifer Oo

- Reported that the committee received an extension that may continue into next year, and that CourseDog implementation is moving forward while still in the technical stages. NOCE has encountered some implementation complexity because of different coding needs.
- Shared that the committee may not hold a May meeting depending on the DCCC meeting schedule, and that an update will be sent after the April meeting. She also acknowledged the delays in Program Review and reported that the writing is complete, but templates need to be formatted before reports are returned.

e. Distance Education Committee Chair, Jennifer Carey

- Announced that faculty are being sought for the AI workgroup and shared information about an online teaching conference being held at Anaheim.
- 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 - [CCCCO 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 SLO input sessions on April 23 at Anaheim in a HyFlex format from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. and an online session on Friday, May 1. Faculty were encouraged to bring materials needed to complete SLO work.

g. **Accreditation Faculty Chair, Tina McClurkin**

- No Report.

V. Unfinished Business

a. **Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding, Second Read/Action (5 Min)**

- The second read of the Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding was presented. It was shared that Cypress College and Fullerton College would also conduct second reads, and that if all bodies support the same draft, the document would be referenced in Senate Bylaws and any Standing Rules or Bylaws for the two unions.
- **Motion:** E. Sherard moved to support the Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding as drafted and to reference it in the NOCE Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws once all bodies have voted to support the same draft.
Second: K. Ninh. Motion carried.

b. **Draft AP Inclusive Restrooms and Facilities, Second Read/Action (5 Min)**

- The draft APs on inclusive restrooms and facilities were reviewed. A request was made for a brief summary.
- **Motion:** C. Sousa moved to support the draft APs, with potential revisions continuing through DCC. **Second:** J. Carey. **Abstention:** C. Mang. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

a. **District Faculty Fellow Program, Informational (5 Min) – Flavio Medina-Martin**

- Information was presented regarding the District Faculty Fellow Program through the NOCCCD Office of Diversity, Culture, and Inclusion. The program is seeking four tenured faculty fellows districtwide to support DEIA-related faculty engagement and program work, with applications due April 30, 2026.

b. **Grading Schemes in Canvas, First Read (10 Min) – Karen Bautista**

- Karen Bautista presented a first read on NOCE grading schemes in Canvas. It was shared that NOCE currently has multiple grading schemes across departments, and the proposal would help condense and clarify grading options for Canvas and Banner integration. Discussion included use of SP, NG, and department-specific grading practices.
- c. SLO Coordinator Appointment, Action (3 Min) – Valentina Purtell**
- Support was requested for the appointment of Dr. Alli Stanojkovic as SLO Coordinator for a three-year term: 2026-2029.
 - **Motion:** J. Oo moved to support the appointment of Dr. Alli Stanojkovic as SLO Coordinator for the next three years. **Second:** D. Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. SLO Department Leads, Action (3 Min) – Michelle Patrick-Norng**
- The following SLO Department Leads were presented for the 2026–2027 academic year:
 - Basic Skills: Sara Franko
 - DSS: Alli Stanojkovic
 - LEAP: Danielle Bloom
 - CTE: Afraim Sedrak
 - ESL: Candace Lynch
 - **Motion:** J. Shields moved to support the five individuals as NOCE SLO Department Leads for the 2026–2027 academic year. **Second:** L. Balasi. **Abstention:** C. Mang. Motion carried.
- e. AP 7400 Updates, Discussion/Action (10 Min) – Erin Sherard**
- The proposed AP 7400 travel and conference attendance updates were presented. Discussion included business necessity documentation for conferences that begin in the morning when same-day travel may not be practical.
 - **Motion:** J. Oo moved to support the draft edits to AP 7400 as presented for movement through the next district-level review steps. **Second:** J. Carey. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. DE Addenda Revisions, First Read (10 Min) – Jennifer Carey**

- The first read of proposed Distance Education Addendum revisions was presented. Revisions included streamlining Title 5 information, revising language for accessibility and clarity, adding HyFlex, updating regular and substantive interaction options, combining sections on instructional content and methods of evaluation, and updating accessibility language related to prerecorded videos.
- g. Emergency Modality Flexibility Policy, First Read (10 Min) – Jennifer Carey**
 - The first read of the Emergency Modality Flexibility Policy was presented. The policy addresses temporary instructional options during emergency situations affecting in-person classes, including when courses may move online or to another classroom space. Discussion included the importance of DE addenda for emergency flexibility and concerns about correspondence education as an emergency option.
- h. Curriculum Committee Bylaw Revisions, First Read (5 Min) – Jennifer Oo**
 - Jennifer Oo presented the first read of proposed Curriculum Committee Bylaw revisions using a document with tracked changes. Proposed changes will ensure the Bylaws for the Curriculum Committee and the DE Committee do not conflict with one another.
- i. Program Review Timeline Revisions, Action (10 Min) – Jennifer Oo**
 - The proposed Program Review timeline revisions were presented. In response to a question, it was clarified that this semester's materials would come back this semester.
 - **Motion:** S. Franko moved to support the Program Review timeline revisions as drafted. **Second:** L. Balasi. **Abstention:** C. Mang. Motion carried.
- j. NOCCCD 2026–30 District-Wide Strategic Plan, First Read (10 Min) – Afraim Sedrak**
 - The first read of the NOCCCD 2026–30 District-Wide Strategic Plan was presented. Faculty were asked to provide feedback by Friday of the week of April 6.
- k. Academic Calendar Workgroup Process, Discussion (5 Min) – Michelle Patrick-Norng**

- The Academic Calendar Workgroup process was discussed. It was shared that Senate and union leaders met with district leadership regarding the process, and that the workgroup's role is to provide a draft calendar. Discussion included questions about receiving calendars early enough for Senate awareness and feedback. It was clarified that Academic Senate provides feedback rather than voting on a final calendar. It was clarified that the Academic Senate does not vote to approve the final academic calendar. A vote can be held to show support or lack thereof for any draft calendars. Academic Calendars are negotiated between United Faculty and the District per the UF CBA.

I. Committee Appointments, Action (3 Min) – Michelle Patrick-Norng

- The following committee appointments were presented:
 - Jennifer Carey, Pro D Committee, 2-year term
 - Jennifer Carey, Scholarship Committee
 - Heather Carlopio, DE Committee, 2-year term
 - Luz Fernandez-Marquez, Curriculum Committee, 2-year term
 - Yvette Krebs, Community Relations Team/Marketing and Outreach
 - Megan Ly, Commencement/Student Success/Planning/Scholarships
 - Megan Ly, Grade Appeals Committee, 1-year term
 - Megan Ly, Scholarship Committee
 - Candace Lynch, District Institutional Effectiveness Coordinating Council
 - Candace Lynch, Pro Development Committee, 2-year term
 - Khanh Ninh, Program Review Committee
 - Jennifer Oo, DE Committee, 2-year term
 - Jennifer Oo, Grade Appeals Committee, 1-year term
 - Michelle Patrick-Norng, Accessibility Advisory Workgroup
 - Michelle Patrick-Norng, DE Committee, 2-year term
 - Megan Reeves, Curriculum Committee, 2-year term
 - Megan Reeves, Pro D Committee, 2-year term
 - Giana Rivera-Tweedie, DEIAA Committee, 2-year term
 - Souzan Sahakian, DE Committee, 2-year term
 - Julie Shields, Anaheim Campus Safety Committee, 1-year term

- Casey Sousa, Accessibility Advisory Workgroup
- Dan Stackhouse, Scholarship Committee
- Ivan Stanojkovic, DE Committee, 2-year term
- Anacany Torres, DEIAA Committee, 2-year term
- Matt Van Gelder, Accessibility Advisory Workgroup
- Matt Van Gelder, District Professional Growth and Dev. Committee
- Kenny Yu, Program Review Committee
- **Motion:** J. Shields moved to vote on the committee appointments as a block.
Second: L. Balasi. Motion carried.
- **Motion:** J. Shields moved to support the committee appointments as presented.
Second: S. Franko. Motion carried.
- Michelle Patrick-Norng shared that remaining committee vacancies would be emailed to faculty.

VII. Committee Reports (submit to Secretary to be included in the minutes)

a. Community Relations Report

- Upcoming trainings will support districtwide accessibility compliance. NOCCCD employees will be required to complete baseline digital accessibility training through EdVantage, and NOCE Campus Communications has prepared resources and tools to assist faculty and staff at noce.edu/accessible-documents.

b. District Technical Committee Report

- The District Technical Committee met on March 17, 2026. Updates included continued review of AP 3720, proposed DTC Charter membership revisions, approval of an AI-related subcommittee to work with the AI Taskforce, discussion of emeritus retiree email accounts, disabling email forwarding districtwide, CourseDog implementation, and web content and application accessibility tools.

c. NOCE Instructional Technology Committee Report

- The NOCE Instructional Technology Committee met on March 9, 2026. Updates included the Technology Committee Plan review, Teams Voice implementation with a tentative June transition, review of SMS carrier options due to cost

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concerns, outbound dialing changes that will remove the need to press 9 for an outside line, Google Workspace licensing appeals, HyFlex classroom installations, and the iTendance positive-attendance infrastructure upgrade, with a summer demo and anticipated fall rollout.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Ivan Stanojkovic, Secretary