

Academic Senate

NOCE Academic Senate Minutes May 5, 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, Heather Carlopio, Danielle Carlson, Raheem Collins, Kristina De La Cerda, Luz Fernandez-Marquez, Sara Franko, Megan Ly, Candace Lynch, Cathleen Mang, Khanh Ninh, Jennifer Oo, Michelle Patrick-Norng, Megan Reeves, Souzan Sahakian, Afraim Sedrak, Erin Sherard, Casey Sousa, Alli Stanojkovic, Ivan Stanojkovic, and Kenny Yu

Remote Non-Voting Members: Carlos Diaz

Guests: Karen Bautista and Valentina Purtell

I. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda, motion by C. Lynch (seconded J. Carey).
- b. During discussion, the agenda was amended to move New Business Item VI.g before Item VI.d.
- c. **Motion:** J. Oo moved to approve the agenda with the modification. **Second:** L. Balasi. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Approval of March 3, 2026 Meeting Minutes –

- a. Motion to approve meeting minutes, **Motion:** by C. Lynch **Second:** K. Ninh. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Announcement and Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person, 15 minutes total)

a. Jennifer Carey

- Announced that Puppies for Pawsitivity events were held at Cypress and Anaheim, with the final event scheduled at Wilshire **May 6th** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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b. Luz Fernandez-Marquez

- Shared information about the in-person Transitioning to College course, IHSS 300, CRN 41905. The five-session course will meet Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. at the Anaheim Campus, Room 403, from June 1 through June 29, 2026. Topics include academic goals, educational planning, college processes, and graduation.

c. Souzan Sahakian

- Shared information about the April 17 Reclaiming Joy: Human-First Teaching in the AI Era event. NOCE hosted a watch party at the Anaheim Campus, and 15 people joined in person, with additional participants joining and signing up online. Flex credit was available through an attendance log, and eligible NOCE adjunct faculty could receive a stipend for full-day in-person attendance.

d. Cathee Mang

- Shared that her video screening has been rescheduled to May 14, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. and will include short student readings.
- Announced the advanced-level ESL for Art Appreciation course (ESLA 351) at the Anaheim Campus, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.–2:50 p.m. Course includes art history, art terminology, interpretation and discussion of art, practical application of theories, and field trips to art museums. Students will write an art critique and present on a piece of art they create.
- Shared information about the advanced-level Book Club (ESLA 001) at the Anaheim Campus, Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.–3:20 p.m. Students will read and discuss short stories, plays, and novels. Follow-up activities include viewing film adaptations of assigned readings.
- Reminded faculty of the UF meeting following Senate.

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

a. President's Report, Michelle Patrick-Norng

- The Spring 2026 Plenary Resolutions Packet from the ASCCC Spring Plenary is available [online](#).

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- Four faculty will be attending the [ASCCC Faculty Leadership Institute](#) in Long Beach this June: Michelle Patrick-Norng, Candace Lynch, Jennifer Oo, and Khanh Ninh.
 - Unfortunately, Michelle will have to miss this year's Commencement event due to travel out of state for her niece's college graduation from the University of Minnesota.
 - Roughly thirty faculty from across the District attended the All Faculty Picnic on Sunday, April 19th. The three Senates (CC, FC, and NOCE), along with UF and AdFac leaders want to thank those who attended; they hope to host a similar event next year.
 - An NOCCCD Workshop on Curriculum, facilitated by ASCCC Curriculum Chair Eric Wada, is set to take place this summer; the invitation was extended to various faculty and union leaders, including NOCE's Executive Council for the Senate, Curriculum Chair, Curriculum Committee members, and Program Review Committee members. The date is still TBD.
 - The first Senate meeting for the fall semester will be Tuesday, September 1st.
- b. **Vice President's Report, Candace Lynch**
- No Report.
- c. **Secretary's Report, Ivan Stanojkovic**
- No Report.
- d. **Curriculum Committee Chair, Jennifer Oo**
- May Curriculum Committee Meeting was canceled due to approval timeline and DCC schedule. Coursedog implementation will continue through the summer.
- e. **Distance Education Committee Chair, Jennifer Carey**
- The Emergency modality Flexibility Policy - the DE Committee has reviewed the document and identified that there is a need for a student services component and that that next step is to determine who will lead and develop that section of the document before bringing the complete document back for a vote in the fall.

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- Hyflex training has been put on hold until all the equipment has been installed and tested.

f. **SLO Coordinator, Alli Stanojkovic**

- Reminded faculty to complete SLOs by the end of the term.

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

- No Report.

V. Unfinished Business

a. **Grading Schemes in Canvas, Second Read/Action (5 Min) – Karen Bautista**

- **Motion:** A. Stanojkovic moved to support the grading schemes as presented in April. **Second:** J. Oo. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **DE Addenda Revisions, Second Read/Action (3 Min) - Jennifer Carey**

- Jennifer Carey presented the revised NOCE Distance Education Addendum. The revision removed correspondence education as a modality option in an emergency.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the DE Addenda revisions without correspondence education as an emergency modality option. **Second:** C. Sousa. Motion carried unanimously.

c. **NOCE OTC Recertification Document, Action (3 Min) - Jennifer Carey**

- Jennifer Carey presented revisions to the NOCE OTC Recertification Document. The revision removed the option of “m. Two @ONE 5-Day Challenge completions, including one course in Creating Accessible Canvas Content” because evidence of completion was difficult to track and the option was confusing for faculty.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the NOCE OTC Recertification Document with the @ONE 5-Day Challenge option removed. **Second:** S. Franko. Motion carried unanimously.

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d. **Curriculum Committee Bylaw Revisions, Second Read/Action (3 Min) - Jennifer Oo**

- Jennifer Oo presented the second read of the Curriculum Committee Bylaw Revisions.
- **Motion:** E. Sherard moved to support the Curriculum Committee Bylaw Revisions.
Second: J. Carey. Motion carried unanimously.

e. **Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding, Third Read/Action (5 Min)**

- The Senate reviewed the revised Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding, which included a minor grammatical revision based on feedback from United Faculty's Rep Council.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to support the Joint Collaborative Consultation Understanding as revised. **Second:** R. Collins. Motion carried unanimously.

II. New Business

a. **2026 APAHE Conference, Informational (5 Min) - Khanh Ninh**

- Khanh Ninh shared information from the 2026 APAHE Conference. Sessions included critical and inclusive uses of AI for student success, cultures of care, multilingual learner access, AAPIHI affinity networks, and support for undocumented APID students. Discussion noted that AI was framed as a possible study support tool for students.

b. **MyGateway Drop Survey, Action (10 Min) - Michelle Patrick-Norng**

- Michelle Patrick-Norng shared that Fullerton College uses an automated drop survey in MyGateway when students drop a class. The Senate discussed whether a similar process could be explored for NOCE, recognizing that some NOCE students are dropped manually by staff or faculty. The data could not be used for instructor evaluations, and institution-wide data would need to be shared in disaggregated form. The survey questions and workflow would return to Senate in the fall for approval and suggested modifications. If supported, OIRP could begin working on a draft of the survey this summer.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to support exploring a drop survey in MyGateway at NOCE. **Second:** L. Balasi. Motion carried unanimously.

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c. **Compensation for Work Off Contract for Faculty Leadership, Action (5 Min) - Michelle Patrick-Norng**

- Michelle Patrick-Norng presented proposed off-contract summer project compensation for faculty leadership roles, including Academic Senate Secretary (20 hours), Curriculum Committee Chair (50 hours), DE Committee Chair (70 hours), SLO Coordinator (50 hours), SLO Department Leads (20 hours), Professional Development Committee Chair (30 hours), and WASC Faculty Co-Chair (30 hours). Additionally, Michelle sought support from the Senate to permit the Senate President to have the ability to appoint faculty to district level hiring committees and act on behalf of the Senate when faculty are off contract in the summer.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to extend the item by 10 minutes. **Second:** S. Franko. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Amendment:** J. Oo moved to amend the motion to support the off-contract summer projects as outlined, allow the Senate President to appoint faculty to district level hiring committees in the summer, and support the Senate President in serving as a representative for the Senate at summer Board meetings but not take any action without Senate approval. **Second:** C. Sousa. Motion carried unanimously.

d. **Academic Program Review Spring 2026, Informational (20 Min) - Jennifer Oo**

- Jennifer Oo presented a summary of observations and recommendations for programs that moved through the Spring 2026 Program Review cycle. Brief discussion took place surrounding the presentation and the overall process of Program Review for the pilot semester. The information will move forward to President's Cabinet later in May.
- **Motion:** M. Patrick-Norng moved to extend the item by 10 minutes. **Second:** E. Sherard. Motion carried unanimously.

e. **Faculty Leadership, Informational (5 Min) - Valentina Purtell**

- NOCE President Valentina Purtell shared appreciation for faculty leaders at the institution and recognized the collaborative spirit and efforts demonstrated by the leadership team.

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f. **NOCE Long-Term Strategic Direction, Action (20 Min) - Valentina Purtell**

- Valentina Purtell presented the NOCE long-term strategic direction and the exploration of becoming a community college.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. **Second:** A. Sedrak. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion:** L. Balasi moved to support the NOCE Long-Term Strategic Direction exploration phase. **Second:** A. Sedrak. Abstention: C. Mang. Motion carried.

g. **Committee Appointments, Action (3 Min) - Michelle Patrick-Norng**

- The following committee appointments were presented:
 - Courtney Williams, Accessibility Advisory Workgroup
 - Courtney Williams, Professional Development Committee, 2-year term
 - Souzan Sahakian, District EEO Advisory Committee, 2-year term
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to vote on the committee appointments as a block. **Second:** L. Balasi. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Motion:** C. Lynch moved to approve the committee appointments as a block. **Second:** J. Oo. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Ivan Stanojkovic, Secretary