



## Agenda

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

Friday, February 13th, 2026

1:00-2:00 PM on Google Meet

- I. Establishment of Quorum: Quorum established. Members present: Mari Hill, Gene Martinez, Kevin Williams, Billie Mathews, Nichole Collins, Linda Salazar, and Chantel Rivera
- II. Call of Meeting to Order: Chair Mari Hill called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Linda Salazar moved to approve the agenda. Gene Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The question arose if the addition of a Vice President's Report needed Faculty Senate's approval. Mari Hill was unsure. In the past any address by administration was done during the Welcome of Guests part of the meeting.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 01/30 Meeting: Linda Salazar moved to approve the minutes of the January 30 meeting. Gene Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Welcome of Guests/Public Comment (3 minutes per person):
- VI. Information/Discussion Items:
  - A. Senator Reports
    1. Mari Hill (Education Senator, Senate Chair) – Nothing new to report at this time.
    2. Gene Martinez (CTE Senator, Vice Chair) – Gene Martinez had nothing new to report other than waiting on the results from his certified welding instructor exam.
    3. Kevin Williams (Associates Senator, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary) – Nothing new to report at this time.
    4. Billie Mathews (Humanities Senator) – Billie Mathews went to Robertson High School this week to meet with her dual credit sophomores who have never taken a college course before. She offers her support to any faculty member who has dual credit students. Humanities is sponsoring "Hello, Dolly" on April 10. Amy Huffnall, who has presented programs at Luna previously is bringing the program to us. There will be a morning show for school-aged students and there will be an afternoon/evening show for the community. Seeing as there is a lack of arts in our community, this is a wonderful opportunity. Amy Huffnall gets paid nothing to do this. Billie will have more information as the event nears. Billie met live with about 80% of her asynchronous students to assist them in choosing their research topics. It has been beneficial getting to know the students and building rapport.
    5. Nichole Collins (STEM/Assessment Senator) – STEM is in the process of filling an

empty full-time position to make sure we meet the needs of our students. ITDE met last week. They discussed QM (Quality Matters) and discussed an upcoming mandatory training for faculty and directors for the use of Anthology. We had planned to have all the faculty on board with Anthology by Fall of 2026. It will be a little slower. The training will be on March 17 and 18, one session in the morning and one in the afternoon. She is not sure which day will be morning and which will be afternoon. Larry will provide an update closer to the date. We will have full implementation by Spring of 2027 because the old Blackboard will no longer be available for use. At the training Larry will be opening sandboxes for everyone.

6. Chantel Rivera(Allied Health/Nursing Senator) – Dental faculty are planning to attend a dental educator conference in Florida this summer and working on creating STEM authorizations and presenting them to Dr. Romero.
7. Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC) – Library is running as usual. Workday is progressing in full swing. She feels like she could work in that Department.

#### B. Standing Committee/ VPIS Reports

1. Dr. Romero's Report: Dr. Romero thanked the Faculty Senate for allowing her to have a standing report for the Faculty Senate. Her goal will continue to be to work as closely with the Faculty Senate on the things that are important to the faculty and the college. This Spring and in the Summer her department will be getting the in-service schedule for the Fall ready. Scheduling has already started with the academic directors. From the Faculty Senate she would like to know if there are any specific needs or things that the faculty would like addressed in the Fall in-service. She wants to support the faculty and make the in-service more meaningful for them. If there was anything in last Fall's training that was beneficial and needs repeating, or if there is something new that needs to be included, she asks that we bring it to her attention. She also mentioned that they are in the middle of budget hearings for academic and student services divisions. The institutional budget is due to HED on May 1. They are working on hearing all items considered. She did request additional funds for professional development for faculty for fiscal year 2027. Not all departments have adequate travel funds to support professional development. If there is a professional development need that is associated with your department and benefits you as an instructor, she has requested an increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000 for the annual year. They are also asking funds to support academic directors for additional staffing lines. Her goal is that we will no longer have departments sustained by only one faculty member. We are sending out a "Save the Date" for mandatory faculty training on March

17 and 18 for Anthology training. Anthology is hosting the trainings. You will only need to attend one session. Any faculty who has class during the session that they select to attend will need to plan accordingly to provide work for their students so that they can attend the training. Not every course shell will be migrated in the Fall, but everyone will have at least one course shell on the Ultra platform. The current Blackboard platform is reaching its end of life and will no longer be supported after December 31. As of Spring 2027 we will no longer be able to use the older version of Blackboard. Lunch will be provided for you on the day you attend training. Details will come from both Larry and Dr. Romero prior to the training. The training will be offered as a hybrid situation only for those who teach remotely. If a situation arises that someone needs to use the hybrid option, it will need to be approved by their academic director. Dr. Romero discussed the migration to Workday/SIS as Jenzabar is being phased out. We go live in Fall of 2027. There will be a lot of communication coming about this transition which will affect our whole faculty life, as faculty will have greater access to more things. Faculty will have online greeting—a huge step for Luna. There will be much training, so keep an eye out for information that is coming. Dr. Romero mentioned the committee survey and encouraged everyone to complete it and also the professional development survey sent out by Dr. Linder.

2. Curriculum Committee: Curriculum Committee will meet on Monday to approve all of STEM PLOs except for Nichole's, and will be discussing the plan for the rest of the semester's meetings, as well as ensuring everyone knows the process and procedures for updating programs. They will also discuss the changes for Dental that will take place at the next meeting. The only program that still needs PLO approval is Allied Health. They did submit their forms, but AARC may not have had a chance to review them. The Committee will also discuss how AARC in the future may work on these, but address the distinct roles of AARC and the Curriculum Committee. Concerning the course catalog review, Nichole met with Rachael Lucero and the directors this week. Each director has access to their department program folder and each director will be meeting with their faculty to review for accuracy and bringing back pre-requisites and co-requisites records to the catalog. Dr. Romero added that we are going to start having a more robust cycle of catalog review and updates so that we can have a better timeline for catalog publication.
3. Assessment Committee: Assessment Committee met earlier this morning. They are working on getting a new Chairperson. The CLOA survey went out and it will be out until next week. If you haven't completed it, please do so. It came out from Sierra Fernandez's office, but typically comes from the Chair of the Assessment Committee.

VII. Action Items:

1. Academic Honesty Policy Vote: Gene Martinez moved to approve the Academic Honest Policy. Kevin Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Employee Handbook Vote: Dr. Romero brought up the copy of the Faculty Handbook that has comments. The Faculty Senate reviewed the Employee Handbook with the existing comments. Dr. Romero recommended that the Handbook not mention specific platforms (such as Workday, Jenzabar, etc.) because those systems may at some point change, thereby making portions of the handbook potentially obsolete. It was unclear if all of the comments/questions had been addressed. The Faculty Senate added additional comments and questions to the document requesting clarifications. (See Faculty Handbook Document in Shared Google Drive)

Nichole Collins moved to table the vote to approve the Employee Handbook until questions and issues are addressed. Gene Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session: Gene Martinez moved to go to Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Discussion Items: The Faculty Senate discussed the placement of the Vice President's Standing Report to the Faculty Senate on the agenda. It was the consensus of the Senate to move her report to the Welcome of Guests section of the meeting and to adhere to the time limits that have been set.

IX. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Approval of Employee Handbook

X. Next Regular Meeting: February 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

XI. Adjournment: Kevin Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Gene Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Mari Hill adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.