



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

Friday, January 30th, 2026

1:00-2:00 PM on Google Meet

- I. Establishment of Quorum: Quorum established. Members present: Mari Hill, Gene Martinez, Billie Mathews, Nichole Collins, Chantel Rivera, Kevin Williams. Absent: Linda Salazar
- II. Call of Meeting to Order: Chair Mari Hill called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Nichole Collins moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Chantel Rivera. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 01/09 Meeting: Gene Martinez moved to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2026 meeting. Chantel Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Welcome of Guests/Public Comment (3 minutes per person): Guests present were Larry Paiz, Sierra Fernandez, and Dr. Henrietta Romero.

Larry Paiz addressed the Faculty Senate about the transition to Blackboard Ultra. He is working with Blackboard to bring training to the faculty in March. The goal is for every instructor to have at least one class designed in Anthology by Fall 2026 and all classes in the new system in the Spring of 2027. He is planning for the training to be offered over two days with a session in the morning and repeated in the afternoon of each day to accommodate faculty members' teaching schedules. He will have sandboxes available. Nichole suggested whatever days the trainers are available on the week of March 16.

VI. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Senator Reports

1. Mari Hill (Education Senator, Senate Chair) – Mari Hill reported that she met this week in person with students in her hybrid classes. This is the first semester she has had zero no-shows to report!
2. Gene Martinez (CTE Senator, Vice Chair) – Gene Martinez reported that he expects to have at least 20 graduates this semester.
3. Kevin Williams (Associates Senator, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary) – Kevin Williams had nothing new to report concerning adjuncts, but did relay information from the Advisement Sub-Committee on which he serves. That committee met this week to continue work on the Advisement Plan for 2025-2027. They also discussed the problems that many dual credit high school students are having using our systems. They are interested in working with the Faculty Senate to possibly support orientations to help them be more successful using our systems. Nichole mentioned that in years past the high schools have brought dual credit students to Luna's campus prior to the start of classes for orientation. Sierra Fernandez mentioned opportunities for

collaboration with Linda Salazar for sessions on how to use our resources for research.

4. Billie Mathews (Humanities Senator) – Billie Mathews discussed working with her dual credit students and the successes/challenges of that.

5. Nichole Collins (STEM/Assessment Senator) –

6. Chantel Rivera(Allied Health/Nursing Senator) –

7. Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC) – Absent

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. Curriculum Committee – The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be February 16.

2. Assessment Committee – Sierra Fernandez discussed on-goings with the AARC and other movements in assessment academy.

C. Discussion Items

1. AI Policy (move to vote? Or edit for next meeting?) Dr. Romero spoke about her suggested policy changes. Mari Hill said she would send it out and the Faculty Senate would vote at the next meeting.

2. Employee Handbook – Senators said that they did not receive a copy of this. Mari Hill mistakenly sent it out only to Shared Governance. She forwarded it to the Senators prior to the meetings end. The Faculty Senate will vote on it at the next meeting.

3. Tuition Waiver – See below.

VII. Action Items:

Vote on Tuition Waiver - A motion was made and seconded to approve the Tuition Waiver. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

A. AI Policy

B. Employee Handbook

IX. Next Regular Meeting: February 13th

X. Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned.