

Shared Governance Minutes
March 6, 2026 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Members present: Mary Hill, Kevin Williams, Crystal Western Ford, Valerie Montoya, and Sherry Goodyear.

Guests: Dr. Carol Linder, Nichole Collins, Sierra Fernandez, Emily Ullibari, Gloria Ortiz

Meeting called to order - 1:09 P.M.

February 6 and 20, 2026 - No meetings, so no minutes.

March 6, 2026 Minutes - Kevin motioned to approve, Amberlyn Gonzales seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from January 9, 2026 - Valerie moved to approve, Amberlyn seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Sierra Fernandez and the Assessment Team will be having a Poster Presentation during In-Service Week. They need a 2-3 hour time block during In-Service week to present. (Shared Governance is responsible for planning this In-Service week).

Dr. Linder and the group discussed the Employee Handbook and the need for getting a finalized version of it completed, as it has been in the works for years.

Faculty Senate: Faculty Handbook - Not a lot going on. Planning for next Fall's In-Service Week. Table Faculty.

Student Senate: No report as no students were present.

Staff Senate: Planning a Flea Market to raise funds. The first one is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2026. Might need to work with the Foundation on this and do it once a semester as it involves a lot of work. Maybe we have these during In-service weeks.

Directors:

- Summer Bridge Program Planning is underway. Part of the program will involve the Gardening Initiative.
- Budget Hearings were held last month;
- Academic Directors are working with Tanya Giddings to create Radio spots.
- Planning campus visits to various schools.
- March 17 and 18 having Blackboard Anthology Training.
- Working on sunseting and creating new programs (Pre-nursing certificate).
- Planning graduation and pinning ceremony for Nursing students.

Faculty Handbook Discussion:

- The Faculty and Staff Handbook was combined several years, but no finalized handbook has resulted from the many hours put in trying to create one.
- Faculty has several concerns with the lack of clarity regarding various aspects of the handbook pertaining to faculty including how sick leave is accrued and how much time can be used retirement etc.
- A review of the faculty's comments showed that resolution might be easier than was at first thought.
- One suggestion is to separate guidelines for certain topics for faculty and staff where appropriate.

In-Service Week Planning:

- Crystal will meet with Dr, Romero to see what all needs to be included.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2026

Adjournment: Kevin moved, Sherry seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 2:29 P.M.