

Academic Senate Minutes—September 4, 2025

Facilitator: Sean Moore—Academic Senate President

Recorder: Michael VanOverbeck—Secretary **Timekeeper:** Victoria Martinez

Date: September 4, 2025 / **Time:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vision:

Compton College will be the leading institution of student learning and success in higher education.

Mission Statement:

Compton College is an equity-driven, inclusive community resource dedicated to providing opportunities and support for historically underserved student populations, particularly students of color. We cultivate a sense of belonging to support students in achieving their academic goals. Compton College provides students with knowledge, strategies, and skills needed for workforce readiness and facilitates clear pathways for program completion and transfer to four-year institutions; all aimed at enhancing the well-being of our local community.

Attendees

Officers: Sean Christopher Moore_X_; Hassan Elfarissi_X_; and Michael VanOverbeck_X_.

Senators: Mayela Rodriguez_X_; Juan Tavarez_X_; Mandeda Uch_X_; Andree Valdry_X_; Susan Johnson_X_; Eckko Blake_X_; Carlos Maruri_X_; Janette Morales_X_; Karina Lopez_X_; Nathan Lopez_X_; Pam West_X_; Jesse Mills_X_; Manzoor Ahmad_X_; Kent Schwitkis_X_; Jose Villalobos_X_; Roza Ekimyan_X_; Samitha Givens_X_; and Victoria Martinez_X_.

Ex Officio Voting Members: David Chavez_X_; Charles Hobbs_X_; and Brad Conn_X_.

Nonvoting Attendees: Sheri Berger_X_; Stefani Baez_X_; Amari Williams_X_; Lorena Villarreal_X_;

Meeting started at

AGENDA:

Jesse M. Motioned to approve agenda as amended. Kent S. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** September 4, 2025.

Nathan motioned to move agenda item 6 before 4, David C. seconded. 10 ayes, 4 nays, 1 abstention. The motioned carries.

Mayela R. Motioned to approve minutes. Victoria M. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** June 5, 2025.

Carlos M. Motioned to open 3a-e. Kent S. Seconded.

3. **Reports and Follow-up Questions from Attendees:**

- a) President, Academic Senate
 - *To the District*: Summary of Decisions Approved by Academic Senate on June 5, 2025—See document in the packet as listed in the table of contents.
 - Note: Approved curriculum items from the last College Curriculum Committee meeting held on May 27, 2025, were approved during June 5, 2025, Academic Senate meeting.
- b) Vice President, Academic Senate
- c) College Curriculum Committee Chair
 - ASCCC conference experience briefing.
- d) Distance Education Faculty Coordinator
- e) Vice President, Academic Affairs
 - Update about the current phase 2 common course numbering
 - Phase 3 is beginning with surveys being an important aspect that everyone needs to be on the lookout for.

Mayela R. motioned to close 3a-e. David C. Seconded.

Carlos M. motioned to open 4. Jesse M. Seconded.

- 4. **Presentation:** [*Michael Itzkowitz, Founder and President of The HEA Group*](#), to present Compton College–specific data from [*Golden Returns: A Regional Look at the ROI of California's Community and Career Colleges*](#).

Kent S. motioned to close 4. Roza E. Seconded.

Brad C. motioned to open 5. Carlos M. seconded.

- 5. **First Read:** [*ROI Recommendations, Initial Thoughts, and Questions*](#).

Note: This item directly relates to the above presentation. As a result, this item is listed directly afterwards for continuity.

Michael V. motioned to close 5. Charles H seconded.

Jesse M. motioned to open 6. Pam W. seconded.

- 6. **Presentation:** Professors Lynn Chung and Brad Conn to present Padlet LTI presentation.

Note: PPT provided as a separate attachment in the September 4, 2025, Academic Senate email distribution.

Brad C. motioned to close 6. Jesse M. seconded.

Michael V. motioned to open 7. Carlos M. seconded.

- 7. **Action Item:**

- a) Now that we have been provided Padlet LTI information, we can vote to recommend the District provide ongoing funding to support Padlet LTI.

Susan J. motioned to recommend the District provide ongoing funding to support Padlet LTI for the institution. Roza E. seconded. Unanimously approved.

Mayela R. motioned to open 8a. Carlos M. Seconded.

- 8. **Discussion Items:**

- a) Legislative Informational Taskforce: Establishing a Legislative Informational Taskforce that could provide information to our Academic Senate body about legislation being considered or passed that may affect higher education.
- Call it a workgroup.
 - Reach out campus wide to see if anyone would be interesting in participating.
 - This could be a VP role.

Carlos M. motioned to close 8a. Ken S. Seconded.

Carlos M. motioned to Table 8b. Kent S. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

- b) ROI Taskforce: Establishing a ROI Taskforce to provide and finalize ROI recommendations for the Academic Senate to approve and recommend to the District.

Carlos M. motioned to open 9. Mayela R. seconded.

9. Academic Senate Senator Comments and/or Future Agenda Item Recommendation(s):

Note: Academic Senate Senators may provide a comment or future agenda item recommendation(s).

Carlos M. motioned to close 9. Mayela R. seconded.

Carlos M. motioned to open 10. Brad C. seconded.

10. Public Comment(s):

Note: Public comments may be presented.

Pamela W. motioned to close 10. Carlos M. seconded.

Meeting ended at 3:02pm