



COLLEGE GOVERNANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 11, 2023
Honeychurch Boardroom
3:00 – 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement Statement. The meeting was held in the Honeychurch Boardroom, Main Campus. Superintendent-President Dr. Celia Esposito-Noy presided.

Roll Call

Members Present: Shanan Danley (Minority Coalition), Rhuenette Alums (Minority Coalition), Erin Farmer (Faculty), Joshua Scott (Faculty), Jeff Leheldt (Classified/Local 39), Diana Solis (ASSC), Sal Abbate (Administration), Dean Sandy Lamba (Administration), Rei Leal (Classified/CSEA)

Advisory Members Present: S-P Celia Esposito-Noy, VP Jon Cornelison, VP David Williams, VP Lisa Neeley, VP Susan Wheat, Dean Nathan Rexford

Others Present: Claire Gover (Secretary), Oscar Gonzalez (guest Local 39)

2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of Mission Statement Revision was added as item 5(d). Amended agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 27 were approved.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Academic Calendars – VP Williams

a. A Draft Academic Calendar for 25-26 was shared by VP Williams. We are required to have a number of approved *future* academic calendars. This draft was developed by the Academic Calendar Committee and will go to constituent groups for feedback. Erin Farmer and Josh Scott thought that the Fall term seems to begin earlier than usual (August 11, 2025).

There was also some discussion on spring break, listed as the week of April 5, 2026, following Easter. The classified work calendar is a separate document. Sal Abbate pointed out that per classified employee contracts the Friday before Easter is a non-working day. He recommended moving spring break from week of April 5 to the week of March 29. VP Williams noted that we collaborate with Fairfield Suisun Unified School to align our spring break with that of their high schools. Since they have not yet completed theirs for AY25-26, FSUSD said they will work around our calendar once approved. To provide background information, VP Williams said that the Academic Calendar Committee thought it would be too challenging to rotate spring break in order match the various feeder school districts so a few years ago, the Committee decided to collaborate with FSUSD.

b. A Draft revision to Administrative Procedure 6500 was presented for first reading. The revisions include: requirement 2 years of approved academic calendars, clarification of final exams,

addition of Juneteenth holiday, edit to the day before Thanksgiving to read SFCA “non-teaching day” instead of Holiday, change spring break verbiage to match SCFA contract.

The CGC recommended the following additional revisions: 1) under Membership “1 ASSC Student Representative ~~designated by the Director of Student Life~~ 2) under Holidays “Veteran’s Day ~~on Veteran’s Day~~ (observed on November 11)”.

- c. Compressed Calendar Discussion. Our college operates on a term length of 17.5 weeks. Data shows an increase in student retention and success for colleges that have adopted a compressed calendar (16 to 17-wk semester). There are 68 community colleges in California that have converted to a compressed calendar, including some of our neighboring colleges. Napa Valley College will begin using a compressed calendar effective AY24-25. VP Williams will call for participants in a Compressed Calendar Task Force to begin our transition to a 16-wk semester. The Task Force will have larger representation than the Academic Calendar Committee. We will have examples of syllabi and will develop surveys to help faculty, students, and staff learn what a compressed calendar would mean for them. Please visit the [Compressed Calendar FAQs](#) and Resource pages which are available on our website under Academic Calendar Committee.
- d. The Mission Statement revision was presented for approval. The Mission reads:
“Solano Community College’s mission is to educate a culturally and academically diverse student population drawn from our local communities and beyond. We are committed to helping our students achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals. Solano Community College transforms students’ lives with transfer courses, career and technical education, and basic skills preparation leading to certificate programs, associate’s degrees, bachelor’s degrees, and lifelong learning opportunities.”
Josh Scott moved to approve. Seconded by Rei Leal. Motion passed.

6. Banner SaaS Updated – VP Cornelison

This is a standing agenda item. For the sake of time, the group agreed to skip today’s update.

7. NACCC Student Campus Climate Survey – VP Neeley

Dean Nathan Rexford and Dean Neeley presented the findings of the National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates (NACCC) Student Survey. The survey, developed by USC, was conducted in Fall 2022. In total, 755 students engaged in the survey for a response rate of 11.4%. The content areas included 1) mattering and affirmation, 2) racial learning and literacy, 3) appraisals of institutional commitment, 4) cross-racial engagement, 5) encounters with racial stress, and 6) impact of external environments.

Dean Rexford and VP Neeley will share the student survey results with various campus constituency groups and facilitate discussions on how we respond to the data and use it to improve our services and practices. The survey summary is also attached to these minutes.

A survey of employees will also be conducted by USC's Center for Race and Equity in the coming year.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.