

Academic Senates' Reports to the LRCCD Board of Trustees

February 18, 2026

District Academic Senate (DAS) President, Paula Cardwell, Reports:

- The District Academic Senate passed a proposal to update several board policies and regulations that would change the terms “Academic Probation” to “Academic Notice” and “Academic Dismissal” to “Academic Pause.” The task force that made this recommendation to the senate was organized well in advance of the Title 5 changes made more recently, as our faculty are committed to eliminating deficit-minded, punitive-sounding language wherever possible. We wish to thank the District Equity and Student Success Committee administrative co-chair, Sonia Ortiz-Mercado, for her assistance with this proposal, as well as Jason Ralphs and General Counsel Aly Bivins for the quick turn-arounds with the red-line drafts. I am including the names of the incredible faculty, classified staff and students who participated in this work: Libby Cook (*FLC EOPS Coordinator*), BeAnna Noel (*FLC*), Jian Alsarraj (*ARC counselor*), Brittney Farrand (*FLC Faculty*), Nisha Beckhorn (*ARC Dean*), Jose Gonzalez (*CRC Counselor/Puente Coordinator*), Melissa Sanchez (*CRC Director*), Latasha Harris (*SCC Student*), Kaitlyn Baumgartner Lee (*VPSS FLC*), Ron Breitenbach (*CRC Faculty*), Danielle Gellote (*SCC Counselor*), Matthew Wohl (*CRC Counselor*), Nichelle Williams (*SCC Counselor*), Gurpreet Bhatia (*CRC SSS*), Mary Irving (*SCC SSS*), Cedric Hurts (*SCC Counseling Supervisor*), Kathleen Hisel (*ARC*), Jesus Hernandez (*SCC Student*), Douglas Montiel (*SCC SSS*) **Resource Members:** Jason Ralphs, *Director of A&R*, Ali Padash, *Director of Financial Aid*
- Status of yesterday’s second read items at District Academic Senate:
 - [Resolution in Support of Honoring Collegial Consultation Relating to Faculty Hiring Processes](#)
 - [Resolution in Support of the Pan-African Virtual College](#)

American River College Senate President, Veronica Lopez, Reports:

- Our Senate is excited to announce that we have ASL interpreters at our meetings. Striving to make our Senate space more inviting and inclusive for all faculty.
- Gently nudging folks to consult with our campus UDL coordinator because many of the materials sent to Academic Senate are not screen reader compatible, leaving out a portion of the community members to fully participate.
- In January, HOTEK Consultant provided ARC with an Institutional Equity Assessment.
- ARC Senate is still unpacking the impact on instruction due to LRCCD Administration’s decision on Sunday, February 8th, to go remote on Monday, February 9th, due to the internet outage on campus.
- Our Senate supported the critical hire for a head Football Coach
- Our Senate is currently reviewing the ARC Distance Education Charter.

Cosumnes River College Senate President, Lauren Wagner, Reports:

- We are happy to have the lights on after a power outage on campus during week 2 of the semester.
- Our senate is working this semester on revisions to our bylaws.
- The campus is working on improving the completion rate for our course SLO assessments.
- At our February 6 meeting, the senate got an update from the oEnsuring Learning Committee about the draft of our ACCJC Midterm Report.

Folsom Lake College Senate President, Wayne Jensen, Reports:

- Our Senate is working on revising our Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process.
- We are also in the process of working with representatives from all constituent groups to update our Enrollment Management Plan.
- Our Senate supported a critical hire request for a Public Service Librarian.
- We are excited as a college as FLC has been selected to be a Puente Project Site. This was a collegewide effort and are grateful for all the faculty, classified staff, and administrators who advocated for the Puente program at FLC.
- FLC had a successful Partnership Resource Team visit for the IEPI grant to revamp SLO assessments. The team recognized the “significant positive changes that have been achieved cultivating a culture of assessment at FLC.” They also recognized that we are “well positioned” to keep the momentum going. Many thanks to faculty who developed and are carrying out the plan and for the strong support we have received from all of our FLC administrative team.
- Faculty will be participating in follow up meetings with CCC Accessibility Center representatives regarding the Assessability Capability Maturity Model (ACMM) in early March. Recognizing the reality that the heavy lift of what needs to be done at each college to be at a compliant level of accessibility, faculty feel strongly that we need to maintain a fully funded UDA Coordinator at each college and encourage the District administration to identify an ongoing funding source for these needed positions.

Sacramento City College President, Amy Strimling, reports:

- The Academic Senate approved the ACCJC Midterm Report. We appreciate those on the committee who were able to get this done early and put together a comprehensive report.
- We are currently evaluating our Program Review process to ensure it is purposeful, effective, and leads to meaningful improvements for our departments and programs.
- We are looking forward to convening a Faculty Workload Committee on our campus to discuss and explore WSCH goals for our department.