

Academic Senate Board Report
May 13, 2026

American River College
AS President Veronica Lopez

- ARC hosted its first AI Symposium on Friday, April 24th under the leadership of ARC's AI Fellow Professor Dyanne Marte.
- ARC's final Senate meeting is on Thursday, May 14th.
- Faculty are still feeling the effects of the Canvas Outage, demonstrating their resiliency and putting the student experience at the forefront.
- ARC had its Natomas STEAM Center Grand Opening on Monday, May 11th
- The F27/SP27 ARC Academic Senate Executive Team has been confirmed and welcomed Professor Mieke San Julian as the new AS Secretary.
- Faculty are fully engaged in our hiring process, and though delays have tested our timeline, their dedication has remained steadfast. We are pressing forward with resolve and with real hope that the next generation of ARC educators is still within reach.
- ARC looks forward to celebrating our newly tenured faculty on May 15th.

Cosumnes River College
AS President Lauren Wagner

- CRC's final Senate meeting was on May 8. Many important conversations involving academic integrity, the role of faculty in supporting one another through the performance review process, and the role of the senate in campus wide academic events will continue in the new school year.
- It is with great gratitude that the CRC Senate says thank you and goodbye to a number of senators who are moving into other roles on campus, while looking forward to new participants joining us to bring fresh perspectives. We are always thankful for those who have made the decision to serve another term as a senator.
- On May 1, CRC held a showcase for the work from this semester's participants in the Collaborative Learning Circle project. The event was a faculty-led presentation and celebration highlighting new equitable teaching practices participants have adopted to increase course success rates for CRC students.
- The annual Celebration of Retirees and Years of Service for Faculty and Staff was held on May 6 with strong attendance from both faculty and staff who enjoyed a delicious meal provided by the culinary arts students and Professor Michael Frigm.
- Events across campus celebrating the arts, Earth Day, math, cultural celebrations, and the upcoming end of the semester have kept the campus busy.

Folsom Lake College
AS President Wayne Jensen

- FLC was honored to have two ribbon cutting ceremonies recently. We opened our new Imaging Center at the Rancho Cordova Center and appreciate the donation by Sutter Health and their investment in our students. In addition we had a ribbon cutting ceremony at our El Dorado Center to open our new teaching vineyard for our Viticulture Program. We recognize the donations made by local businesses that made the vineyard a reality. We extend our gratitude to Chancellor King and the many board members who were able to attend these events.
- FLC held its final Academic Senate meeting yesterday and welcomed newly elected Senators who will be serving throughout the next academic year. We are excited to have robust and diverse representation from across the college.
- FLC's Senate has approved a Technology Plan for the College that will provide guidance and direction over the next three years.
- We are continuing our work on revising our Faculty Hiring Prioritization Process and Enrollment Management Plan with the goal of having a stronger value and data driven decision making process.
- Many Faculty are busy diligently serving on hiring committees to ensure we hire strong colleagues. Unfortunately, we have many committees still working to finish the process with the prospect of some needing to extend into the summer due to the late release of pools from District Human Resources.

Sacramento City College
AS President Amy Strimling

- The Sacramento City College Chemistry Department proudly hosted the [SCC Undergraduate Research Initiative \(SCCURI\) Undergraduate Research Conference](#) and Awards (URCA) on May 7th and 8th in the Natural Sciences Building on the SCC main campus.
- The Academic Senate approved the edits and updates to our local Curriculum Committee handbook. We appreciate the hard work of our curriculum committee, especially our co-chair, Renee Medina, who is also finishing her term as District Curriculum Coordinating Committee chair.
- We held our final Senate meeting of the semester yesterday. We are looking forward to many more robust conversations next year surrounding issues related to the 10+1 as we also welcome three new Senators.

District Academic Senate
DAS President Lori Petite

- Congratulations to outgoing DAS President, Paula Cardwell, who accepted a position as the Interim Dean of the Natural Sciences Division at SCC. Lori Petite, Communication faculty and Academic Senate Past President at SCC, is now serving as the District Academic Senate President as of **April 22, 2026**. It is an honor to represent faculty in this role.

- Our local senates are in various stages in vetting several action items. We expect these to return to the DAS body in the fall for our consideration:
 - Policy-7910 Recommendation from the NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) Task Force
 - Policy-7920 Human Remains Recommendation from the NAGPRA Task Force
 - Proposal to revise the LRCCD Emergency Closure Distance Education addendum
 - Proposal to affirm DIAC recommendation to Initiate an RFP Process for a Comprehensive Accessibility Technology Suite
 - Affirm Recommendation from DESSC to adopt the Los Rios Artificial Intelligence Guidelines.
 - Proposal to revise Regulation-2222 (Attendance)

- Other reports:
 - Prison & Reentry Education Program Committee (PREP): District Academic Senate has received a number of faculty concerns regarding the suspension of the PREP program at Mule Creek State Prison. We urge our district administration to work with LRCFT to resolve the safety issues that prompted LRCFT to suspend the MOU. Thank you in advance.
 - District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) has submitted their semester report, which includes a Resolution on Sunsetting Courses (attached). This resolution will encourage departments to sunset courses that have not or will not be offered within a three-year period to help ensure that students have access to courses listed in our catalog and degree programs.
 - The Faculty Hiring Manual Revision Work Group held its last meeting for the season on May 1st. The work group will reconvene in the fall.
 - Many thanks to our district administrators for their responsiveness and coordination with the State Chancellor's office to restore Canvas access to faculty, staff, and students following the recent outage events.
 - As we close out the spring semester, I would like to thank the Board for its support of and collegial consultation with the Academic Senate. We look forward to continuing the work together on behalf of our students.

- **Attachment: District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC) Resolution**
 Los Rios Community College District Curriculum Coordinating Committee Resolution on Sunsetting Courses
 Approved by LRCCD District Curriculum Coordinating Committee 04/24/2026

WHEREAS the District Curriculum Coordinating Committee (DCCC), as a senate committee of the LRCCD District Academic Senate, has purview over and responsibility for the coordination of curriculum from the four colleges in the district;

WHEREAS Standard 2.4 of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges requires that “the institution communicates clear, accurate, and accessible

information regarding programs, services, and resources that foster success in students' unique educational journeys," referring in part to Eligibility for Accreditation Requirement 20: "The institution provides a print or electronic catalog for its constituencies with precise, accurate, and current information concerning course, program, and degree offerings";

WHEREAS the LRCCD Counseling departments, the LRCCD Articulation Officers, and the LRCCD Curriculum Administrative and Faculty Co-Chairs regard a catalog accurately reflecting the colleges' course offerings as vital in drafting and maintaining degree pathways per regulations of the California Community College Chancellor's Office;

RESOLVED effective the 2027-2028 academic year, the DCCC urges the Local Curriculum Committees at the four colleges in the district to implement a policy sunsetting courses that have been in the college catalog for the prior three academic years, have not been offered (i.e., run) in that time, and lack a joint, signed commitment from the relevant discipline, Department Chair, and Division Dean to schedule the course within three academic years.