



ACADEMIC SENATE NEWS

ELAC's Academic Senate is the voice of faculty in academic and professional matters.

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Fall 2017 Remaining Meeting Dates

Academic Senate

Oct. 26

Nov. 14

Nov. 28

Dec. 12

2nd & 4th Tuesday, from
12:10-1:30pm, G1-301AB

Senate Exec

Nov. 1

Nov. 20

Dec. 6

12:10 -1:30pm, F5-307,
the Faculty Center

We encourage you to attend Senate/Senate Exec meetings. Meeting agendas are posted on the Senate website 72 hours in advance. While a limited number of agenda packets are available at the meeting, you can obtain the a pdf of agenda packet by requesting a copy via email hernanj@elac.edu.

Senate President's Message

Since the start of the semester, the Academic Senate has taken several notable actions, such as approving the ELAC Policy for Naming of Buildings, which calls for input by building users and the campus community before the college approves the naming of a building. I shared this policy with the District Academic Senate (DAS), where it was well-received. I will now pursue a DAS recommendation to the Board of Trustees that they revise their Board Rule on the naming of buildings to ensure that broad-based input occurs in advance of the Board voting to name a building.

In addition, Senate approved the appointment of Lisa "Hashi" Stone as our Senate Parliamentarian and elected Alan Khuu as its First Vice-President. Alan recently joined me at the ASCCC Area C meeting and will do so at the ASCCC Plenary as well.

Jeffrey Hernandez
Academic Senate President

Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC)

As noted during Opening Day, we are not alone. For instance, with the passage of AB 705, the ASCCC is currently pushing hard to ensure that the Chancellor's Office consult in the development of implementing regulations for AB 705 and follow the usual method of receiving input on draft regulations through the Consultation Council before presenting the draft regulations to the Board of Governors. In this way, the ASCCC advocates on our behalf to ensure a faculty voice at the state level. Moreover, at its upcoming plenary session, the ASCCC will deliberate on several timely resolutions, such as the following:

- Support for DACA Students
- College Autonomy and Faculty Purview for Determining Meta Majors or Areas of Focus
- Local Academic Senate Role in Developing and Implementing Guided Pathways Frameworks

Due to a limited supply, some of us did not receive a printed copy of the ASCCC September 2017 Rostrum. Fortunately, you can obtain a pdf version. You can [access full editions of the Senate Rostrums by clicking here](#).

The Academic Senate Website

The Academic Senate website has been revamped! It is now organized to highlight Senate and Senate Exec meeting information, followed by three broad folders

- About Us,
- Actions Taken, and
- News, Faculty Center, & Resources

Visit our website at <http://elac.edu/facultyStaff/committees/acadsenate/index.htm> and let us know what you think by sending your thoughts to boothkm@elac.edu

The ELAC Faculty Center

Need a place for your next meeting? Reserve the Faculty Center located in F5-307 at this link:

<http://www.elac.edu/facultyStaff/committees/acadsenate/facultyCenter.htm>

Whether reserving space or dropping in, the Faculty Center is available to all faculty. It has ample work space, a balcony, and a wall monitor with HDMI connections.

Gaining Access: You will need the new (horizontal) ID card. You can request a new ID card through IT by using the request form found in the Campus



Guided Pathways Update

What is Guided Pathways? A general description can be found in [the April 2017 Senate Newsletter](#). However, there's more than one answer. It is a nation-wide movement, going back several years, linked to Achieving the Dream and advances in developmental education. In recent years, we have seen different approaches to Guided Pathways emerge in California. In June of this year, the State approved funding for the California Guided Pathways Award Program so that all community colleges can embark on Guided Pathways. The monies are not for services but will pay for the process of moving our college to Guided Pathways, such as professional development. For instance, from what we are learning from colleges like Mt. Sac, Sierra College, and Skyline College, a model approach to Guided Pathways is one that is faculty driven with the support of administration. To ensure that happens, faculty, administrators, and staff will benefit from professional development and other support.

[Click here to learn how we are undertaking a faculty driven approach at ELAC as we launch Guided Pathways.](#)

New Senate Officer

Alan Khuu, First Vice-President



As a transfer student from East, I feel that I understand the financial, psychological, and academic challenges our students endure. Over the past 10 years, it has been a pleasure to teach and help our students find their way to become successful. During this time, I also became a STEM mentor, which enabled me to provide the guidance and pathway our STEM students need to achieve their academic and career goals. I have served as the Department Chair for Chemistry, and a Senate or AFT representative on the ELAC Shared Governance Council, Enrollment Management Committee, the Program Review and Viability Committee, and the Technology Planning Subcommittee, where was Co-Chair during the development of the Technology Master Plan. I have always made it a priority to serve our students, and I believe my role as the First Vice-President of the Academic Senate will allow me to contribute more.

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