



ACADEMIC SENATE NEWS

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

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Spring 2018 Senate Meetings

The Academic Senate meets on the **second and fourth Tuesday** of each month from **12:10 -1:30pm** in **G1-301A/B**.

Feb 13

Feb 27

Mar 13

Mar 27

Apr 10

Apr 24

May 8

May 22

All faculty are strongly welcomed to attend.

Senate President's Message

As we conclude the fall semester, I am reminded how the school year began with a host of challenges. Looking back, we can see great strides have occurred by relying upon our college's greatest strengths, in particular, its faculty.

For example, AB 705 will require that entering students complete transfer/college level English and Math within one year. ESL students will have three years to complete college level English. By relying upon our discipline experts in English and Math, ELAC has achieved substantial progress in rethinking course offerings to be in alignment with AB 705, and more work is planned with other colleges in the district this January. This faculty process of thoughtful curricular redesign will ensure our college is ready for fall 2019—the state's extended deadline for implementing AB 705.

As faculty, when you raise your voice, you help the college overcome challenges students face, such as ensuring our students have the classes and instructional support they need.

I applaud your collective efforts this semester and look forward to greater faculty engagement through the remainder of the school year.

Jeffrey Hernandez
Academic Senate President



Guided Pathways Progress

Fall 2017 campus forums on Guided Pathways commenced on November 30 and concluded December 7 at the South Gate Educational Center. The focus of the forums was to briefly review the Guided Pathways framework and begin the process of looking at "brutal facts" that demonstrate a need for pursuing the Guided Pathways approach.

The Fall 2017 Campus Forum presentation and the December 11 draft of the college's Guided Pathways Self-Assessment are accessible on [the Senate website's](#) Guided Pathways box.

Academic Senate Retreat and Social

On December 1, about 30 Senators, Alternates, Department Chairs, and interested faculty participated in the Fall 2017 Academic Senate Retreat and Social at Luminarias. After reviewing the origins of the influencing role of the Academic Senate, the retreat presentation reviewed the nature of "collegial consultation." The presentation is currently posted in the Announcement box on [the Senate website](#) and will later be relocated to the Resources tab.



Winter & Spring 2018 Senate Exec Meetings

Except where indicated otherwise, the Senate Executive Committee meets **12:10-1:30pm** in the Faculty Center, F5-307 on the following dates :

Tues, Jan 23, 10am

Weds, Feb 7

Weds, Feb 21

Mon, Mar 5

Mon, Mar 19

Mon, Apr 16

Mon, Apr 30

***Weds, May 16**

Like Senate meetings, all faculty are strongly welcomed to attend.

**Post-publication correction*

Transforming Lives Campaign

Have you donated to help students struggling with food, clothing and other basic necessities? If you missed the November 28 kick-off event, you can still contribute.

Learn what you can do by visiting the [ELAC Foundation annual giving page](#).



...and Pay Your Senate Dues to Contribute to Student Scholarships

As previously announced, the ELAC Foundation has created a convenient online payment method to help you support these deserving students. If you have not already paid your dues or would like to give, [click here to visit the Foundation's ELAC Academic Senate page](#).

Recall, that last year our funds supported students from 22 departments with awards of \$650.00 each. This was the highest amount we have ever raised and it was solely due to your collective generosity. The Academic Senate thanks you for your continued support of our students!

Academic Senate Annual Update

Although not a department or program, each year the Academic Senate submits an Annual Update Plan (AUP). [Click here for the Senate's AUP for 2018-19 on the OIEA website.](#)

Faculty Center

Located in **F5-307**, the Faculty Center has been the site of meetings/ workshops by AFT, Professional Development, and Senate Exec. It is also ideal for meeting campus guests, such as for advisory meetings. [Click here to check availability and book reservations.](#)



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