



ACADEMIC SENATE NEWS

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

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Senate President's Message

Over the summer, several ELAC Students, Writing Center Director Gisela Herrera, and I lobbied the Board of Trustees and Chancellor to seek a reversal of recent cuts to the maximum weekly hours and total years student employees are allowed to work for us. A couple of weeks ago, the Chancellor directed the colleges to return to the status quo while the issue continues to be reviewed internally. While this success is temporary and will require continued efforts to maintain, it was a pleasure to pitch in to help our students.

I suppose that is our mission as faculty at East Los Angeles. To prioritize the needs of our students above all else, no matter how challenging that may be. This year, with limited resources, we continue that struggle. We may not all agree on how to proceed, but we can all take solace in our shared commitment to doing what it takes to support our students.

Jeffrey Hernandez
Academic Senate President

Opening Day 2018, Thu, August 23, 2018

Don't forget to join all of us for ELAC's Opening Day 2018. This year's theme is "Gear Up 4 Success: Completing the 4Cs (Connect, Choose, Consult, Complete)". In light of the Guided Pathways initiative as well as AB 705 changes coming our way, this year's Opening Day will cover topics such as Equity, Leadership, & Guided Pathways; Designing Meta Majors; Reflective Practice to Increase Transfer Equity; Supplemental Instruction: What It Is and Why

It Works; Section 508 & Accessibility Training; and a plethora of workshops offered by your ELAC colleagues. So please join us for this day of professional development (by the way, it substantially helps to meet your flex hour obligation), a day which will culminate with a fun reception by the ELAC Foundation. Remember to also look for the Senate table and pay your Senate Dues on that day as well! Again, see you Thursday, August 23, 2018, 8:00am-3:30pm (8:00-8:45am Registration, Flex Check-in & Breakfast at G3-Auditorium).



Fall 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.**

All faculty are strongly welcomed to attend these meetings.

Aug 28

Sep 11

Sep 25

Oct 9

Oct 23

Nov 13

Nov 27

Dec 11

Senate Dues Helping Students

The bulk of your Senate dues goes to funding student scholarships. The following testimonial shows how your generosity makes a difference:



I would like to take the time to thank the Academic Senate, East Los Angeles College Foundation, and the Child Development Center for choosing me as one of the recipients for the spring scholarship. Thanks to that grant I was able to finish paying my laptop which is essential device to further my education. I will be able to continue my education in the Child Development field without worrying about monthly payments and focus on my school work. I am grateful for your foundation and the assistance you provide for students like me. Once again thank you.

Sincerely
Maria Fernanda Sanchez.

Remember to donate online to the Senate Scholarship fund [at the Foundation's ELAC Academic Senate page](#) to continue to help students like Maria achieve her dreams!

Fall 2018 Senate Exec Meetings

The Senate Executive Committee meets in the Faculty Center, F5-307, on the following dates:

Wed, Sep 5
1:30-3:00pm

Mon, Sep 17
12:00-1:30pm

Wed, Oct 3
1:30-3:00pm

Mon, Oct 15
12:00-1:30pm

Wed, Nov 7
2:00-3:30pm

Mon, Nov 19
12:00-1:30pm

Wed, Dec 5
2:00-3:30pm

Other Key Events

DAS/District Summit:

Sept 21, LACC

ELAC Senate Retreat

Nov 30, 1-4pm
Location TBA

DAS Leadership on AB 705

At a summit held on August 10, District Academic Senate President Angela Echeverri presented on the far reaching impact of AB 705. Her presentation included the following:

AB 705 Will Affect All Disciplines

- All degrees will continue to have transfer-level English (e.g.: English 101) requirement.
- Most students who have completed high school or been in 11th grade will be granted competency for Intermediate Algebra (e.g.: Math 125).
- Transfer Degrees: Will continue to have transfer level Math requirements (~22% of LACCD Degrees).
- Local Degrees: Students may not be required to complete any college Math classes for many local degrees after AB 705 implementation (~78% of LACCD Degrees).

Be on the lookout for more guidance from the District Academic Senate in the near future, including a Fall District Discipline Day on October 19 or 26.

Academic Senate Website

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The Academic Senate of East Los Angeles College is the voice of the faculty in academic and professional matters. **The Senate meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:10 pm in G1-301 A/B.** Visitors are always welcome.

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Announcement:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING ABOUT AB 705 ▶

Visit Our Faculty Center



To check Faculty Center availability and make reservations, [click here](#)

Guided Pathways

- ▶ Electronic Toolkit
- ▶ The Launch at ELAC
- ▶ Fall 2017 Campus Forum (opt)

We encourage you to visit our updated Academic Senate website at <https://www.elac.edu/facultyStaff/committees/acadsenate/index.htm>. You will be able to see the Senate and Senate Executive Committee's agendas, minutes, meeting schedules, and actions taken. Moreover, you will be able to access useful resources that the Senate provides to you, including items related to Guided Pathways, AB 705, the budget, the faculty center, and current committee information. You will do a great service to our campus community by serving on committees, so please click "About Us" under "Senate Information" to learn more about committees and/or email [Ken Chairprasert, 2nd VP](mailto:Ken.Chairprasert@elac.edu), for more info.

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