



DISTRICT GOVERNANCE SENATE MINUTES

September 22, 2026; 3:10 – 4:45 PM

Visalia Campus – Sequoia 1

Members Present

Administration:	Juan Vazquez, Brent Davis, Courtney Sallam
Faculty:	Joshua Geist, Esther Sandoval, Tracy Redden
Adjunct Faculty:	Amelia Sweeney
Classified:	Shane Hettick, Ashley Fisher
Committee Representatives:	Dali Öztürk, Francisco Banuelos, Elise Garcia
Ex Officio:	
Members Absent:	Donnie Charles, Adrienne Duarte, Lindsey Stewart, Ashley Martinez, Jeremy Mallouf, Ron Perez, Dave Richert, Brent Calvin
Students:	Miles Wirht, Vanessa Real
Guests:	Arianna Kennedy, Wil Hobbs, Lauren Fishback, Jesse Wilcoxson

I CALL TO ORDER

Juan Vazquez called the meeting to order at 3:11 PM.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

- Regarding items ON the agenda – None
- Regarding items NOT on the agenda – None

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/8/2026

Öztürk moved to approve the minutes from 9/8/26 as presented. Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV STANDING REPORTS

1. Budget – See attached report
2. Technology - See attached report
3. Institutional Planning & Effectiveness – See attached report
4. Institutional Program Review - Still need a Faculty Member. See attached report
5. Equity, Diversity, & Action – E. Garcia: First meeting was held last week. E Garcia is no longer the Administrative Co-chair, Michelle Gilbert will be the new Administrative Co-Chair. EDAC is still in need of a faculty co-chair. EDAC is currently working on initiatives. Institutionally funded, does add some changes to how proposals are funded. Garcia is currently working through process of what it looks like for this next year and will let everyone know when the process is finalized. There are two students represented on the EDAC committee. Michelle Gilbert will attend the next DGS meeting.
6. Academic Senate – See attached report.
J. Vazquez: is there something that stems off of the AI Task force? There are some AI policies drafted, the recommendations were approved by Senate, but the recommendations have not adapted by the institution.
Geist – there may not be any additional work, and it might move forward to DGS.
7. Student Senate : working on events and have established core values. Working on mid-term distress and partnered with health center. There will be a table for the Trunk or Treat at the football game on Halloween. The Multi- Cultural Fair is this Thursday.

V INFORMATION

1. Academic Calendars for AY 2028-29, AY 2029-30 and AY 2030-31
Wilcoxson: met as a calendar committee to discuss options on balancing the calendars. The summer session is determined by FTES. In order to push the FTES into the upcoming year, the session needs to end after July 1st. This will give the option to push or pull the FTES to benefit the college. All other items on the calendar are fairly routine.
2. AP/BP 1st read
 - a. AP 5040 – Student Records and Directory
Kennedy: updates are in bold, items have been added from the League language. Some items were removed, those are struck through.
Geist: do the additions just reflect the league language?
Kennedy: bolded items are updated language from the League. Dali made the institutional changes.
 - b. AP 6303 – Awards
Vazquez: This is a brand new AP that is straight from the League and the Chancellors office. Allows clubs to purchase the items listed on the AP.
Hobbs: clubs provide recognition to students for excellence/outstanding work. Because there wasn't an AP, we were prevented from using club funds for this. The Chancellor's office and League allows for this as long as there is an AP in place. This AP will give guidelines on this process.

VI ACTION

ADJOURNMENT: 3:31pm