



DISTRICT GOVERNANCE SENATE MINUTES

September 8, 2026; 3:10 – 4:45 PM

Visalia Campus – Sequoia 1

Members Present

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

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 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. Identification of members – Each member introduced themselves and the constituency group they represent.
2. Election of non-administrative co-chair
Davis nominated Shane Hettick as non-administrative co-chair. Öztürk seconded the motion. Sweeney motioned to move to action. Seconded by Davis. Motion unanimously approved.
3. Schedule meetings for 2026-27 academic year.
 - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays except holidays (schedule attached)
 - Feb meetings will have one in Hanford and one in Tulare.
4. Review the Governance & Decision-Making Manual.
5. Review the District Governance Senate By-laws. Update if necessary.
6. Review the COS District Objectives.
7. Establish structure and timing of committee reports.
 - Submit reports to Morghan by EOD Thursday before meeting.
8. Develop new year's initiatives to align with district goals and objectives
 - If anyone has an initiative, email Juan

IV APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5/12/2026

Öztürk moved to approve the minutes from 5/12/26 as presented. Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V STANDING REPORTS

1. Budget – no report. First meeting is Thursday
2. Technology – first meeting, organizational meeting is Monday. Technology committee needs a Part Time faculty and Full Time faculty. Needs clarification on process to update committee members. Esther will email faculty for representatives and look for clarification on committee representative process.
3. Institutional Planning & Effectiveness – See attached reports. All membership positions are filled.
4. Institutional Program Review – see attached report. Need a faculty member for program review – meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4pm.
5. Equity, Diversity, & Action – New administrative Co-chair: Michelle Gilbert, faculty will vote on Co-chair.
6. Academic Senate – See attached report. Still have vacancies on committee A and committee B.
Calvin: asked if votes can still count while soliciting new votes?
Sandoval: it was decided to start from scratch and try again.
7. Student Senate – Real gave update. There was a Welcome Week in Hanford on Monday/Tuesday with donuts and directions. Tulare campus had pancakes for welcome week. Ag Council had a welcome back barbeque. Visalia had club rush and a job fair. Transfer Days is in progress and going well.

VI INFORMATION

1. Last year we focused on the AP/BP 5000s. This year we will focus on the AP/BPs 6000s.

VII ACTION

1. Co-Chair nomination

Committee voted unanimously to approve Shane Hettick as Co-Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

- 3:36pm