



DISTRICT GOVERNANCE SENATE MINUTES

April 22, 2025; 3:10 – 4:45 PM

Visalia Campus – Sequoia 1

Members Present

Administration:	Juan Vazquez, John Bratsch, Donnie Charles
Faculty:	David Hurst, Tracy Redden
Adjunct Faculty:	Amelia Sweeney, Charles Slaght
Classified:	Shane Hettick, Ashley Martinez, Ashley Fisher
Committee Representatives:	Dave Richert, Dali Öztürk, Francisco Banuelos, Jillin Elizondo
Ex Officio:	Brent Calvin
Members Absent:	Brent Davis, Juan Arzola, Adrienne Duarte, Nick Terry, Marcus Anderson, Ron Perez
Guests:	Courtney Sallam, Elise Garcia, Francisco Castillo

I CALL TO ORDER

Juan Vazquez called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

II PUBLIC COMMENT

- Regarding items ON the agenda – Banuelos commended Hurst for his explanation of the AI Task Force at the last Academic Senate meeting.
- Regarding items NOT on the agenda – Hurst moved to place the revised AP 7211 – Equivalency as an information item on today's agenda, seconded by Slaght. Motion carried unanimously.

Slaght requested an update on the current status of advisory councils within the governance structure.

Vazquez announced that Nick Terry had to resign from DGS, so we will need a new CSEA representative.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4/8/25

Approval of minutes tabled to the 5/13/25 meeting due to insufficient time for review.

IV STANDING REPORTS

1. Budget – Standing report attached.
2. Technology – No report.
3. Institutional Planning & Effectiveness – Öztürk reviewed the attached Standing Report. Calvin commended Öztürk, Hurst, and the Master Plan Task Force members for their very impressive work, and expressed his appreciation.
4. Institutional Program Review – Banuelos announced a joint meeting with Budget Committee, Institutional Planning & Effectiveness Committee, and the Outcomes & Assessment Committee on April 29.
5. Equity, Diversity, & Action – Elizondo reported that two proposals are under review.
6. Academic Senate – Hurst reviewed the attached Standing Report.
7. Student Senate – No report.
8. Accreditation Update – No report.

V INFORMATION

1. **2025 District Governance Senate Surveys Update** – Öztürk encouraged members and all committee members to participate in the survey. If you need the survey resent, please contact the Research Office. Be mindful of the agreement scale and ensure you select the correct response (agree/disagree). Survey closes April 30.

2. **Revised Framework Proposal for an AI Taskforce (3rd Read)** – Hurst presented the revised framework which updates the membership with all groups now equally represented.

Slaght moved to place the AI Taskforce Proposal under action, seconded by Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **BP/AP Review (2nd Read)**

- a. AP 5017 – Responding to Inquiries of Immigration Status
- b. AP 5073 – Mandatory First Day Attendance for Credit Classes
- c. BP 5073 – Mandatory First Day Attendance
- d. AP 5075 – Course Adds and Drops
- e. AP 5110 – Counseling
- f. BP 5110 – Counseling
- g. AP 5130 – Financial Aid Services
- h. BP 5130 – Financial Aid Services
- i. AP 5140 – Access and Ability Center – Hurst asked about service animals and students needing prior authorization from the Access and Ability Center. It was noted that this is covered in AP 3440 - Service Animals.
- j. BP 5140 – Access and Ability Center
- k. AP 7211 – Equivalency – Hurst shared that this has been tabled by the Academic Senate indefinitely for a couple of years, but it's vital that the AP matches our process. Hurst reviewed the changes, which align with the actual process, noting that a lot of research went into these revisions. He also discussed the committee's exposure to complaints, unlike other hiring committees. Bratsch requested to review the document.

Sweeney noted that the edits requested for AP 5073 and AP 5075 at the 4/8/22 meeting are not posted. It was noted that Student Services personnel are still working on the edits, and they will be made available at the 5/13/25 meeting.

Hurst asked about using "he/she/they" and why not just use "they." Calvin reminded everyone that this use of pronouns was approved at the board level.

VI ACTION

4. **2025-2035 COS Master Plan** – Öztürk presented a PowerPoint overview of the 2025-2035 Master Plan, combining educational and facilities plans. The plan evaluates existing conditions against the District Mission, identifying strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and needs. The planning process included District-wide dialogue, analyzing trends, conditions, and demographic projections to project growth, identify challenges, and develop District Goals. These goals guide the allocation of efforts and resources, linking the Master Plan to short-term plans (Strategic Plan and Program Review) and the District Mission.

Slaght moved to approve the COS 2025-2035 as presented, seconded by Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **2025-2028 COS Strategic Plan (2nd Read)** – Öztürk reported no changes from the first read.

Hurst moved to approve the 2025-2028 Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Slaght. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Revised Framework Proposal for an AI Taskforce (3rd Read)** – Slaght moved to approve the AI Taskforce Proposal as presented, seconded by Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Vazquez adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.