Riverside City College Academic Senate
June 8, 2026 • 3:00 - 5:00 PM • Hall of Fame

3:00 I. Call to Order at 3:02 pm, quorum met

Roll Call

Academic Senate Officers (Term ending 2026)
President: Jo Scott-Coe
Vice President: Star Taylor
Secretary-Treasurer: Megan Bottoms

Department Senators (Term ending 2026)
Art: Bryan Keene-Not present
Chemistry: Leo Truttmann
Cosmetology: Rebecca Kessler
Counseling: Sal Soto
Dance and Theatre: Jason Buuck-Not present
Economics/Geography/Political Science: Sean Pries
Kinesiology: Jim Elton-Not present
Nursing Education: Lee Nelson -Not present
Physical Science: Aaron Sappenfield-Not present
School of Education & Teacher Preparation: Kayla Henry

Associate Faculty Senator (Term ending 2026)
Lindsay Weiler – Not present

Department Senators (Term ending 2027)
Applied Technology: Patrick Scullin
Behavioral Science: Eddie Perez
Business, Law & CIS: Skip Berry
Communication Studies: Lucretia Rose
English: Christine Sandoval
History/Philosophy/Humanities/Ethnic Studies: Daniel Borses
Library & Learning Resources: Sally Ellis
Life Sciences: Gregory Russell
Mathematics: Mary Legner
Music: Steve Mahpar
World Languages: Huda Aljord-Not present

Ex-Officio Senators
TLLC: Lashonda Carter-Not present
ASC: Jacquie Lesch
EPOC: Wendy McKeen
GEMQLC: Virginia White
RDASLC: Patrick Scullin
SAS LC: Melissa Harman -Not present

Curriculum: Kelly Douglass
Parliamentarian: Sal Soto

RCCD Faculty Association
Araceli Calderon

Administrative Representatives
College President: Eric Bishop (Interim)
VP Academic Affairs: Lynn Wright
VP Business Services: Elia Blount
VP Planning and Development: Kristi Woods
VP Student Services: FeRita Carter

ASRCC Representative
Latiesha Williams

Recorder of Minutes
Sydney Minter

Guests
Shari yates, CTE

3:05 II. Approval of the Agenda
M/S/C: (Taylor/Berry) approved by consensus

3:05 Ill. Approval of the Minutes
April 20, May 4 (tabled until Fall 2026-27), May 18
i. M/S/C: (Soto/Borses) April 20 approved by consensus
ii. M/S/C: (Legner/Borses) May 18 approved by consensus with a correction to a missed word that was missing in ASRCC's report. The word that was missing was budget.

3:08 lV. Public Comments
Flex hours are due by June 30th. There will be a hard stop because Flex Track is switching to a new updated system. Please let faculty in your departments know of the new system.

3:18 V. Liaison Reports
i. RCCD Faculty Association – None
ii. College President or designee**-** None
iii. ASRCC Representative**-** None

3:30 VI. Committee or Council Updates - None

3:35 VII. Ongoing Business

A. Vice President Taylor or designee will conduct a vote on the faculty nominees for EPOC faculty tri-chair (2026-28) (action)
    a. **EPOC Tri-chair, Wendy McKeen- (Unanimous)**

B. Vice President Taylor or designee will conduct a vote on faculty nominees for district committees (2026-28) (action)
    a. RCC Rep for Professional Growth & Sabbatical Leave Committee-
        - Marquetta Booker- (Withdrew)
        - Laneshia Judon- Business Law & Computer Information Systems (1Vote)
        - **Jacquie Lesch - Library-(9 votes)**
        - Star Taylor- English & Media Studies-(5 votes)

    b. RCC Rep for RCCD Global learning & Study Abroad
        - **Alex Ygloria-Counseling/Disability Resource Center, RCC (13yes/1 no/2 abstaining)**

    c. RCC Rep for District Safety and Security Sub Committee
        - Alicia Berber- Kinesiology- (1vote)
        - **Jo Scott Coe- English & Media Studies- (13 votes)**

    d. RCC Rep for District Enrollment Management Committee
        - **Kirsten Gerdes- Humanities/Philosophy – (13yes/3 abstaining)**

    e. RCC Rep for Facilities Naming Committee
        - Garth Schultz- Counseling (3 votes)
        - **Virginia White- Life Sciences- (11 yes/1 abstention)**

    f. No nominees for the committees below and we will revisit this in Fall 2026-27
        - RCC Reps for RCCD Advancement and Partnerships Committee
        - RCC Rep for RCCD Alternate Resources Sub-Committee
        - RCC Rep for RCC Guided Pathways Sub-Committee

    g. All those in favor of the nominees that have been set forth (**15 yes and 1 abstention)**

C. President Scott-Coe or designee will conduct a vote to accept update of the RCCAS bylaws to reflect the approval on May 18 of the DE Committee proposal to be recognized as a standing committee of Academic Senate (action)
    a. This was a recommendation that Senate approved at the last meeting to formally ensure that the DE committee's proposal is to be a standing committee of the Academic Senate to be included in the bylaws.
    b. The Distance Education Committee has been moved to standing status and now matches the curriculum committee in terms of its representation rather than divisional representation.
    c. The logistical pieces, to align with this, will require representation from the departments. This will need to be brought back in Fall 2026-27 so the logistical issue can be resolved.
        i. M/S/C: (Russell/Rose) approved by consensus

D. Secretary-Treasurer Bottoms will provide reminders for graduation and the RCCAS faculty reception (information)
  a. Riverside City College's Commencement will be held this Friday, June 12th at 6pm.
  b. The Faculty Reception, with refreshments and recognition of retiring or promoted faculty, starts at 4:15pm in BLCIS 114.
  c. Faculty will process down to the football field behind the scoreboard and are reminded not to wear high heels, bring water and a fan if needed, and Senate officers should wear their stoles.
  d. A group faculty photo will be taken.
  e. Students have been reminded about appropriate behavior at commencement through several emails, and in the past, they were required to watch a conduct video.

4:25 VIII. New Business

A. RCCAS will welcome new senators and officers beginning terms in 2026 (information and discussion)
  a. We want to take this time to welcome our new senators and celebrate them.
    i. Skip Berry is not returning and Jennifer Cor will be his replacement
    ii. Daniel Eini will be replacing Patrick Scullin for CTE
    iii. Daniel Borses- not returning and does not know the replacement
    iv. Virginia McKee Leone-is replacing Lindsay Weiler as the part-time faculty representative
  b. Those returning Senators
    i. Gregory Russell returning
    ii. Leo Truttmann returning
    iii. Mary Legner returning
    iv. Sally Ellis returning
    v. Lucretia Rose returning
    vi. Christine Sandoval returning
    vii. Sen Pries-returning
    viii. Sal Soto-returning
    ix. Kayla Henry returning as secretary treasurer of Academic Senate
    x. Megan Bottoms- is returning as the Vice President of Academic Senate
    xi. Patrick Scullin- is returning as the new President of Academic Senate

B. President Scott-Coe or designee will seek input for Chancellor Search Committee (discussion)
  a. President Scott-Coe, in her final duties, is representing faculty in the search for a new chancellor to succeed Chancellor Isaac, who has served for 10 years.
  b. Feedback from faculty on Chancellor characteristic:
    i. The new chancellor should embody a comprehensive "standard of care," ensuring all constituent groups are included in their vision and decisions.
    ii. Ideal candidates will have experience working with faculty and students, understand the unique needs of HSI and BSI institutions, and recognize the differences in scale between the district's three colleges.
    iii. They should value partnerships with four-year institutions and businesses, stay current with educational trends, prioritize equity and student success, and approach district processes with a critical eye.

iv. The district's role should be clearly defined, and opportunities like study abroad should be accessible to all colleges.
v. Faculty want the new chancellor to treat all faculty equitably, consider input from all three colleges in strategic planning, and support administrators who continue to teach.
vi. There is also a call for open forums with the new chancellor to allow direct questions from individuals.

C. RCCAS will discuss ongoing topics and goals for AY 2026-27 (information + discussion)
   a. Key topics for the upcoming academic year include:
      i. Division ratifications (Counseling, LHSS, and DE) will occur in August.
      ii. EPOC bylaws will be presented for a first and second read at Academic Senate meetings.
      iii. President Scott-Coe and new Senate President Patrick Scullin are discussing ways to improve feedback loops from committees and councils.
      iv. Ongoing and upcoming issues include faculty involvement in space optimization/utilization, collegial consultation, airport programs, CCAP, accreditation, Hy-Flex, Canvas early alert pilot, Student Equity/BEST/Strategic Plans implementation, FLEX guidelines, PDF accessibility, safety audits, AI discussion, BPAP edits for first-day accessibility, DE certification, and ensuring faculty representation in the facilities master plan.
   b. Approval of May 4th and June 8th minutes will happen at the first 2026-27 meeting.

D. RCCAS will review the RCCD academic calendar, senate meetings, and elections schedule for AY 2026-27 (information)
   a. The final academic calendar, approved by the Board of Trustees, now includes information on AB963 voting, including dates and deadlines.
   b. Academic Senate and District Academic Senate meeting dates for the new year have also been added.
   c. EPOC bylaws are updated for election cycles, though minor changes to the grid are expected.
   d. Some divisions had late entries during ratification, but department elections and representation will begin in the fall. Support is available for departments needing help publicizing openings, and representation will be especially important for divisions with odd-year election cycles.

E. Ratification of new and ongoing appointments: President Scott-Coe or designee will present candidates for the following committees or councils (action)
   a. RDAS Faculty Chair: Tucker Amidon
      ▪ M/S/C: (Legner/Scullin) approved by consensus
   b. Division Results for 2026-28 Representatives
      i. Couple divisions did not have results
         1. CTE, No elections SP26
         2. Fine and Performing Arts, No elections SP26
      ii. Counseling, Library and Learning Resources & Academic Support, results pending for SP26
      iii. Nursing/Health Related Sciences
         1. CMAC (2026-28) Mary Fehn

        2. DE (2026-28) April Carillo
        3. Faculty Development (2026-28) Diana Segura-Lovo
    iv. LHSS- has a few positions outstanding and those will be ratified in August

- M/S/C: (Rose/Henry)- to ratify the results as submitted- approved by consensus

4:30 IX. Officer Reports: President, VP, and Secretary-Treasurer will provide any final updates for SP26

A. Vice President Star Taylor:
- Absolutely NO high heels at commencement
- Come ready to enjoy and have fun with our students at this year's commencement
- Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President this has been a fantastic year.
- Thank you to Jo Scott Coe. Jo is phenomenal and we thank her,

B. Secretary Megan Bottoms: , thank you Jo

C. President Jo Scott Coe:
- thank you for trusting me with this privilege, thank you for being amazing team
- Jo says she is grateful to have had the capacity for this, and she would like for faculty to see it in one another.

4:45 X. Open Hearing
- Flex-faculty: take a picture of your flex progress in case something happens with the implementation of the new Flex Track system
    - Department chairs are requesting the deadline for flex approvals to be extended to make sure that everything is approved and faculty are given credit for the hours they have completed.
    - Get flex hours in so department chairs can approve them
- In the library, a book with no authorship might be an indication of AI, so please be aware when choosing materials
- Patrick Scullin and Kayla Henry brought Senate leadership a gift and flowers

4:45 XI. Learn, Share, Do
- Commencement is Friday
- No high heels on the field
- Faculty Reception is in CIS 114A/B at 4:15pm-5:15pm

5:00 XII. Adjourn at 4:35pm

M/S/C: (Berry/Truttmann) approved by consensus