

**SADDLEBACK COLLEGE – ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**February 07, 2024**

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saddleback College, AGB 106

8	<b>Senate Officers:</b>		50	Jennifer Hedgecock	Present
9	Margot Lovett, Ph.D., President	Present	51	Kris Leppien-Christensen	Present
10	Heidi Ochoa, President-Elect	Present	52	Poly Zweigle	Present
11	Dan Walsh, Past-President	Present	53	Caroline Gee Alt.	Present
12	Fémia Scarfone, Vice President-at-Large	Present	54		
13	Efren Rangel, Vice President for Equity and		55	<b>Division of Instructional Support and Teaching</b>	
14	Inclusion	Present	56	<b>Innovations</b>	<b>(1)</b>
15	Michelle Duffy, Ed.D., Recorder	Present	57	Jenny Langrell	Present
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17	<b>School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design</b>		59	<b>Division of Kinesiology &amp; Athletics</b>	<b>(2)</b>
18	<b>(5)</b>		60	Brandee Craig	Present
19	Maria Mayenzet	Present	61	BJ McNicol	Absent
20	Nils Taylor	Absent	62	Lindsay Steinriede, Alt	Absent
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22	<b>School of Business and Industry</b>	<b>(1)</b>	64	<b>School of Science, Technology Engineering and</b>	
23	Alan Foote	Present	65	<b>Math</b>	<b>(7)</b>
24	Emily Quinlan	Absent	66	Sam Abbas	Present
25	Taylor Brooks	Present	67	Jeff Barnett	Absent
26			68	Morgan Barrows	Present
27	<b>Division of Counseling Services and Special</b>		69	Frank Gonzalez	Present
28	<b>Programs</b>	<b>(5)</b>	70	Jonathan Luque	Present
29	Ann Marie Breslin	Present	71	Sumaya McCleave	Present
30	Casey Eyman	Present	72	Michele Rousseau	Present
31	Michelle Gustafson	Present	73		
32	Mike Long	Present	74	<b>Associate Faculty</b>	<b>(4)</b>
33	Sarah Chang	Present	75	Eva Marie Rodriguez Morris	Present
34	Jane D. Killer, Alt.	Absent	76	Wonderful Nancy Allah	Present
35	Jennifer Rachman, Alt.	Absent	77		
36			78	<b>Shared Governance Group Representative</b>	
37	<b>Division of Extended Learning</b>	<b>(1)</b>	79	Jenny Langrell, Faculty Assoc.	Present
38	Jill Ibbotson	Present	80	Chantelle Gill, Classified Senate	Present
39	Stacy Eldred, Alt	Present	81	Erlynn Ballo, CSEA	Present
40			82	Mack Healy, ASG	Present
41	<b>School of Health &amp; Wellness</b>	<b>(3)</b>	83		
42	Nahid Meshkin	Present	84	<b>Guest(s)</b>	
43			85	Yadira De La Cruz	
44	<b>School of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>	<b>(9)</b>			
45	Anwar Hijaz	Present			
46	April Cabbage	Absent			
47	Bouchra Nadeau	Present			
48	Christina Smith	Absent			
49	Emily Blumenthal	Present			

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

**2. INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS & NEW SENATORS**

Margot Lovett, Academic Senate President asked new senators and guests present to introduce themselves and share the area being represented. Yadira De la Cruz, a new full-time faculty member from Adult Ed, introduced herself.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Anwar Hijaz moved to adopt the agenda with the flexibility to move items to accommodate guests. Morgan Barrows seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the agenda.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM January 17, 2024.**

Dan Walsh moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. Heidi Ochoa seconded. The Academic Senate unanimously approved the adoption of the minutes.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

EvaMarie Rodriquez of One Book, One College, shared that they will be holding a book distribution on Friday, February 9th rain or shine in Parking Lot 1 by Community Education from 12-2pm. Faculty, staff and students are welcome to grab a book. Email her if you'd like to pick up a class set.

128 **6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

129 Margot Lovett informed senators of the following:

- 130 • District wide workgroup for faculty hiring consists of both AS presidents, College  
131 Presidents, the VCHR, and the Director of Recruitment. They have been meeting for  
132 three years, doing a comprehensive review of the district's full-time faculty hiring  
133 practices including where positions are advertised. Last year we developed a list of  
134 affinity groups or affiliated discipline organizations to expand recruitment. The  
135 actual hiring process is being discussed and specifically the process for determining  
136 equivalency to minimum quals. Moreover, there is discussion of standardizing the  
137 practice of giving the interview questions to candidates in advance. The goal is to  
138 make the process more equitable. The final topic being discussed in moving to  
139 progressive rankings for scoring faculty candidates. This would be consistent with  
140 the existing process for hiring managers /classified professionals. We will eventually  
141 need to revise the AR. Send feedback to Margot. This will come back as an AR and  
142 allow us to discuss.
- 143 • CIC meeting met on Tuesday- Village 9 is going to be demolished since it has  
144 structural issues; the Quad renovation phase 2 will begin Summer 2024 and likely  
145 finish Spring 2025; SSC renovations will start in Spring 2025- Student Services has  
146 already been relocated to the Gateway Building.

148 **7. CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS**

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150 **A. Faculty Association**

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152 Jenny Langrell shared that negotiations are heating up and FA will likely be asking for faculty  
153 to come out and speak to need for increased monies. Showing up to meetings in mass  
154 matters to the Board. A few main things being negotiated:

- 155 • Parity for PT faculty
- 156 • Change the highest level you can come in on the salary schedule
- 157 • Overall raise

158 Four Board members are up for reelection. PAC meeting next Tuesday from 5-6pm to  
159 discuss who the FA is supporting.

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161 **B. Student Government**

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163 Mack Healy, representative for ASG, had no report.

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165 **C. Classified Senate/Association**

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167 Chantelle Gil shared that the Classified Senate is planning their Classified Professional  
168 Development Day to be held on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Forest Community Center.  
169 They will be assembling a panel of experts to speak.

170 **D. California School Employees Association**

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172 Erlynn Ballo reported that CSEA had elections and new leaders were elected. They will  
173 likely go into negotiations in April.

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176 **8. ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

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178 **A. Curriculum**

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180 Femia Scarfone motioned to adopt the Consent Calendar items. Taylor Brooks seconded.  
181 The Academic Senate voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar items.

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184 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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186 **A. Approval of Faculty to Sit on Committees**

187 Anwar Hijaz motioned to approve changes to Faculty to Sit on Committees. Ann Marie  
188 Breslin seconded. The Academic Senate voted unanimously to approve changes to Faculty  
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191 **B. Board Policies/Administrative Regulations**

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193 Dan Walsh shared that their next meeting will be at the end of the month. What's coming  
194 up:

- 195 • IVC has finally begun to review the calendar we sent forward.
- 196 • Study Abroad policy is being reviewed and revised.

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198 **C. Curriculum Update**

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200 Michelle Duffy shared with senators that the deadline for submitting new course/program  
201 for possible fall 2025 implementation was January 26, 2024. The new window will close in  
202 the fall. The next thing on the horizon will be scheduled review of courses. The list of  
203 courses up for scheduled review will be posted in the Curriculum Committee SharePoint on  
204 or before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Courses are then due to be reviewed and launched in META by April  
205 30<sup>th</sup>. A list of workshops to help with scheduled review will be held in the Faculty Center  
206 beginning the first week of March. Dates and times are posted in the Curriculum Committee  
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209 **D. Middle College High School Feasibility Task Force Update**

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211 Margot Lovett reminded senators about the purpose behind Middle College-it is targeted at  
212 underrepresented or underserved students and aims to give these high school students a  
213 jump start on their college education. She mentioned the statement she made at a previous  
214 meeting and clarified her intent.

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216 The taskforce has met twice. President Stern attended the last meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He  
217 was asked whether or not Saddleback has signed agreements with CUSD or what  
218 promises/commitments have been made to CUSD. He said that no agreements have been  
219 signed and no commitments have been made. Elliot reiterated that the purpose of the  
220 taskforce is to determine whether or not Middle College is feasible and desired on our  
221 campus.

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223 The location of Middle College High School was also discussed. The first floor of BGS had  
224 been proposed. Taskforce members expressed concern about this, since it has the potential  
225 to negatively affect instruction. At this point, the Village is being noted as a potential  
226 location. The only issue was that the space will be temporary, since it is possible that in the  
227 future Saddleback may build student housing on that site.

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229 During February the taskforce will be collecting information and developing a list of  
230 questions to ask as part of the feasibility study. Margot reached out to six AS Presidents at  
231 colleges that host a MCHS. Three responded. One responded that she did know much about  
232 the Middle College on campus. Another suggested that she speak to the Curriculum Chair  
233 who would know more.

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235 The team will be visiting Santa Ana College on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting with the AS  
236 President, Curriculum Chair, and hopefully the MCHS Principal.

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238 Concerns over the number of high school students in a class is a concern as some faculty are  
239 not enthusiastic about having minors in class.

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241 Wonderful Nancy Allah shared that her experiences with high school students has been  
242 positive. The students have been mature and hard working. Poly Zweigle added that our  
243 college students also would not want to a lot of high school students in their college classes.  
244 Margot clarified that in our discussions with CUSD we will raise the issue of limiting the  
245 number of MCHS students in each our our classes.

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247 More discussion ensued and experiences were shared.

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#### 249 **E. 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**

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251 Dan Walsh shared that the district-wide calendar committee met but the colleges did not  
252 get to see each other's calendars in advance. IVC, for the first time, suggested that we

253 comeback early since it is good for the students. The calendars will be presented at the next  
 254 Academic Senate meeting. Christie Smead will email senator the options. Please get  
 255 feedback from your areas and bring it back to our next meeting. Memorial Day is so early  
 256 that it is creating an issue for the 2025-2026 calendar. Please note that on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:01pm  
 257 Dan Walsh was commended for responding diplomatically to IVC's suggestion of an earlier  
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## 261 **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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### 263 **A. AI in Higher Education: Post-Human Teaching and Learning**

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265 Anthony Szczurek walked Senators through a PowerPoint on Human Teaching and Learning  
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Dangers of AI:

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### 291 **B. Honors Advisory Board Update**

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Anthony Szczurek reminded senators that Deidre Cavazzi has taken over, created a new  
 direction for the program, and given it new energy. Things that have been done:

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- No admission letter required

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- Originally 170 honors students, now at 300 students

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- Weekly events on campus

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- Outreach to high schools

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- Expanding curriculum offerings

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- Focused on changing campus culture about honors and making it seem less exclusive

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### **C. DEIAC Update**

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305 This is the new name for EIC. Efren Rangel is the faculty tri-chair. He updated senators on  
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- Purpose of the council is to bring together college-wide equity work

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- Susana Castellanos is the Director of College Equity, Inclusion, and Access

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- The name of the council was changed to align with the purpose and mission of the college

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- Council membership was updated to include representation that was better balanced

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- The Land Acknowledgement was approved by the Acjachemen Nation

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- The focus this semester is reviewing the Student Equity and Achievement Plan through an equity lens

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- Multicultural Center is currently in BGS 248, but the plan is to move to SSC 102 in fall 2024

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319 He emphasized that it is an open council. All are welcome to attend. The membership is  
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### **D. Bloom Program Update**

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## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **A. Executive**

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### **B. College/Senate Committees**

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336 Dan Walsh of the Way Finding Workgroup shared that the consensus is that we will keep our initials for the buildings. What those will ultimately be has not been decided. He wanted

337 feedback on whether we should have “generic” names for the buildings (ie. Oak, Apsen  
338 etc...). The idea of a “You are Here” app was discussed as a way to help students navigate  
339 the campus.

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341 He also discussed the TIC committee and reported that the Flex Week feedback was very  
342 positive. A theme for the spotlight hour is being discussed for fall.

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345 **12. REPRESENTATIONAL AREA REPORTS**

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350 **13. ADJOURNMENT –**

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352 Margot Lovett adjourned the meeting at 3:58pm.

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356 **[WEBSITE](#)**

357 AS Agenda - 07Feb2024

358 Agenda Item 4 - Minutes Draft from January 17, 2024

359 Agenda Item 8A.1 - Proposed new taxonomic pathways for Adult Education and Mathematics for  
360 academic year 2024-25 (Spring)

361 Agenda Item 8A.2 - Proposed new credit program for academic year 2024-25 (Spring)

362 Agenda Item 8A.3 - Proposed revision of new AA-T for academic year 2024-25

363 Agenda Item 8A.4 - Proposed course revisions for academic year 2024-25

364 Agenda Item 9A - Approval of Faculty to Sit on Committees

365 Agenda Item 9D - Middle College High School Feasibility Task Force Update

366 Agenda Item 9E - 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

367 Agenda Item 10A - AI in Higher Education: Post-Human Teaching and Learning

368 Agenda Item 10B - Honors Advisory Board Update

369 Agenda Item 10C - DEIAC Update

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371 **KEYWORDS**