

Meeting Minutes

Location:

- HSS261 (Academic Senate Office)
- Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95534437834>)

Date: May 6, 2026

Time: 12-1:30pm PST (Pacific Standard Time)

Members present: Tram Dang, Lea Hald, Erika Knox, Kristin Lui-Martinez, Mark Tomasic

Interested parties: Vicenta Arrizon, Tiffany Inabu

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:06pm
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve made by Kristin Lui-Martinez. Seconded by Erika Knox. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Public Comments:**
 - Tiffany Inabu: Elections are coming up for California primaries – don't forget to vote. AS is looking for a student trustee for the upcoming academic year.
- IV. **Announcements:**
 - Kristin Lui-Martinez: The APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) Graduation Celebration and Night Market will be held Thursday, May 28th (4-5pm graduation, 5-7pm night market).
 - Erika Knox: Enrollment started last week for Summer and Fall semesters. All Ethnic Studies classes are already full for both semesters.
 - Mark Tomasic: Global Motion World Dance Company is performing May 16 and May 17, at 7:30pm at the Broad Stage.
- V. **Approval of Minutes from April 1st, 2026, meeting:** Motion to approve made by Kristin Lui-Martinez. Seconded by Erika Knox. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Chair's Report:** None
- VII. **Discussion Items**
 - FT and PT Faculty Equity Awards
 - Review rubric for nominee evaluation process:
 1. Tiffany Inabu: the first question on the application is solely related to teaching practices but Tiffany has never seen the person she wants to nominate teach. For next year, the committee will look at the wording of this question and insert global language indicating nominees don't necessarily have to fill out every response. The deadline for nominations has been extended to this coming Sunday, May 10.

- [Model Syllabus](#) – Review “Optional/Highly Recommended”:
 - The first half of the review is completed. The remainder of the review is tabled until the next meeting.
- IDEAA Discussion:
 - Our committee recommends the Academic Senate and college at large become more informed on IDEAA before including sustainability. We may also want to make an official endorsement to this effect.
 - Vicenta Arrizon: The Environmental Affairs Committee could focus their work next semester on ways that sustainability can be more fully incorporated into the IDEAA framework.
 - Tram Dang: As a committee we can look at the SMC equity plan and IDEAA and see where there is cross over between the two.
 - Erika Knox: When informing faculty about IDEAA, include information on how IDEAA can be implemented in specific areas including sustainability or different areas where IDEAA can be or already are manifest (such as the Decolonizing the Academy webpage).
 - Tram Dang will share the draft website on IDEAA at our next meeting and we can compare our information to the ASCCC’s version.
 - Vicenta Arrizon: suggests that our committee be a lead on disseminating awareness and information about IDEAA.

VIII. Adjournment: 1:30pm. Motion to adjourn made by Kristin Lui-Martinez. Seconded by Erika Knox. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Meetings (Spring 2026):

- May 20th
- June 3rd