

Foothill College Academic Senate Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2024

Meeting Details:

Call to Order: 2:02 p.m., led by President Voltaire Villanueva. The meeting opened with a welcoming message, setting a positive tone for collaboration.

Roll Call: Conducted by Secretary/Treasurer Robert Cormia, ensuring the necessary quorum and recording attendance across divisions.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was unanimously adopted, with support from attendees to address key campus matters and align on Senate priorities.

Approval of October 28, 2024, Minutes: Approved without objection, emphasizing a commitment to maintaining accurate records and continuity.

Key Discussions and Actions:

1. Reimagining Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Assessment:
 - Vice President Ben Kaupp sought feedback on enhancing SLO assessments, particularly around measurability and equity to better support student success.
 - Members highlighted the importance of student input in SLO development, aiming to make assessments more reflective of learning experiences and feedback from students.
 - The group raised concerns about part-time faculty participation, calling for dedicated resources to support a more inclusive approach and avoid using SLOs as evaluative tools by administrators, which could hinder authenticity and trust.
 - Suggestions included asynchronous meetings and structured professional development days, allowing flexibility for faculty to participate meaningfully in SLO-related activities.
2. Development of AI Use Guidelines:
 - Allison Meezan introduced a draft framework on AI classroom usage, advocating for clarity on acceptable AI usage levels within coursework and assignments.
 - Faculty expressed interest in flexible AI policies, adaptable to different types of assignments, with a focus on transparency, fairness, and maintaining academic integrity.
 - Plans for Foothill AI

