

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

11 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 439 347 8801

MINUTES

1. Attendees:
 - a. Lisa Boutin-Vitela
 - b. Monique Valencia (CTX)
 - c. Sherryl Carter
 - d. Claudia Quilizapa
 - e. Wendy Thomas
 - f. Rossi Petrova
 - g. Pamela Sepulveda
 - h. Veronica Sanchez
 - i. Phuong Nguyen
 - j. Paula Pereira
2. Quorum
3. Call to Order 11:06
4. Approval of April Minutes
 - a. Motion by Pamela Sepulveda, second by Sherryl Carter.
 - b. Minutes approved.
5. Recap and reflect on "Decades of Distinction" event (successes; areas of improvement)
 - a. Claudia: When calling names, it is important to mention the area. These were some of the comments from the tables as it important make it clear the division and department. It is also important that the video include counseling, too! It is important to emphasize that counseling faculty are faculty, too.
 - b. Paula: Make sure it's clear that this was a special event; back to usual Outstanding Faculty Awards format next year.
 - c. Pamela: We will be returning to the format of Outstanding Faculty Awards but building new infrastructure to honor those who are continually nominated but also give space for new nominations.

- d. There should be an aim to standardize the process but try to give every faculty member an equal chance and avoid self-promotion.
 - e. Veronica: QR codes for programs; could share with faculty who couldn't attend; part-time faculty were pleased.
 - f. Links to highlight reels were shared.
6. Review Timeline for Outstanding Faculty Awards 2026-27
 - a. **Proposed deadline: November 30, 2026; Start date: October 22.**
 - b. Microsoft Forms and Teams
 - c. Question of Special Awards
 - i. Outstanding Faculty Team/Teamwork
 - ii. Outstanding Faculty **Legacy Award (1 time)**
 - iii. Paula asked if these special awards would interfere with the number of awardees. 8-12 part-time and full-time (double check).
 - iv. Review how to advertise to ensure both on-campus and online students know to nominate. Speak with Sarah Pirtle and Dave Gunn (Canvas Campus Announcements).
 7. Outstanding Faculty Panel in Fall 2026 (coordinate with CTX/Professional Development).
 - a. Share ideas for faculty who have won the award multiple times as panelists.
 - b. Wendy: Greatest tips and tricks; curate the panel; throw it out to all.
 8. **ACTION ITEM:** vote on committee name.
 - 1. Recommendation: Change name to **“Outstanding Faculty Awards Committee”** for greater clarity regarding committee purpose.
 - b. Motion: Rossi Petrova, second by Paula Pereira.
 - c. Approved by acclamation
 9. Items from the floor
 10. Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 11am.
 11. Adjournment: 11:37am