

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

11 a.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 439 347 8801

MINUTES

1. Quorum: Yes
2. Attendees:
 - a. Lisa Boutin-Vitela
 - b. Monique Valencia
 - c. Sherryl Carter
 - d. Veronica Sanchez
 - e. Rossi Petrova
 - f. Claudia Quilizapa
 - g. Michelle Kim
 - h. Phoung Nguyen
 - i. Pamela Sepulveda
 - j. Paula Pereira
 - k. Anne Contreras
 - l. Donna Robinson
3. The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.
4. Approval of February 17, 2026 minutes.
 - a. Move approval by Sherryl Carter, second by Michelle Kim.
 - b. February minutes approved.**
 - c. Abstain: Paula Pereira.
5. The committee discussed and confirmed Decades of Distinction faculty lunch details. Committee members were asked to arrive at 10:30am if possible. Monique Valencia shared the menu. Committee members reviewed the agenda for the lunch:
 - i. Welcome
 - ii. Faculty Senate
 - iii. President/Superintendent
 - iv. CTX Coordinator/Professional Development
 - v. Faculty Appreciation Video
 - vi. Frank Mixson (Decades of Distinction Presentation)
 - vii. Conclude program. Sherryl Carter will provide Closing Remarks. Thank you, Sherryl
 - viii. Review List of Honorees / List from HR (Monique)
6. Lisa summarized her 4/14 Faculty Senate Report and status of possible name change. Committee members discussed that the main purpose has been the Outstanding Faculty awards for at least the last eight years, and the committee's name should more clearly reflect the purpose of the committee.
7. The committee members also discussed the importance of ethical conduct regarding the awards. Veronica Sanchez shared a message from previous committee chair Chad Greene: "The Professional Relations Committee at Cerritos College organizes the annual

Outstanding Faculty Awards. That committee is inviting members of our college community – and, especially, students – to submit nominations for this year’s Outstanding Faculty Awards until November 30. For the purposes of these awards, faculty means employees of Cerritos College who serve as full-time or part-time professors, counselors, librarians, or faculty in student services (Student Activities, Student Accessibility Services, and Career Center). The committee is accepting nominations for the 2024-2025 Outstanding Faculty Awards through the form on its website, which is www.cerritos.edu/professional-relations.”

8. The Professional Relations campus website has been updated with recent agendas and minutes. Language on the nominations page has also been updated. Lisa shared that she could add the language about nomination protocols to the website.
9. Next Meeting: May 19, 2026; Purpose: Review awards timeline for 2026-27.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.