

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Agenda

11 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Zoom

1. Approving: Minutes from April 15 Professional Relations Committee Meeting

2. Reminding: All Committee Members to Complete the Shared Governance Self-Evaluation Survey by May 23

a. The college is asking all of us who serve on shared governance committees – such as our Professional Relations Committee – to complete an annual self-evaluation survey by Friday, May 23.

b. One of the questions we will be asked when we take the survey is whether we accomplished our set goal(s) for this year. As a reminder, at our committee meeting in September, we voted to set one primary goal for the 2024-2025 academic year: “To recognize and reward faculty excellence at Cerritos College through the presentation of the Outstanding Faculty Awards at a ceremony at the end of spring semester.” Thanks to all our respective contributions to our committee's work this year, we did just that at our Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony on April 24.

c. Here is a link to the Shared Governance Committee Self-Evaluation Survey:

https://cerritosierp.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9uI6vgVullfOOvs

d. You will also find the link to the survey in the emails Greene sent to all the committee members on April 14 and on May 15.

3. Reflecting: On Our 2025 Outstanding Faculty Awards Ceremony

a. We hosted our Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 in the Student Center. This year, Monique Valencia in the CTX replaced Monica Acuña in HR as the primary staff for the ceremony. Culinary Arts once again provided the food and drinks. Our Most Outstanding Faculty Award winner, Chef Michael Pierini, created a special menu for the event. The president of Cerritos College, Jose Fierro, and the president of our Faculty Senate, Terrance Mullins, both participated in the ceremony. We estimate that about 225 people attended the event this year. (We had 25 tables with eight chairs each in the main event space, and there were additional attendees standing on the sides and in the back.)

b. After the ceremony, a few of our Professional Relations Committee members helped “break down” – collect items left on the tables, help put tables back on carts, etc. Thanks to all of them!

c. Today, Chair Chad Greene is soliciting your feedback from the committee on this year’s Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony. What went well? What could have been better? What might we want to change for next year’s ceremony?

4. Compiling: List of Topics for the Committee to Discuss in Fall 2025

a. In addition to any changes to next year’s Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony, what additional topics would the committee like to discuss when it resumes meeting in the fall?

b. Potential topics that have been suggested during earlier meetings during the 2024-2025 academic year include:

- Revisiting the policy about Professional Relations Committee members’ eligibility to win Outstanding Faculty Awards

- Instituting a policy on repeat winners
- Creating a separate “legacy award” for faculty who have won within the past five years
- Adding a “team award” category for faculty who work together

5. Announcing: There Will, Indeed, Be an Opening for a New Chair of the Committee in the Fall

- a. This was Greene’s last year serving as the chair of the Professional Relations Committee. He has been elected to serve as the communications chair on the Executive Board of the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, and the Public Executive Board meetings are at the exact same time as the Professional Relations Committee meetings: 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.
- b. According to the Shared Governance Handbook, the chair of the Professional Relations Committee serves a two-year term that ends on June 30. This was Greene’s second year as chair, and he will be happy to complete his term – through the end of June.
- c. Greene is letting the rest of the committee know today that the chair position will, indeed, be available.
- d. If any members of the committee are interested in taking on the role of chair, or co-chair, we should hold an election today.

6. Soliciting: Items from the Floor

Next Meeting: 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 19 or 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16?