

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Minutes

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Zoom

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Meeting ID: 439 347 8801

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum: Yes
3. Attendees:
 - a. Lisa Boutin-Vitela, Chair
 - b. Donna Robinson, Fine Arts
 - c. Peter Moloney, Business Education
 - d. Sherryl Carter, ACCME
 - e. Michelle Kim, Liberal Arts
 - f. Phuong Nguyen, SEM
 - g. Claudia Quilizapa, COUN
 - h. Pamela Sepulveda, ACCME
 - i. Veronica Sanchez, HSS
 - j. Rossi Petrova, TECH
 - k. Monique Valencia, Guest
4. Review/approve any previous minutes
 - a. May 20, 2025 minutes provided by previous chair Chad Greene
 - b. Pamela moved to approve; second from Michelle and Peter
 - c. **Minutes approved unanimously.**
5. Discussion and Action Item.
 - a. Discussion and vote regarding Outstanding Faculty Award process for 2026.
 - b. Peter: People who have been here over 20 years or more/ maybe 25. Review list from HR.
 - i. Circa 12 people to be celebrated. Provide faculty biography. Presentation at luncheon. Provide selected faculty with a questionnaire
 - ii. Possible video to celebrate those individuals; video to celebrate 70 years of Cerritos faculty.
 - iii. End of luncheon is typically used to celebrate years of service
 - iv. Monique will review list of years from HR / full-time and part-time – committee would like to include both
 - v. Luncheon: 70 Years of Teaching Excellence at Cerritos College (working title)
 1. **Approved unanimously.**
3. Discussion and Action Item
 - a. Discussion and vote regarding purpose of Faculty Lunch
 - i. Thurs. April 23, 2026 in the Student Center
 1. No vote required; purpose and process covered in agenda item 5.
 2. Luncheon time: 11am-12:30am
 3. Monique will create a Save-the-Date and promotional materials. Committee reps should ideally use the same language to report to divisions. We will finalize language in the February meeting.
 4. Perhaps share with your division the date and basic details or wait to promote the final purpose of the luncheon to your division when language is finalized in February.

4. Discussion and Review of Other Committee Purposes
 - a. Other purposes of the committee beyond awards were briefly reviewed:
Academic Rank, Academic Freedom, Ethical Behavior, Faculty Service Areas.
5. Items from the floor
 - a. Lisa discussed a possible change in the name of the committee as it often leads to confusion. Michelle Kim suggested:
 - i. Committee to Select Outstanding Faculty
 - ii. The Outstanding Faculty Committee
 - b. Pamela asked Lisa to put the Zoom link in the calendar invite.
6. Next Meeting: Feb. 17, 2026