DAS Minutes – October 13, 2026 (Draft)

- **San José–Evergreen Community College District Academic Senate (DAS)**
- **Regular Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2026**
- **Location:** CR 112, SJECCD District Office (40 S. Market Street, San José, CA) with Zoom access for the public (https://sjeccd-edu.zoom.us/s/87492070009)
- **Status:** DRAFT — pending DAS approval

Attendance

The Secretary-Treasurer confirmed a quorum before the meeting was called to order. At the President's request, the record reflects that all eight voting members were present (Bylaws Art. III, Sec. 3 requires five, with at least two from each college).

Name	Role	College	Present
Mark Branom	DAS President (chair)	SJCC	Yes
David Hendricks	DAS Vice President; EVC Academic Senate President	EVC	Yes
John Banks	DAS Secretary-Treasurer	SJCC	Yes
Cristina Leal	Member; SJCC Academic Senate President	SJCC	Yes
Valentin Garcia	Member	SJCC	Yes
Tina Iniguez	Member	EVC	Yes
Binh Vo	Member	EVC	Yes
Eric Narveson	Member	EVC	Yes

Guests: None noted.

1. Call to Order

President Branom called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The distributed agenda included: approval of minutes; public comment; a district-wide screening appointment; first reading of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws; the proposed Faculty Teaching and Leadership Academy; district and college reports; and Hiring Committee Participation, added before distribution at Cristina Leal's request.

A request was made for further discussion on the renaming of district participatory governance bodies (for example, the former District Council, now a Chancellor's advisory body), noting that many faculty leaders are unaware of the changes. The President noted that the Brown Act expects items to be noticed in advance and that adding one requires amending the distributed agenda.

- **Motion:** Add item 10, Shared Governance Committee Name Changes (discussion only). No objection was raised.
- **Motion:** Adopt the agenda as amended. Moved and seconded.
- **Result:** Adopted by unanimous consent. Ayes: all members present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Binh Vo noted that the draft minutes of September 8, 2026 omitted his name from the attendance list although he was present. The President agreed to correct the attendance record.

- **Motion:** Approve the September 8, 2026 minutes as amended to correct attendance. Moved by Dave Hendricks; seconded by Eric Narveson.
- **Result:** Approved by unanimous consent. Ayes: all members present.

4. Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the DAS.

5. District-wide Screening Appointment

Fabio Gonzalez submitted his name for the screening committee for the District Executive Director of the Foundation. No other faculty member requested consideration.

- **Action:** Appoint Fabio Gonzalez as the DAS faculty representative on the District Executive Director of the Foundation screening committee.
- **Result:** Approved by unanimous consent. Ayes: all members present. The President will notify Fabio Gonzalez.

6. Proposed Constitution and Bylaws — First Reading

The President distributed a proposed replacement Constitution and Bylaws with a review guide. Under the current Constitution, amendments require two readings before a vote. The President read both documents aloud as the first reading. Edits agreed during the reading are listed below so the second-reading text reflects them. No vote was taken.

- Proposed Constitution
  - https://sjeccd.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/AcademicSenate2/IQDubanJtVcXSIpubsdpTuA0AbmO-AjwGbe1sX_aqvDQC_I?e=TXd8UM

- Proposed Bylaws
  - https://sjeccd.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/AcademicSenate2/IQCrX3z7IF43R6VwYI-bdFI9AUg-1tqRdJJw1gt_SxNLwK0?e=aEcBtD

6.1 Constitution — principal provisions read

- **Art. I:** Name, purpose and authority, now citing Education Code §§70900–70902 and Title 5 §§53200–53206. Members were asked to verify the citations.
- **Art. I, Sec. 4:** Academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5 §53200(c).
- **Art. II:** Equal standing of the two college senates, district responsibilities, direct access to the Chancellor and Board, and recommendations to the Board under Title 5 §53203.
- **Art. III:** Eight voting seats, four per college. The DAS President occupies one of the home college's four seats, and no person may hold two seats or cast two votes.
- **Art. IV:** Two-year presidential term, alternating between SJCC and EVC. Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer serve one-year renewable terms.
- **Art. V:** Monthly meetings; quorum of five with two from each college; one vote per member including the President, with no tie-breaking vote; no proxy voting or secret ballots.

- **Art. VI:** Amendments require six affirmative DAS votes and approval of identical text by both college senates. Substantive revisions after any approving vote return to every approving body.
- **Art. VII (transition):** Section 1, the default, sets the first two-year term (2027–29) at EVC. Section 2, an option requiring separate approval by all three bodies, allocates 2026–28 to SJCC and extends the current President's term through June 30, 2028. The article becomes inoperative July 1, 2030.

6.2 Constitution — edits agreed at the table

1. **Art. I, Sec. 4:** Add a sentence noting that these matters are commonly referred to as the "10+1" participatory governance rules. The final word is to be revisited.
2. **Art. II, new Sec. 5, Membership in the ASCCC:** Raised by Eric Narveson, a founding DAS member. Draft text: each college senate president is designated as that constituency group's delegate for voting and has one vote at ASCCC plenary sessions. The DAS President is also designated a delegate for the district with one vote. Delegates may select a proxy to act on their behalf.
3. **Organization name:** Use "Academic Senate for California Community Colleges" throughout, without "the" before "California."

6.3 Constitution — discussion

- **Seat removal:** A member asked whether a college could replace the DAS President in that college's seat. Only the DAS can remove the President, under the bylaws' removal procedure.
- **Rationale for two-year terms:** EVC has held the presidency for the past two years. Members noted the time needed to learn the role and build relationships with the Chancellor and Board.
- **Experience of past officers:** David Hendricks, DAS President for the past two years, said that as a former DAS President he saw the benefit of a second year to grow into the role. Eric Narveson, one of the DAS's founders, noted the difficulty of building relationships in a one-year term, especially when leadership changes.
- **ASCCC guidance:** Cristina Leal reported that the ASCCC does not prescribe one- or two-year terms and its own officers serve one-year terms. SJCC is also revising its governing documents.
- **Comparable districts:** The President reported that about half of multi-college district senates use one-year terms and half use two-year terms. The most comparable, Los Angeles, uses two-year terms.
- **Disclosure**: The President noted that Art. VII, Sec. 2 would extend his current term. He stated that he is willing to serve the extended term but would support whichever option the body chooses.
- **Ratification sequence:**
    a. Second reading at the November meeting.
    b. DAS vote in November or December.
    c. Identical text goes to both college senates for two readings and a vote.
    d. Any substantive change returns to the DAS.
- **December meeting:** It is tentatively set for Tuesday, December 15, 2026, the date of the December Board of Trustees meeting. The semester ends December 10. A member who will be away may participate remotely under the Brown Act provision that permits it; that allowance resets January 1.

6.4 Bylaws — principal provisions read

- **Art. I:** Annual certification of each college's delegation; the President's reserved seat; appointments and replacements; attendance expectations. Replacements must be formally designated and are not proxies.
- **Art. II:** Officer elections at the last regular April meeting, by recorded roll-call vote. The college scheduled to hold the presidency must endorse presidential candidates. Election requires a majority of members present.
- **Art. III:** Vacancies, temporary duties and removal. Removal requires written notice and six affirmative votes.
- **Art. IV:** Officer duties and continuity planning.
- **Art. V:** Meetings, agendas, quorum and voting. Votes by email or other communications outside a lawful meeting are prohibited.
- **Art. VI:** Committees and appointments under Title 5 §53203(f). For time-sensitive appointments, the President calls a special meeting or makes an interim appointment after consulting both college senate presidents, subject to confirmation at the next regular meeting. The President noted this replaces the email-vote practice used earlier this year.
- **Art. VII:** Standing rules, amendments and records.
- **Art. VIII:** Transition implementation.

6.5 Bylaws — edits agreed at the table

1. **Art. IV, Sec. 1 (President):** Add a duty to represent the DAS as a delegate at ASCCC plenary sessions.
2. **Art. IV, Sec. 1 (President):** Add a duty to preside over the review and editing of board policies and procedures governed by the 10+1. A member noted prior DAS presidents oversaw board policy review.
3. **Art. IV, Sec. 2 (Vice President):** Revise "support the President" to "support the President in administrative and logistical duties." John Banks asked whether the original wording implied voting with the President.

6.6 Bylaws — discussion

- **Proxies:** Members asked why proxy voting is prohibited, since the ASCCC allows delegate proxies. Eric Narveson explained the prohibition was intended to prevent proxy abuse and that the DAS meets infrequently. No change was made.
- **College officer seats:** A member asked whether Art. II, Sec. 2 changes the service of college senate presidents and vice presidents. The President explained that their seats are set by the Constitution, which prevails over the bylaws.
- **Election threshold:** Members confirmed the majority thresholds in Art. II, Sec. 3: three votes with five present, four with six or seven, five with eight.
- **Accountability:** A member asked about consequences if an officer fails to perform duties. The President pointed to the removal procedure in Art. III.

7. Items Postponed to the Next Meeting

Because of time, the following items were moved, seconded, and approved to postpone the remaining agenda items to the next regular meeting:

- Item 6, Faculty Teaching and Leadership Academy
- Item 8, Hiring Committee Participation
- Item 10, Shared Governance Committee Name Changes

District and College Reports (item 7) are a standing item and were not separately postponed; none were given.

- **Motion:** Postpone items 6, 8 and 10 to the next regular meeting.
- **Result:** Adopted; no opposition. Ayes: all members present.

8. Announcements

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Summary of Actions

#	Action	Result
1	Add item 10 and adopt agenda as amended	Adopted, unanimous consent
2	Approve September 8, 2026 minutes as amended (attendance correction)	Approved, unanimous consent
3	Appoint Fabio Gonzalez to the District Executive Director of the Foundation screening committee	Approved, unanimous consent
4	First reading of proposed Constitution and Bylaws	Completed; no vote (information only)
5	Postpone items 6, 8 and 10 to next meeting	Adopted, no opposition

Respectfully submitted, Mark Branom, DAS President and John Banks, DAS Secretary-Treasurer.

Approved: [date].