



GROSSMONT COLLEGE
College Council
Thursday, April 24, 2025

3-5 p.m.
LIVING ROOM

AGENDA

Purpose: The College Council is the apex governance body which provides guidance and recommendations to the College President regarding institutional policies, planning, and processes in support of the college mission. It engages all college constituency groups (students, faculty, classified professionals and supervisors/administrators) and the governance system as a whole through the maintenance of clear governance practices and policies, coordination of committee work across functions, and a commitment to continuous improvement and consensus building. The constituent-based representatives of the council serve the college by maintaining a broad, college-wide, and student-centered view of the needs of the institution – both in the weighing of the input from its committees and in bringing forward items for consideration and discussion. In all matters within its purview, it will maintain a focus on the goal of equitable outcomes for all students as a key value informing decision-making.

| CONVENER | ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF GROSSMONT COLLEGE (ASGC) | ADVISORY |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Denise Whisenhunt, President</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Lu Tri Vi Huynh | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Colleen Moreno, CSEA</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nathaniel Harris | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Julio Soto, AFT</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Monserrat Lara Gonzalez | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>TBD, Administrators Association Rep</i> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Alexa Isabella Narvaez | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Adrianne Garay-Lee, VPSS</i> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Agustin Albarran, Int. VPAA</i> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sheree Stopper, VPAS</i> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Joan Ahrens, Sr. Dean, CPIE</i> |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ernesto Rivera, Director of College and Community Relations</i> |

| ACADEMIC SENATE | CLASSIFIED SENATE | ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Perla Lopez | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hellier | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtney Willis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Unis | <input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Lam | <input type="checkbox"/> TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Waller | <input type="checkbox"/> Brandi Tonne | <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Saks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June Yang | <input type="checkbox"/> Michele Martens | <input type="checkbox"/> Wayne Branker |

| RECORDER |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bernadette Black</i> |
| <i>*Italicized = Non-voting</i> |

| ROUTINE BUSINESS | |
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| 1. Welcome | Joan Ahrens |
| 2. Establish Quorum (50%+1 of voting members) | Joan Ahrens |
| 3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda | Joan Ahrens |
| 4. Approve Meeting Notes (3/27/25) | Joan Ahrens |
| 5. Public Comment (3 min max per comment) | Joan Ahrens |

DISCUSSION OF PRIOR AGENDA ITEMS / OLD BUSINESS

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FOR CONSENSUS *

** On College Council, consensus is reached when at least three-fourths (75%) of voting members present are in agreement, and if there are no more than two members from any one constituency who disagree, then consensus to move recommendation forward to President is reached.*

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NEW BUSINESS

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INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

1. [Governance Handbook Review](#)

Joan Ahrens

2. [AUP 2025 Timeline](#)

Joan Ahrens

3. Accreditation

Joan Ahrens

4. Strategic Hires (informational only)

Denise Whisenhunt

- [Specialty Lab Technician II/ARC \(IA-00122\)](#)
- [Computer Lab Technician \(CL-00501\)](#)

5. Gym Update

Loren Holmquist

6. Governance Retreat – July 17th

Denise Whisenhunt

7. Travel Requests

Denise Whisenhunt

CONSTITUENCY AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (2 minutes maximum)

1. Constituency Updates: ASGC, Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Administrators Association

ASGC:

Academic Senate:

Classified Senate:

Administrators Association:

2. [Budget Committee](#) (BC)

3. [Facilities Committee](#) (FC)

4. [Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee](#) (PIEC)

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| 5. Professional Development Committee (PDC) | |
| 6. Staffing Committee (SC) | |
| 7. Classified Staffing Prioritization Committee (CSPC) | |
| 8. Faculty Staffing Prioritization Committee (FSPC) | |
| 9. Student Success & Equity Committee (SSEC) | |
| 10. Technology Committee (TC) | |
| 11. Accreditation Steering Committee | |
| 12. Governance Priorities Workgroups Report Outs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall campus engagement (<i>Graylin Clavell, Diana Torres, Agustin Albarran</i>) • Training (<i>Tate Hurvitz, Denise Whisenhunt, Jennifer Bennett, Perla Lopez</i>) • Participation (<i>June Yang, Wayne Branker, Julio Soto, Karo Macias, Courtney Willis</i>) • Communication (<i>Ernesto Rivera, Carmina Caballes, Diana Torres, Sheree Stopper</i>) | Denise Whisenhunt |

| FOLLOW-UP | | |
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| Who | Item | Timeline |
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| <p>Participatory Governance:</p> <p>College Council Website</p> <p>Governance Handbook</p> |
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| <p><u>NEXT MEETING:</u> May 22, 2025, Griffin Gate</p> |
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Committees are to establish norms

In order to create valued outcomes, a commitment to participation, dialogue, and the pursuit of value in the form of useful output by all is necessary. It is acknowledged that there are power dynamics in a room. Work must be done to create the equitable and inclusive environment sought for effective and active participation. To do so, council/committee members will establish behavioral norms that include the following meeting rules of engagement, make use of meeting tools, and respect the roles of each member.

Engagement Norms

In participatory government, a high level of collegiality, respect, and civility is expected. Those expectations include the following rules:

1. Free flow of conversation and raising hands when needed.
2. Thumbs up/Thumbs down/Thumbs sideways to convey individual council members vote toward action items.
3. Parking lot for ideas and possible future action items.
4. Summarize talking points with similar language for constituency representatives to take back to their respected constituency and taking the last 5 minutes of the meeting to do this.
5. Estimated times for each agenda item is up to the Convener of the council.
6. No rank in the room, but those that wish can use salutations.
7. Please keep dialogue respectful.
8. Reminder – body language.
9. Once a semester we have a social gathering.
10. Starting and Ending the meeting on time.
11. Respect each other.
12. Repeating what was voted on after the vote.
13. Education/background from other committees to make appropriate decisions.
14. Use of technology/cell phones is only in an emergency, and to be mindful and professional of the meeting.
15. Norms will be revisited once a semester for now.

Virtual Norms (Established April 2020):

1. Consensus / voting: (a) state item for vote in the chat, (b) record votes in chat grouped by constituencies.
2. Use the raise hand feature in the participant window when you wish to speak.
3. Mute microphone when not speaking.
4. Record the meetings for note taker to use as needed.
5. Consider ways for guests to observe (i.e. use “Registration” feature for meetings. Keep the chat area reserved for voting and advisory members.