



Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2025 | OC-116 | 1-2:30 PM

Zoom: Meeting ID: 843 057 6551 | Passcode: 243504

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Members Present: Jennifer Aleman, Esmeralda Abejar, Peggy Campo, Tami Comstock, Claudia Figueroa, Maria Jurado, Roberto Perez, Nancy Quiñones, Edwin Romero, Estrella Romero, Daniel Turrubiarres, Quinton Bemiller, Kiandra Jimenez, Christian Somoza

Guests: Darnell Bing, Ariel Davis, Daniel Grajeda, Isaiah Mendoza

1. Bienvenid@s/Welcome (Figueroa)

2. Land Acknowledgement (Figueroa)

“Let us acknowledge that the Norco College faculty, management and classified professionals offer gratitude and respect to the land's Indigenous caretakers and affirm the college's intentions of maintaining the land's integrity and the Tongva (Gabrielino), Payómkawichum (Luiseño), tribes' legacy. We promise to honor the continued guardianship of the land, water and air — all of which are inseparable. We are indebted to the caretakers of yesteryears and the stewards of our institution will honor the opportunity to live and educate upon these homelands.”

3. Review of Agenda (Figueroa)

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes: (Figueroa) June & September: (Ocampo/Quinones):
Approved

5. Public Comments: None

6. Membership Dues (Trust # 94140): (Figueroa) We had a new student member, Jennifer Aleman, sponsored by Claudia Figueroa.

7. Faculty Co-Chair Update and Appointment: (Turrubiarres) Daniel Turrubiarres has decided to step down as Faculty Co-Chair and nominated Edwin Romero to serve as Faculty Co-Chair alongside Claudia Figueroa. Daniel was publicly recognized/thanked for his effort/service and support in getting ALASS off the ground! Motion to appoint Edwin Romero as new Faculty Co-Chair (Campo/Figueroa) Approved. Effective 10/3/2025.

8. Integrity of ALASS: (Quiñones) Reminder that discussions that take place in ALASS are safe spaces and that should be honored not only in the meetings but thereafter/outward.

9: Event Updates:

- Cruising into Culture Lowrider Show: (Figueroa): Everything is in place for the car show. 90 cars participating. Food vendors and DJ confirmed. Looking forward to a great event! Nancy Quinones provided a wonderful workshop on the History of Lowriding that was well attended. Perhaps next year we can offer a student panel and awards. Perhaps also have a Latinx artist displayed during Hispanic Heritage Month as a featured lecturer or display in Norco Art Gallery.
- Equity Summit: (Figueroa) 10/7, 10/17 & 10/24. Reminder to attend! Flex Credit offered to Full Time and Associate Faculty.
- Undocuweek (Turrubiarres) Many wonderful events planned for Undocuweek including painting, training workshop and seminar on Dia de Los Muertos
- Dia de Los Muertos (Figueroa/Abejar): We would like to enhance our DoD this year by considering an ofrenda contest. We usually have an ofrenda displayed in the CSS/Cafeteria that is beautiful, but we would like to make this bigger for next year. Perhaps a campus wide contest/celebration/display.
- Chingonas Breakfast: (Quiñones) These have been a great resource for students and have been well attended. They will be offering a Transfer focused meeting for October.
- Dia de Los Muertos-City of Norco: (Edwin Romero) Taking place November 6th in the evening. The City of Norco is looking for volunteers to assist with festivities. The City of Norco has created a new volunteer process (pre-approval/Leader is needed). College Corps has already had to complete this process so they can assist in helping ALASS understand the new process/requirements.

10. Good of the order:

- Estrella Romero: ECHALE GANAS Grant will be terminated effective October 1, 2026. We should consider how we will move forward with supporting our Latine students without the additional funding. Dr. Jimenez and Dr. Bemiller mentioned are committed to providing support and looking at available resources to help our community. Just because the funding will be gone does not mean that our support will stop.

11. Adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: 11/7, 12/5, 3/6, 4/3