



**Academic Senate  
Engagement Committee  
Minutes  
September 8, 11am-11:30am on WebEx**

Present: Sarah Garcia-Linz, Karen Tommasulo, Nancy Dietrich, Brittany Barber, Jessica Hester, Kelli Hern

Welcome new HHS representative Brittany Barber!

Times/Days for committee to meet – respond to Lisa’s email

Current state of Senate committees

- Review Eliza’s email – who needs additional members?
- Nancy is working on CEWD representatives on a few committees
- We can update our list of members – Nate Colon no longer here, Brittney Barber representing HHS

Mentors (do the new Senators all have mentors)

- Check with Eliza

Any feedback from start of semester communications regarding Senate?

- Nothing back yet in Student Affairs but Sarah sends updates to division
- Jessica Hester reports that the communication in her area got 1 faculty member to join a committee – success!
- Tying “hot topics” to committees may be helpful, like connecting the issue of the lack of food options on campus to the Budget committee

Additional efforts for promoting Senate?

- Video on Senate – Sarah needs to nudge the 5Star request
- Karen brought up the fact that messaging around Senate should be very concrete and actionable, i.e., tying it to the top priorities Senate has identified
- Idea – develop elevator pitches – small groups in Senate to identify a 30 second, concrete, specific summary of what Academic Senate is.

## Other

**Priorities** – establish meeting time, increase engagement within Senate, but also discuss engagement in general at LCC. What supports employees being engaged? What are the challenges? How can we engage more adjunct faculty. How do we identify engagement?

### **Accomplishments**

We have done some things! Recruited new members to committees, established a consistent Summary regarding Senate for the college (start-of-Fall communications), created an email signature/digital badge. Take a moment to celebrate.