

# Crafton Hills College

## Crafton Council

### Minutes

**Date: May 13, 2025**  
**Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Location: CCR 233**

**Members:**

Kevin Horan, Chair=**A**  
 Brandi Bailes, AS VP Support=**A**  
 Ernest Guillen, CSEA=**A**  
 Natalie Lopez, AS VP Outreach=**A**  
 Meridyth McLaren, Academic Senate-  
 President

Karen Peterson, Classified Senate Pres  
 Nick Reichert, CTA Rep  
 Jared Shaw, Student Senate President  
 Delmy Spencer, VPSS=**A**  
 Gio Sosa, Dean IERP=**A**  
 Mike Strong, VPAS  
 Keith Wurtz, VPI

Quorum=yes

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FURTHER ACTION
Review and approve minutes from April 22, 2025.	The minutes from April 22, 2025, were approved as written. Motion for approval made by Karen, seconded by Meridyth. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion approved.	
Governance Committee Meeting Times and Compressed Calendar Time Blocks - Gio	Gio was not in attendance. Keith explained that Crafton Council committee times are listed as 12:45 p.m.-2:10 p.m. with the compressed calendar time blocks. It was agreed that Crafton Council would only meet for one hour and the meeting time for next academic year would be 1:00-2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.	
Barbara L. Smith Event Center - Michelle	Michelle announced that we have received a \$1.1 million dollar gift from Barbara Smith and we will be naming the Crafton Center building the Barbara L. Smith Event Center. This will go to June board. There will be an unveiling and champagne toast for President's Circle members on July 16, 2025. She has been on the foundation board for approximately 15 years, she is a long-term donor and supporter of Crafton Hills College. Her gift is unrestricted funds.	
Oosan Instruction Building – Mike	Michelle and Mike both spoke about naming the new Instruction Building the Oosan Instruction Building. This naming does not come with a money gift. It is to include our indigenous history at Crafton Hills College and the name comes from the Serrano language and means to draw, paint. It was chosen by the San Manual Band of Mission Indians whose new name is now Yuhaaviatam as they are reclaiming their ancestral name.	
Budget Development – Mike	Mike distributed the 2025-26 Developmental Budget document to this committee. It shows there is some increases from the 2025 budget. The most significant was a 20% increase in Classified salaries, Academic salaries and employee benefits. There is a slight increase in Supplies and Materials, Other Operating	

	<p>Expenses and Capital Outlay. He listed what the increases were a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wage Increases CSEA and CTA contracts, managers and associated employee benefits</li> <li>• Faculty Chair stipends</li> <li>• Budgeted 3.5% increase for enrollment</li> <li>• Added EMT cohort</li> <li>• Increased tutoring budgeting</li> <li>• Water utility and solid waste disposal increases</li> </ul> <p>Mike indicated the solar farm became operational in December 2024 but we also had to install new control software as the original control software was no longer being supported.</p>	
Academic Renewal Policy – Meridyth	<p>Meridyth reported that the Counselors requested that we revisit our Academic Renewal Policy. They felt it was very restrictive and looked at other colleges' policy to compare. The purpose of the Academic Renewal Policy is to remove low grades from your GPA. The new policy was drafted, sent to Academic Senate for first and second read with unanimous approval and is coming to Crafton Council for approval. Meridyth indicated that Larry Aycock stated this policy is included in AP/BP 4240 and this needs to be investigated further in order to make any change to existing policy. After discussion, it was decided that Crafton Council would move forward with approval pending compliance with AP/BP language.</p> <p>Motion by Nick to approve new Academic Renewal Policy pending compliance with AP/BP language, seconded by Karen. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion approved.</p>	
Committee Self-Evaluation – All	Keith indicated that the link and the qr code was emailed to everyone with the meeting notice. Please fill out the survey at your convenience. The survey will remain active until May 22, 2025.	
Committee Reports (monthly)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRB - Gio</li> </ul>	No report.	Report on the 2nd Tuesday e
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPR - Gio</li> </ul>	No report.	Report on the 2nd Tuesday each month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development - Keith</li> </ul>	Professional Development is still looking for a guest speaker for Fall to cover mental health or community building.	Report on the 2nd Tuesday each month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety - Mike</li> </ul>	We held the evening evacuation drill last month. The evening building captains are doing an inventory of their building captain bags. We will participate in the Great Shake Out in Fall.	Report on the 2nd Tuesday each month

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Equity and Achievement – Keith</li> </ul>	<p>The new Student Equity Plan draft has gone to all the senates.</p>	<p>Report on the 2nd Tuesday each month</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology Planning – Mike</li> </ul>	<p>They met on 4-24-25 and reviewed service updates, construction updates and the District renewal of the copy machine contract.</p>	<p>Report on the 2nd Tuesday each month</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Arts Taskforce – Mike</li> </ul>	<p>Met last week. Working on the guidelines. Will continue working on draft guidelines over the summer and will bring to Crafton Council in Fall.</p>	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>Announcements (All)</p>	<p>Meridyth announced that senate elections have taken place and Natalie Lopez will be Academic Senate President, Chris Olivera will be VP of Support, Rick Hogrefe will be Treasurer and two seats are still vacant: VP of Outreach and Leadership Liason.</p> <p>Karen announced that Classified Senate elections have taken place and Karen Peterson will continue as President, Veronica Smith-Arrowood as VP, Quita as Secretary, Rosemarie as Treasurer and there are 5 senators: Craig Eilander, Zach Cortz, Rebecca Abeyta, Ciera Divens, and Ken Byrnes.</p> <p>Diana announced the new CSEA contract has been ratified and they will be sending out copies soon. They had their joint picnic last week and 4/10s will be starting soon.</p> <p>Jared announced that he will continue to be the Student Senate President next year and Jazmyn Garcia will be our new Student Trustee.</p> <p>Meridyth also stated the flyer for the after graduation party was distributed today. It will be held at Tuscano's, reservations required and cost is \$25.00</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: <b>Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. CCR 233</b></p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.</p>	

**Mission Statement:** The Crafton Hills College mission is to change lives. We seek to inspire our students, support our colleagues, and embrace our community through a learning environment that is transformational. Crafton Hills College welcomes everyone and is committed to working with students from diverse backgrounds. The College has an exceptional learning environment built on a tradition of excellence, a talented faculty, a driven student body, a committed staff, with passionate leadership and community support.

**Vision Statement:** To empower the people who study here, the people who work here, and the people who live in our community through education, engagement and innovation.

**Institutional Values:** We rely on the following values to support our vision and mission:

*Respect:* To champion active listening and open dialogue within our community.

*Integrity:* To uphold honesty in our interactions and academic pursuits and maintain community collaboration.

*Diversity & Inclusion:* To promote a welcoming environment through equitable and antiracist practices in all aspects of our work.

*Innovation:* To actively grow and adapt to support our mission and vision through a willingness to embrace new perspectives and new ideas.

*Leadership:* To develop and inspire current and future leaders through professional development, mentorship, education, and experience.

*Sustainability:* To be a leader in our community by reducing environmental impact with practices that meet the needs of the present without compromising the future.