



College Planning Council Retreat - Sept 29 2026 Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 29, 2026 at 1:00 PM

WCC 204

1. MEMBERS

1.1 Members Present

Erika Endrijonas, Superintendent/President, Chair (non-voting)

Ryan Alexander, Classified Staff

Paloma Arnold, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Liz Auchincloss, Classified Staff

Robert Brown, Advancing Leadership Association

Roxane Byrne, Advancing Leadership Association

Jamie Campbell, Faculty Association

Monica Campbell, Advancing Leadership Association

Tara Carter, Academic Senate

Israel Class, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Larissa Cortez, Association of Confidential Employees

Cecilia Contreras Martinez, Classified Staff

Ashley Guggia, Advancing Leadership Association

Elizabeth Imhof, Academic Senate

Jordan Killebrew, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Christina Llerena, Advancing Leadership Association

Keller Magenau, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Kathy O'Connor, Academic Senate

Juan Quesada, Advancing Leadership Association

Joshua Ramirez, Academic Senate

Christopher Renbarger, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Tracy Reynolds, Classified Staff

Parker Shankin-Clarke, Classified Staff

Margarita Silva Garcia, Classified Staff

Carola Smith, Executive Committee (non-voting)

Beth Taylor Schott, Advancing Leadership Association

1.2 Members Absent

Betsy Cassriel, Academic Senate
Elizabeth Chisholm, Academic Senate

2. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Endrijonas called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of September 1, 2026

M/S/C (Silva Garcia/Campbell) to approve the minutes of September 1, 2026. The motion passed with one abstention.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. INFORMATION/REPORTS

5.1 Superintendent/President Updates

Dr. Endrijonas reported on the following:

- The City of Santa Barbara received a \$5 million state budget allocation to renovate Pershing Park. A meeting is scheduled with the city's Parks and Recreation department to learn more about the planned use of the unexpected funds.
- The Governor signed two bills expanding community college baccalaureate degree authority. Santa Barbara City College is projected to be eligible for up to 10 additional bachelor's degrees under a tiered system. Cleanup legislation promised for the next legislative cycle and baccalaureate degree expansion will be a major ongoing topic of statewide discussion.

5.2 Understanding Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Reporting - D. Lambert

Internal Auditor Danielle Lambert presented the new Fraud, Waste, and Abuse reporting portal, contracted through WeTip, and explained its purpose, functionality, whistleblower protections, and investigation process. Members expressed concerns about the tone of the proposed poster design and about where the posters would be placed on campus. Based on committee feedback, it was agreed to revisit the poster design aiming for more supportive language.

5.3 Program Review - M. Medel

Dean Michael Medel presented the redesigned Program Review framework with the following updates:

- The new program review process will launch in October with a staggered four-year cycle and different templates for operational programs, instructional programs, and student affairs/support programs.

- The Support & Validation Team model is a key feature of the new design to ensure programs have the right data, appropriate resource requests, and aligned goals before submission.
- Precision Campus software implementation is nearly ready and some flexibility in the first-year timeline is expected.
- The future composition and role of the Program Review Committee (replacing PEC) will be brought back to CPC for discussion once the current rollout is complete.
- The next meeting of program review committee chairs is scheduled for the following week.

Drew LaFave, Acting Director of Institutional Research, shared that the IR team meets weekly with the vendor to refine templates, resolve data issues, and develop collaboration tools for Deans. Data for instructional programs can be run directly within the software without leaving to external systems like Tableau.

5.4 Climate Survey Focus Groups - D. LaFave

Drew LaFave presented a plan for campus climate focus groups as a follow-up to last year's campus climate survey. Eight focus groups will be conducted by the RP Group, each comprising a single constituency group. The process is fully outsourced to ensure independence. A smaller multi-constituency group of constituent leaders will review the draft report before the campus presentation to provide feedback and identify important themes.

Dr. Elizabeth Imhof, Academic Senate President, raised a methodological concern regarding the top-line survey results that had been shared with IR and the executive team. Dr. Imhof proposed that knowing there is dissatisfaction with executive communication, for example, could allow behavior changes before focus groups are conducted, potentially biasing results. Mr. LaFave clarified that no one has seen any raw data and only the broad brushstrokes were shared. The RP Group is developing focus group questions independently, and IR has only seen sample question types, not survey-specific questions.

Members agreed the process should continue but called for greater transparency and shared access to the top-line information that was previously shared with the executive team.

5.5 Campus Safety Updates - C. Renbarger, J. Killebrew

Chris Renbarger, Vice President of Business Services, provided a general update on campus safety:

- Rayce Cokeley is Acting Director of Campus Safety and Daniel Parra is Acting Manager.
- A campus safety operational review is underway with the assistance of consultant Kenneth Kushner, a retired assistant chief of police from Santa Barbara. This was driven by a series of concerning incidents since December of last year, including ICE vehicles

on campus, two lockdowns, and several other serious safety concerns. The Board of Trustees has expressed openness to increased staffing and requested a plan be developed.

- A partner organization, 805 Undocufund, is providing scheduled training throughout the academic year beginning on Oct. 20 and Oct. 22.

Members raised issues such as staffing levels, campus lighting, and evening food access as priority concerns to be addressed in the planning process. Dr. Roxane Byrne, Director of Student Equity and Engagement Programs, highlighted the growing need for coordinated social services support on campus, with a significant increase in students in crisis, mental health issues, and violent outbursts driven in part by state-level reductions in social services. Dr. Byrne requested that the consultant's process include input from frontline staff.

5.6 IT Updates - I. Class

Israel Class, Chief Technology Officer, presented the IT department's recent accomplishments, upcoming projects, and priorities including:

- GLBA compliance
- Disaster recovery and business continuity planning (prompted by the Canvas outage)
- ERP/Banner network improvements
- Common Cloud Data Platform (Cohort 3)
- CCC Apply replacement with CCC Start (Wave 2, going live in December)
- AI adoption curriculum
- Google-to-Microsoft migration study

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Compendium of Institutional Planning and Governance, Volume 2

This item was not discussed due to time constraints. It will return for discussion at a future meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Headcount report
- Compendium of Institutional Planning and Governance
- Standing Campus Safety updates

9. MEETING DATES

9.1 Meeting Schedule

College Planning Council Meetings are scheduled the first and third Tuesday of each month in spring and fall semesters, from 3:00-4:30pm in West Campus Center (WCC) 204, unless otherwise indicated.

2026 MEETING DATES

September 1

September 29 Retreat

October 6 - cancelled

October 20

November 3

November 17

December 1

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.