

PREP Subcommittee Report

It is unusual to submit a report for the first fall meeting of the District Academic Senate, especially when the PREP Subcommittee submitted an [end-of-year report](#) in May 2024. However, over the summer there were developments in PREP that relate to Academic & Professional Matters.

I. PREP Investigation

- A. On or about July 18, all 9 faculty who were under investigation received email communication from LRCCD that they were exonerated.
- B. The [Final Investigation Findings](#) are being submitted to D.A.S. with the permission of the faculty, who was labeled the “subject employee of interest” in the investigation.
 1. D.A.S. will find the investigation involved topics of: academic freedom, curriculum, and student success
 2. The investigation findings have implications for student success especially concerning access and equity related to student support services.
 3. The findings also have implications for: professional development, academic freedom, and curriculum.

II. [LRCFT/LRCCD Prison Education M.O.U.](#)

- A. Negotiated over the summer, voted on via electronic ballot by the LRCFT Exec Board, and signed in August.
- B. D.A.S. will find Academic and Professional Matters related to faculty in the M.O.U. including, but not limited to: professional development, including but not limited to: professional development, academic freedom, performance evaluation, and student success.

III. Meeting at Mule Creek State Prison

- A. A condition of the M.O.U was that there would be a meeting at Mule Creek State Prison between LRCCD, LRCFT, and Mule Creek Admin before classes would be scheduled again.
- B. The meeting was 8/20/24
- C. Relevant topics to D.A.S. include
 1. **The Deputy Warden stated clearly that CDCR did not do an investigation of Los Rios faculty. They “looked at” some of the information and were not concerned. PREP faculty remain unclear about which LRCCD policy Los Rios administration used that gave them authority to conduct the investigation.**
 2. Canvas (note- this is CDCR’s version of Canvas):
 - a) CDCR educational employees’ ongoing role as “instructor” and concerns about the integrity of class due to this level of access

- b) CDCR providing LRCCD Administrators access to faculty Canvas shells without clear reasons, policies, guidelines, consultation, or discussion with faculty
- 3. The process for handling prison “complaints” about faculty were discussed. The M.O.U. indicates “the District will create a transparent process for handling any faculty complaints about PREP Faculty by October 1, 2024.” Because these “complaints” have historically involved information obtained when faculty are being surveilled while teaching, there is potential for the ongoing “surveillance” to impact the integrity of instruction/SLOs. D.A.S. may be interested in following the “process” that LRCCD creates.

IV. Tentative Class Schedules

- A. [Folsom Men's](#)
- B. [Mule Creek Schedule](#)
- C. **74% fewer class** in fall 24 (47 classes) than fall 23 (12 classes)

	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Difference between Fall 2023 & Fall 3024
Folsom Men's Prison	7 classes	3 classes	57% fewer classes
Mule Creek State Prison	40 classes	9 classes	77.5% fewer classes

V. PREP Program Chair

- A. Nicole Griffin from FLC
- B. M.O.U addresses roles and responsibilities that D.A.S. will be interested in including professional development and scheduling