



Skyline College

Academic Senate

August 20, 2026

Thursdays, 2:10pm-4:00pm

Join us in person: 4301

Join us on zoom: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/9820104046>

Academic Senate: “the organization whose primary function, as the representative of the faculty, is to make recommendations to the administration of the college and to the Board of Trustees with respect to **academic and professional matters**” (CA CCR Title 5).

Voting Members

Executive Officers • President: mustafa Popal [votes in ties] • Vice President: Jessica Truglio • Secretary: Christopher Collins • Treasurer: Katie Manbach • Past President: Cassidy Ryan (does not vote) Senators ASLT: • Andrea Fuentes BEPP • Lynsey Hemstreet • Christine Herndon • Jill Rizzo Counseling • Suzanne Poma • Nate Nevado • Kim Davalos	Language Arts • Janice Sapigao • Vacant KAD • Amber Steele SPWD • Hayley Leventhal SSCA • Rika Yonemura-Fabian • Amir Esfahani • Jennifer Merrill STEM • Jing Folsom • Sima Karve • Brian Daniel • Rick Hough ESS • Lucy Jovel Part-Time Faculty • Vacant • Vacant • Vacant
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Voting members: 22

Simple majority: 12

Non-voting Members

Governance Committee Chairs AFT • Michael Song ASSC • Vacant Curriculum Committee Chair • Rick Hough	PD/CTTL • Grace Beltran CTE Committee Chair • Soledad McCarthy OER Liasson • Vincent Kang
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1.0 Opening Procedures and Welcome

1.1 Senate Networking

Presenter: N/A

Time: 10 minutes

Notes: You will find the prompt on the screen during our meeting

1.2 Call to Order/Establish Quorum

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 1 minute

Notes:

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 1 minute

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1.4 Adoption of Minutes

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Approval of minutes from

1.5 Adoption of Consent Agenda

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 5 minutes

Description: There are two sections to the consent agenda. The first is the faculty composition for each tenure-track evaluation committee, organized by division. The second is the faculty serving on constituent committees, organized by division.

Notes:

A. Tenure-track Evaluation Committees

Academic Support & Learning Technologies (ASLT)

Laurie Buchholz, Faculty Services Librarian – Year 2

- Pia Walawalkar, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Andrea Fuentes, Tenured Faculty
- David Hasson, Tenure Faculty
- Chelssee De Barra, Director of Learning Commons

Vincent Kang, Digital Services Librarian – Year 4

- Pia Walawalkar, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Rob Williams, Tenured Faculty
- Christopher Collins, Tenure Faculty
- Chelssee De Barra, Director of Learning Commons

Business, Education & Professional Programs Division (BEPP)

Jill Rizzo, Assistant Professor of Cosmetology – Year 3

- Cassidy Ryan, Chair
- Tammy Calderon, Discipline Expert
- Nancy Kaplan-Biegel, Tenured Faculty
- Michael Kane, Dean of BEPP

Myla Guevarra, Assistant Professor of Child Development/Early Childhood Education – Year 3

- Tina Watts, Chair
- Kate Browne, Discipline Expert
- Cassidy Ryan, Tenured Faculty
- Michael Kane, Dean of BEPP

Christine Herndon, Childcare Center Coordinator – Year 4

- Tina Watts, Chair
- Maggie Barrientos, Discipline Expert
- Kate Browne, Tenured Faculty
- Michael Kane, Dean of BEPP

Juan Roman-Medina, Assistant Professor, Automotive Technology Year 4

- Ruben Parra, Chair
- Phillip Gleyzer, Discipline Expert
- Soledad McCarthy, Tenured Faculty

- Michael Kane, Dean of BEPP

Counseling

Erin Johnson, *Athletics Counselor*, Evaluation Type: Counseling - Year 2

- Kim Davalos, Chair
- Melanie Espinueva+Aure, Discipline Expert
- Lorraine de Mello, Tenured Faculty
- Ellen Murray, Dean of Counseling

Manuel Verdin, *Promise Scholars Program Counselor*, Evaluation Type: Counseling - Year 2 (Grant Funded)

- Kim Davalos, Chair
- Nate Nevado, Discipline Expert
- Joyce Lee, Tenured Faculty
- Ellen Murray, Dean of Counseling

Angela Serrano, *STEM/Puente Counselor*, Evaluation Type: Counseling & Teaching - Year 3

- Alberto Santellan, Chair
- Lorraine de Mello, Discipline Expert
- Joyce, Tenured Faculty
- Ellen Murray, Dean of Counseling

Salvador Victoria, *Career Counselor*, Evaluation: Counseling & Teaching - Year 4

- Jacqueline Escobar (Chair)
- Kenny Gonzalez Discipline Expert
- Nate Nevado, Tenured Faculty
- Ellen Murray Dean of Counseling

Adriana Johnston, *Transfer Faculty Coordinator*, Evaluation Type: Counseling & Faculty Coordination - Year 4

- Suzanne Poma, Chair
- Jacqueline Escobar, Discipline Expert
- Joyce Lee, Tenured Faculty
- Ellen Murray Dean of Counseling

Language Arts (LA)

Ryan Lescure, *Associate Professor of Communication Studies* - Year 4

- Danielle Powell (Chair and Discipline Expert)
- Grace Beltran (Business/PD Coordinator)
- Luciana Castro (Spanish)
- Chris Gibson (Dean)

Kinesiology, Athletics, & Dance (KAD)

Tony Brunicardi, Associate Professor of Kinesiology – Year 3

- Chris Watters Chair
- Kevin Corsiglia
- Justin Piergrossi

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

Samir Abboud, Associate Professor of Engineering - Year 1

- Nick Langhoff, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Tadashi Tsuchida, Tenured Faculty
- Ariel Katz, Tenured Faculty
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Neil Jonas, Associate Professor of Surgical Tech - Year 1

- Brian Daniel, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Evan Leach, Tenured Faculty
- Susanne Schubert, Tenured Faculty
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Meara Kauffman, Associate Professor of Chemistry - Year 1

- Aj Bates, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Susanne Schubert, Tenured Faculty
- Jing Folsom, Tenured Faculty
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Carlos Melendez Morante, Associate Professor of Physics - Year 1

- Emily Hein, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Denise Hum, Tenured Faculty
- David Hasson, Tenured Faculty
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Anrey Bartoszynski, Associate Professor of Respiratory Care - Year 2

- Brian Daniel, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Younga Choi, Tenured Faculty
- Jon Freedoman, Tenured Faculty
- Kristy Lisle, Director of Allied Health
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Teresa Barnes, Assistant Professor of Surgical Tech - Year 3

- Brian Daniel, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Yancy Aquino, Tenured Faculty
- Rick Hough, Tenured Faculty
- Kristy Lisle, Director of Allied Health
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Sarah Guth, Assistant Professor of Biology - Year 4

- Michael Song, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Yancy Aquino, Tenured Faculty

- Kenyatta Weathersby, Tenured Faculty
- Jessica Hurless, STEM Dean

Social Science & Creative Arts (SS/CA)

Ronny Batista, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies - Year 1

- A. Villela-Smith, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Rod Daus-Magbual, Tenured Faculty
- Kathy Zarur, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Daniel Elkan, Associate Professor of History - Year 1

- mustafa Popal, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Rod Daus-Magbual, Tenured Faculty
- Shaun Perisho, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Benjamin Feldman, Associate Professor of History - Year 2

- mustafa Popal, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Rika Yonemura-Fabian, Tenured Faculty
- Janice Sapigao, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Marisa Maccaro, Associate Professor of Philosophy - Year 2

- Tiffany Schmierer, Chair
- Jeremy Ball (CSM), Content Expert
- Jesse Raskin, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Carl Lafata, Associate Professor of Administrative Justice - Year 3

- Amir Esfahani, Chair
- Jesse Raskin, Content Expert
- Sam Sanchez, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Sandhya Pattolla, Associate Professor of Economics - Year 3

- Rika Yonemura-Fabian, Chair
- Steven Lehigh (CSM), Discipline Expert
- Rachel Cunningham, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Christopher Branco, Associate Professor of Psychology - Year 3

- Jennifer Merrill, Chair
- Shuan Perisho, Discipline Expert
- Christopher Collins, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Luis Zuniga, Associate Professor of Music - Year 4

- Michelle Hawkins, Chair
- Jude Navari, Discipline Expert

- Paul Bridenbaugh, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

Katie Manbachi, Associate Professor of History - Year 4

- mustafa Popal, Discipline Expert & Chair
- Rachel Cunningham, Tenured Faculty
- Amir Esfahani, Tenured Faculty
- Danni Redding Lapuz, Dean of SS/CA

B Constituent Committee Faculty Membership

Business, Education & Professional Programs Division (BEPP)

Tenure Evaluation Committee 2026-27: Ronda Wimmer, Tony Viertel, Regina Mitchell

Counseling

Academic Senate: Nate Nevado, Suzanne Poma, Kim Davalos

Advisory Committee for Employment Development (ACED): Carlos Romero

Curriculum: Jacquie Escobar, Joyce Lee

Enrollment Services Committee (ESC): Jacquie Escobar

Full-time Equivalent Faculty Allocation Committee (FTEAC): Alberto Santellan

Health And Safety: Kwame Thomas

Institutional Effectiveness (IEC): Kwame Thomas

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED): Salvador Victoria

Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee (SPARC): Lorraine de Mello, Liz Llamas

Technology Advisory Committee: Perry Chen

Tenure Evaluation Committee 2026-27: Melanie Espinueva-Aure, Melissa Matthews, Alberto Santellan

Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance (KAD)

Academic Senate: Amber Steele

Curriculum: Tony Brunicardi

Full-time Equivalent Faculty Allocation Committee (FTEAC): Justin Piergrossi

Health And Safety: Gabe Saucedo

Institutional Effectiveness (IEC): Mike Sharabi

Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee (SPARC): Keven Corsiglia/Chris Watters

Language Arts

Academic Senate: Janice Sapigao

Advisory Committee for Employment Development (ACED): Katie Hern

Curriculum: Erinn Struss, Michael Cross (fall 26), Rob Williams (spr. 27)

Full-time Equivalent Faculty Allocation Committee (FTEAC): Lucia Lachmayr

Health And Safety: Jarrod Feiner

Institutional Effectiveness (IEC): Christian Sanchez

Professional Development Committee: Leigh Anne Shaw (chair), Luciana Castro

Scholarship: Liza Erpelo

The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEED): Ryan Lescure

Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee (SPARC): Nancy Kaplan-Biegel
Technology Advisory Committee: Nathan Jones

Strategic Partnership & Workforce Development

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM)

Academic Senate: Simantini Karve, Rick Hough, Jing Folsom, Brian Daniel
Curriculum: Rick Hough (chair), Ariel Katz, Miranda Wang
Michael Song
Full-time Equivalent Faculty Allocation Committee (FTEAC): Ariel Katz
Health And Safety: Philip Williams
Institutional Effectiveness (IEC): Evan Leach, Stephen Fredricks
Scholarship: AJ Bates, Stephen Fredricks, Tadashi Tsuchida, Sarah Guth, Michael Song, Leo Chen
The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEEED): Teresa Barnes
Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee (SPARC): Kenyatta Weathersby, Jing Folsom
Technology Advisory Committee: Radni PierhabdollahKandi
Tenure Evaluation Committee: Simantini Karve, Yancy Aquino, Jon Freedman, Stephan Dredricks,

Social Science & Creative Arts (SS/CA)

Academic Senate: Amir Esfahani, Jennifer Merrill, Rika Yonemura-Fabian
Advisory Committee for Employment Development (ACED): A. Villela-Smith, Chris Branco
Curriculum: Tiffany Schmierer (fall), Rachel Cunningham (spring)
Michael Song
Full-time Equivalent Faculty Allocation Committee (FTEAC): Rachel Cunningham
Health And Safety: Carl Lafata
Institutional Effectiveness (IEC): Sandhya Patlolla
Scholarship: Paul Bridenbaugh, Ben Feldman
The Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity (SEEED): Rod Daus-Magbual
Strategic Planning and Allocation of Resources Committee (SPARC): Kathy Zarur
Technology Advisory Committee: Luis Zuniga, Michelle Hawkins
Tenure Evaluation Committee: Simantini Karve, Yancy Aquino, Jon Freedman, Stephan Fredricks

1.6 Public Comment

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 10 minutes

Description: Anyone from the public may make a comment on any non-agenda item.
Speaking time is limited to 2 minutes per person.

Notes:

2.0 New Senate Business.

2.1 Voting On Final Member of Executive Committee

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenters: President Popal

Time: 10 minutes

Description: [Article VI. Section 6.01 \(Membership & Responsibilities\)](#) requires that two non-executive members of the Senate participate in the executive committee. We have one seat vacant. You can find the responsibilities of membership in the hyperlink available above, and on the screen during the meeting.

Notes:

2.2 This is how we do it

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenters: President Popal & Associated Students Vice-President Mariska Ramos

Time: 70 minutes

Description: For the majority of our meeting we will engage in orientation activities that will include (1) looking at frameworks to help us think about how to approach our work (2) Understand the legal responsibilities we have as a Senate (3) Explore the overlapping legal responsibilities between the Academic Senate and Student Senate

Notes:

3.0 Standing Agenda Items

Standing agenda items will not take place during the first Senate meeting in order to make room for orientation and training.

4.0 Announcement and Closing Procedures

4.1. Motion to Adjourn

Presenter: President Popal

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Our second meeting for the Fall 2026 semester is on September 3rd. If you would like to request an item be put on the agenda (Consent, discussion, action or information) please submit your request for the next meeting by Tuesday August 25th by 12:00pm. You can request an agenda item [here](#)

Academic and Professional Matters, AB 1725 “10 + 1”

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
 2. Degree and certificate requirements
 3. Grading policies
 4. Educational program development
 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
 6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
 7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
 9. Processes for program review
 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
 11. Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate