



February 5th, 2026

Thursdays, 2:10pm-4:00pm

Join us in person: 4-301

Join us on zoom:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83240130908>

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

<p>Executive Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Cassidy Ryan [votes in ties] • Vice President: Jessica Truglio • Secretary: Christopher Collins • Treasurer: Tony Viertel • Past President: Vacant (does not vote) <p>Senators</p> <p>ASLT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Kang <p>BEPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynsey Hemstreet • Jill Rizzo <p>Counseling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Poma • Kenny Gonzalez • Rocio Aguilar-Pedroza <p>CTE Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant 	<p>Language Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucia Lachmayr • Janice Sapigao <p>KAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Steele <p>SPWD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Herndon <p>SSCA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Manbachi • Kathy Zarur • Jennifer Merrill <p>STEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Hough • Jing Folsom • Vacant <p>SESP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Jovel <p>Part-Time Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant • Vacant • Vacant
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Voting members: 20
Simple majority: 11
2/3: 12

Non-voting Members

Governance Committee Chairs AFT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Song ASSC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• William Oo Curriculum Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Hough	PD/CTTL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lucia Lachmayr Professional Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soledad McCarthy OER Liasson <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laurie Buchholz
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1.0 Opening Procedures and Welcome

1.1 Senate Networking

Presenter: N/A
Time: 10 minutes
Notes:

1.2 Call to Order/Establish Quorum

Presenter: President Ryan
Time: 1 minute
Notes:

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Presenter: President Ryan
Time: 1 minute
Notes:

1.4 Adoption of Minutes

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Approval of minutes from January 19th

1.5 Adoption of Consent Agenda

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 5 minutes

Notes:

LA Division Evaluation Committee

Luciana Castro

Jarrold Feiner

Michael Cross

ASLT Division Evaluation Committee

Pia Walawalker

Andrea Fuentes

Christopher Collins

BEPP Division Evaluation Committee

Regina Mitchell

Ronda Wimmer

Tony Viertel

STEM FT Physics Screening Committee: Update

Previous: Evan Leach

Emilie Hein

Denise Hum

New: Rick Hough

Emilie Hein

Denise Hum

COUN: Director of PSP-

Kim Davalos

Melanie Espinueva-Aure

COUN FT Dual-E/MC Counselor (High school emphasis):

Suzanne Poma

Michael Stult

COUN Division Evaluation Committee -

Evaluee: Melissa Matthews
Evaluator: Jessica Truglio

Evaluee: Lorraine De Mello
Evaluator: Joyce Lee

Evaluee: Suzanne Poma
Evaluator: Jacquie Escobar

1.6 Public Comment

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 10 minutes

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

2.0 New Senate Business.

2.1 Senate Dues Update

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenters: Cassidy Ryan, Tony Viertel

Time: 20 minutes

Notes: Senate will solidify options for ways to spend senate dues for faculty to get feedback. Will return for a vote late February. Senate will establish a work group to develop ideas for collecting senate dues.

2.2 CTE update

Procedure | **Information** | **Discussion** | **Action**

Presenters: Cassidy Ryan, Dean Ayotte

Time: 10 minutes

Notes:

2.3 Faculty Screening Guidelines

Procedure | [Information](#) | [Discussion](#) | **Action**

Presenters: President Ryan

Time: 10 mins

Notes: Senate will review the edits to the district provided faculty screening guidelines, feedback will be provided to DAS. Item will return to the following senate meeting.

2.4 By-Laws Revision Group

Procedure | [Information](#) | [Discussion](#) | **Action**

Presenters: President Ryan

Time: 10 mins

Notes: Senate will establish a work group to revise the current by-laws as needed.

2.5 SEED Senate Participation

Procedure | [Information](#) | [Discussion](#) | **Action**

Presenters: Roger Perez

Time: 10 mins

Notes:

2.6 Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Updates

Procedure | [Information](#) | [Discussion](#) | **Action**

Presenters: Laurie Buchholz

Time: 20 mins

Notes:

3.0 Standing Agenda Items

3.1 Committee Reports

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenter: Curriculum, IEC tri-chair, FTEFAC, SPARC, Professional Personnel, CTE

Time: 10 minutes

Notes:

3.2 Campus Reports

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenter: ASSC Student Rep, CTTL, AFT Reps, OER

Time: 10 minutes

Notes:

4.0 Announcement and Closing Procedures

4.1. Final Announcements

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 5 minutes

Notes:

4.2. Motion to Adjourn

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Next meeting is February 19th . 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 February 10th 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**