



January 15th, 2026

Thursdays, 2:10pm-4:00pm

Join us in person: 4-301

Join us on zoom:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/88392078244?pwd=LCnWeHEG08G2ozZr8BGIfij2tUfBme.1>

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"> • Tammy Calderon 	<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"> • Roderick Magbual • Kathy Zarur • Jennifer Merrill <p>STEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Hough • Vacant • Vacant <p>SESP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy Jovel <p>Part-Time Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kishaun Young • Vacant • Vacant
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Voting members: 21
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 December 4th

1.5 Adoption of Consent Agenda

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 5 minutes

Notes:

FT Communications Faculty - Updated Committee

Previously Approved Committee:

Lindsey Ayotte
Danielle Powell
Ryan Lescure
Soledad McCarthy

Updated Committee:

Danielle Powell
Ryan Lescure
Soledad McCarthy

FT Physics Faculty- Screening Committee

Emilie Hein
Denise Hum
Evan Leach

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 Establishment of Institutional Review Board (IRB)

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

Presenters: Jennifer Merrill

Time: 20 minutes

Notes:

2.2 Treasurer update

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

Presenters: Tony Viertel

Time: 20 minutes

Notes:

2.3 Spring 2026 April Senate Meetings

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

Presenters: President Ryan

Time: 10 Minutes

Notes:

2.3 AS Spring 2026 Elections

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

Presenters: President Ryan

Time: 5 Minutes

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 5th . 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 January 27th 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