



May 21st, 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

Executive Officers • President: Cassidy Ryan [votes in ties] • Vice President: Jessica Truglio • Secretary: Christopher Collins • Treasurer: Tony Viertel • Past President: Vacant (does not vote) Senators ASLT: • Vincent Kang BEPP • Vacant • Jill Rizzo Counseling • Suzanne Poma • Kenny Gonzalez • Rocio Aguilar-Pedroza CTE Liaison • Vacant	Language Arts • Lucia Lachmayr • Janice Sapigao KAD • Amber Steele SPWD • Christine Herndon SSCA • Katie Manbach • Kathy Zarur • Jennifer Merrill STEM • Rick Hough • Jing Folsom • Simantini Karve SESP • Lucy Jovel Part-Time Faculty • Vacant • Vacant • Vacant
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Voting members: 20

Simple majority: 11

2/3: 12

Non-voting Members

Governance Committee Chairs AFT • Michael Song ASSC • William Oo Curriculum Committee • Rick Hough	PD/CTTL • Lucia Lachmayr Professional Personnel • Soledad McCarthy OER Liasson • Laurie Buchholz
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1.0 Opening Procedures and Welcome

1.1 Senate Networking

Presenter: N/A

Time: 10 minutes

Notes: None

1.2 Call to Order/Establish Quorum

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: President Ryan called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Senator Herndon and seconded by Treasurer Viertel.

1.4 Adoption of Minutes

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: Approval of the minutes from May 7th was moved by Treasurer Viertel and seconded by Senator Kang.

1.5 Adoption of Consent Agenda

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 5 minutes

Notes: Motion to adopt President Ryan.

Canada College- Accounting Screening Committee

Tony Viertel

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.

Senator Lachmayr provided an update on the Professional Development (PD) Plan and shared that it will be distributed to all employees along with accompanying directions. Senator Steele expressed her appreciation for President Ryan's service and thanked her for her leadership. In closing, President Ryan wished everyone a wonderful summer.

2.0 New Senate Business.

2.1 Election Results

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenters: President Ryan

Time: 10 minutes

Notes: Election results

- President: Mustafa Popal
- Treasurer: Katie Manbachi

Senators:

- ASLT: Andrea Fuentes
- BEPP: Lynsey Hemstreet, Christine Herdon, Jill Rizzo
- Counseling: Suzanne Poma, Nate Nevado, Kim Davalos
- LA: Janice Sapigao (one vacancy)
- KAD: (one vacancy)
- STEM: Jing Folsom, Sima Karve (one vacancy)
- SESP: Lucy Jovel
- SPWD: Haley Leventhal
- SSCA: Jennifer Merrill (two vacancies)
- Adjunct Faculty: (one vacancy)

Governance Chairs:

- Curriculum: Rick Hough
- CTE: Sol McCarthy

2.2 By-Laws Revision

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenters: By-laws revision committee

Time: 15 Mins

Notes: Senator Lachmayr motions to vote to accept by-laws revisions. Senator Jovel seconds. All members approve the by-laws with one member abstaining.

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: FTEFAC reported that meeting dates will be established next week. SPARC shared that it will transition to meeting once per month. The Professional Personnel reminded members that the retirement celebration will be held on June 2 at 4:00 p.m.

3.2 Campus Reports

Procedure | Information | Discussion | Action

Presenter: CTTL, AFT Reps, OER

Time: 10 minutes

Notes: The Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTTL) reported that Grace Beltran will be assuming the role of Professional Development Coordinator. The Open

Educational Resources (OER) Committee reported that there were no updates at this time.

4.0 Announcement and Closing Procedures

4.1. Final Announcements

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 5 minutes

Notes: President Ryan wished everyone a wonderful summer and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as president of the Academic Senate.

4.2. Motion to Adjourn

Presenter: President Ryan

Time: 1 minute

Notes: This is the final meeting of the 25-26 Academic year.

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