



Academic Senate Agenda

February 04, 2026

2:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Regular Meeting

Saddleback College, Administration & Governance Building

Conference Room AGB 106

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Executive Board

Dan Walsh – President

Frank Gonzalez – President-Elect

Claire Cesareo – Past President

Michelle Gustafson, MSW, LCSW – Vice President

Michelle Duffy, Ed.D. – Recorder

The Saddleback College Academic Senate represents the faculty and participates in the formation of policies related to academic and professional matters, ensuring faculty voice in the governance and educational direction of the college.

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Title 5 § 53200 (b): Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations to the governing board with respect to academic and professional matters. In Sections 53200 (c), "Academic and professional matters" mean the following policy development and implementation matters.

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
- +1 Other academic & professional matters mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.

ITEM		
1.		CALL TO ORDER
		Please silence your cell phone.
2.		INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS & SENATORS
3.		ADOPTION OF AGENDA Items on agenda may occur out of order at the discretion of the Academic Senate president, or designee, listed on agenda based on availability of those presenting and meeting with the senate.
4.		APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 21, 2026
5.		PUBLIC COMMENTS
		Anyone may address the Senate on any item NOT on the Agenda within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Senate pursuant to §53200 of Title 5 California Code of Regulations . Each speaker is limited to two minutes. The maximum time allowed for public comments is 15 minutes total.
6.		PRESIDENT’S REPORT
7.		CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS
	A.	Faculty Association
	B.	Student Government
	C.	Classified Senate
	D.	California School Employees Association

8.		ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS
		Items on the Consent Calendar are approved in one motion without discussion unless an AS board member or senator requests separate action. See Agenda Item Handout for details.
		Curriculum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed course revisions and deletions for academic year 2026-27 2. Proposed program revisions for academic year 2026-27
9.		OLD BUSINESS
	A.	Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees Discussion/Action
	B.	Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update Discussion/Action AR 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols Discussion & new CPL symbols AR 7123 Recruitment and Selection: Full Time Faculty Adding student participation in the full-time faculty hiring process.
	C.	Curriculum Update Information/Action Michelle Duffy
	D.	PT Faculty Representation – Bylaws Change Information/Discussion Proposed changes to part-time representation on Academic Senate Bruce Gilman. EvaMarie Rodriguez-Morris
	E.	Condensed Calendar Information/Discussion/Action Initial discussion of options (including forming a workgroup) for SOCCCD to move to a condensed academic calendar. Claire Cesareo

10.		NEW BUSINESS	
	A.	Academic Senate Committee – Open Meetings and Transparency Information/Discussion Brief discussion of how as sub-committees of the Academic Senate must follow the open and transparent guidelines for public agencies. Dan Walsh	
	B.	Spring 26 PD Line-up Information Lots of exciting PD opportunities this Spring. Kim is here with an update! Kim Stankovich	
	C.	Mental Health Resources Within Course Syllabi Information/Action Recommending inclusion of a standardized mental health resources section within course syllabi for all departments. Nadine Chaaban, ASG Senator at Large for Mental Health & Student Wellness	
11.		COMMITTEE REPORTS	
	A.	Executive	
	B.	College/Senate Committees (✓ indicates committee has updated Academic Senate)	
		SENATE COMMITTEES 1. Academic Appeals and Standards 2. Academic Calendar ✓ 3. Culturally Responsive Teaching & Learning 4. Curriculum ✓ 5. Distance/Online Education 6. Faculty Development/Funding ✓ 7. Full-Time Faculty Hiring Prioritization 8. General Education 9. Faculty Professional Development & Teaching Innovations ✓	COLLEGE COMMITTEES 1. Career Education 2. College Resources ✓ 3. Consultation Council 4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) 5. Educational Planning and Assessment ü 6. Health and Safety 7. Outreach 8. Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE) 9. Student Success Coordinating 10. Technology

12.		REPRESENTATIONAL AREA/ATEP/PT FACULTY REPORTS
13.		ADJOURNMENT Next Academic Senate Meeting: February 18, 2026

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