



# Academic Senate Agenda

April 01, 2026  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Regular Meeting

**Saddleback College, Administration & Governance Building**  
**Conference Room AGB 106**  
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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.

<b>ITEM</b>		
<b>1.</b>		<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>
		Please silence your cell phone.
<b>2.</b>		<b>INTRODUCE AND WELCOME GUESTS &amp; SENATORS</b>
<b>3.</b>		<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b> 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.
<b>4.</b>		<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> from March 04, 2026
<b>5.</b>		<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
		Anyone may address the Senate on any item NOT on the Agenda <b>within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Senate pursuant to §53200 of Title 5 California Code of Regulations.</b> Each speaker is limited to two minutes. The maximum time allowed for public comments is 15 minutes total.
<b>6.</b>		<b>PRESIDENT’S REPORT</b>
<b>7.</b>		<b>CONSTITUENCY GROUP REPORTS</b>
	<b>A.</b>	<b>Faculty Association</b>
	<b>B.</b>	<b>Student Government</b>
	<b>C.</b>	<b>Classified Senate</b>
	<b>D.</b>	<b>California School Employees Association</b>

8.		<b>ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS</b>
		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.
	<b>A.</b>	<b>Curriculum</b> 1. Proposed program revisions for academic year 2026-27 2. Proposed new credit course justifications for academic year 2027-28 3. Proposed new credit program justification for academic year 2027-28 4. Proposed new credit course for UCTCA for academic year 2027-28
9.		<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
	<b>A.</b>	<b>Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees</b> Discussion/Action
	<b>B.</b>	<b>Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update</b> Information/Update Next BPARC Meeting April 10 (material will likely be available after 72 hours before Senate meeting so will be presented as information only Dan Walsh
	<b>C.</b>	<b>Curriculum Update</b> Information/Action Michelle Duffy
	<b>D.</b>	<b>ADA Compliance</b> Discussion <i>Please note that this may be placed late in the meeting in order to ensure other Agenda items can be covered first.</i> All
2:30 PM	<b>E.</b>	<b>Legal Issues &amp; Employee Use of Personal Devices</b> Information/Discussion Presentation regarding the legal issues surrounding employee use of personal devices for college business. Ric Ottaiano

	<b>F.</b>	<b>Compressed Calendar</b> Information/Discussion Status update and planning for Academic Senate Compressed Calendar Workgroup. Claire Cesareo
<b>Time</b> <b>2:15</b> <b>PM</b>	<b>G.</b>	<b>Online Education Update</b> Information/Discussion OE is adjusting to the changes from AI. This is creating a cascading series of impacts on instruction. Brett will update the Senate on the current situation and discuss where we might be headed. Brett Myhren
<b>10.</b>		<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
<b>2:45</b> <b>PM</b>	<b>A.</b>	<b>Student AI Use Guidelines</b> Information/Discussion/Action Kim is back to present the new and exciting Student AI Use Guidelines which include “Your instructor determines the use of AI in their courses”. 😊 Kim d’Arcy
	<b>B.</b>	<b>Non-Credit Instructor Minimum Qualifications</b> Information/Discussion/Action Discussion in support of requiring that any non-credit course offered in the district that mirrors a credit course must have instructors with same minimum qualifications as the credit course. Michelle Duffy
<b>11.</b>		<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
	<b>A.</b>	<b>Executive</b>
	<b>B.</b>	<b>College/Senate Committees</b>

	<b>SENATE COMMITTEES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Academic Appeals and Standards</li> <li>2. Academic Calendar</li> <li>3. Culturally Responsive Teaching &amp; Learning</li> <li>4. Curriculum</li> <li>5. Distance/Online Education</li> <li>6. Faculty Development/Funding</li> <li>7. Full-Time Faculty Hiring Prioritization</li> <li>8. General Education</li> <li>9. Faculty Professional Development &amp; Teaching Innovations</li> </ol>	<b>COLLEGE COMMITTEES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Career Education</li> <li>2. College Resources</li> <li>3. Consultation Council</li> <li>4. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)</li> <li>5. Educational Planning and Assessment</li> <li>6. Health and Safety</li> <li>7. Outreach</li> <li>8. Planning &amp; Institutional Effectiveness (PIE)</li> <li>9. Student Success Coordinating</li> <li>10. Technology</li> </ol>
<b>12.</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONAL AREA/ATEP/PT FACULTY REPORTS</b>	
<b>13.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> Next Academic Senate Meeting: April 15, 2026	

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