Saddleback College Academic Senate Agenda

Regular Meeting
Date: November 18, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Meeting Information

- **Location:** Math & Computer Science Building (MCS), Conference Room MCS 309, 28000 Marguerite Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

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Executive Board

- Frank Gonzalez — President
- Dan Walsh — Past President
- Erica Vogel — President-Elect
- Michelle Gustafson, MSW, LCSW — Vice President
- Carolyn Seaman — Recorder

Agenda Items

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), based on the availability of presenters.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November 4, 2026

5. Public Comments

- Members of the public may address the Academic Senate on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Academic Senate.
- Each speaker is limited to **two (2) minutes**.
- Total public comment time is limited to **15 minutes**.

6. President's Report

7. Constituency Group Reports

1. Faculty Association
2. Student Government
3. Classified Senate
4. California School Employees Association

8. Representational Area / ATEP / PT Faculty Reports

9. Adoption of Consent Calendar Items

Consent Calendar items are approved in one motion without discussion unless an Academic Senate Board Member or Senator requests separate action.

1. Proposed new credit courses for academic year 2027-28
2. Proposed family revision for academic year 2027-28
3. Proposed new credit programs for academic year 2027-28
4. Proposed new and revised course corrections for AESL and EART (repeatability) for academic year 2027-28
5. Proposed course revisions and deletions for academic year 2027-28
6. Proposed program revision for academic year 2027-28

10. Old Business

1. **Approval of Faculty to Serve on Committees**
   Discussion/Action
   Presenter: Christie Smead

2. **Curriculum Update**
   Information/Update
   Presenter: June Millovich or Curriculum Committee Representative

3. **Board Policy and Administrative Regulation Advisory Council (BPARC) Update**
   Information/Update
   Continued discussions on relevant BPs and ARs. The next BPARC meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2026, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chancellor's Conference Room & Zoom.
   Presenter: Dan Walsh

4. **ASCCC Fall 2026 Plenary and Resolution Packet**
   Information/Update
   ASCCC's Annual Fall Plenary Session was held November 5–7, 2026. We will review the results to some of the resolutions and breakout sessions attended.
   Presenters: Frank Gonzalez and Michelle Gustafson

11. New Business

1. **Changes to the Low Textbook Cost (LTC) Definition**
   Information/Discussion/Action
   Presentation on the changes to the LTC definition. The Student Senate for California Community Colleges Board of Directors has recommended $30 as the definition for "low-cost" and the ASCCC encourages "local academic senates to adopt $30 or less as their locally established cost threshold that must not be exceeded for a course to be considered low-cost for designating and reporting purposes". Please note that effective Summer 2027 the LTC definition to be used for XB12 reporting will be $30.
   Presenters: Jennifer Pakula and Nicole Major

2. **The Role of Counseling Faculty and Delivery of Counseling Services in the California Community Colleges – A 2025 Update**
   Information/Update/Action
   Since the last comprehensive update to The Role of Counseling Faculty and the Delivery of Counseling Services in the California Community Colleges (2012), the landscape of higher education, and the work of counseling faculty, has been

profoundly reshaped. A presentation on the 2025 update developed by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC).
Presenters: Michelle Gustafson and Michael Long

3. **Faculty Professional Development and Teaching Innovations Committee One Sheet**
   Information/Action
   A review of the committee's updated one sheet.
   Presenter: Dan Walsh

12. Committee Reports

1. **Executive**

2. **College/Senate Committees**

Senate Committees

- Academic Appeals and Standards
- Academic Calendar
- Culturally Responsive Teaching & Learning
- Curriculum
- Distance/Online Education
- Faculty Development/Funding
- Full-Time Faculty Hiring Prioritization
- General Education
- Faculty Professional Development & Teaching Innovations

College Committees

- Career Education
- College Resources
- Consultation Council
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)
- Educational Planning and Assessment
- Health and Safety
- Outreach
- Planning & Institutional Effectiveness (PIE)
- Student Success Coordinating

- Technology

13. Adjournment

- **Next Academic Senate Meeting:** December 2, 2026

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