Senate Update

Fall 2025

AVC Academic Senate Purpose

The purpose of the Academic Senate shall be to represent the faculty in the formation of policy on academic and professional matters. The Senate shall represent the faculty position on these matters and shall promote communication and mutual understanding within the framework of the college. This may include, but is not limited to policies and practices concerning:

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AVC Academic Senate Purview ("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.

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Mutual Agreement

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AVC Academic Senate Committees

- Academic Policies and Procedures
- Distance Education and Technology
- Equivalency
- Faculty Professional Development
- Honors Program
- Program Review
- Outcomes
- Tenure and Evaluation
- Accreditation

AVC Participatory Governance

Committees - DRAFT:

- Academic Achievement
- Academic Policies and Procedures
- Calendar
- Strategic Planning and Budgeting
- Student Equity
- Safety

- Enrollment Management
- College Coordinating Council
- Information Technology
- Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory
- Guided Pathways

Senate Purview
- curriculum, including establishing prerequisities
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- district and college governance structures as related to faculty roles
- faculty roles and involvement in accreditation
- policies for faculty professional development activities---(staff development, flex,
- sabbaticals, faculty academy, senate grant program)
- processes for program review
- processes for planning and budget

Union Purview
- salaries
- placement & advancement benefits
- leaves, vacations, holidays
- union & district rights
- grievance, arbitration & evaluations
- discipline procedures.
- academic freedom
- discrimination—sex, race, religion etc
- job assignments
- seniority, promotions, retirement
- office space & parking
- graduation attendance
- preparation time
- tools/equipment
- training & travel
- contracting out of bargaining unit work
- work load/class size/work hours/work days

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Personnel Changes

- Resigned - Dean Rashitta Brown-Elise
- Resigned - Dean Greg Bormann
- Retired - Patty McClure
- 16 new full-time faculty
- Interim Dean of Counseling Carlos Rosas
- Interim Dean of Aerospace, Industrial Arts & Applied Technologies - Maria Clinton Houck
- Athletic Director - Joel Gunterman

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Issues

- Program Review - Effective Fall 2026, the Program Review Committee recommends transitioning Program Review to a four-year comprehensive review cycle with annual updates.
- State mandates - This summer, CCN Faculty Workgroups convened to develop course templates on 47 courses across 18 disciplines.
- AI - On July 23, 2025, Instructure (Canvas LMS) announced a global partnership with OpenAI, unveiling a new integration that embeds advanced artificial intelligence capabilities directly into Canvas.
- Other

Thank you!

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