

ACADEMIC SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES

2025-26 FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

At COC, there are Academic Senate Standing Committees, College-wide Committees, and Collegial Consultation Committees. The Academic Senate President, in consultation with the Academic Senate and chief executive officer (or designee) appoints faculty members to serve on committees as per the 10+1 responsibilities of the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate's Bylaws require the Academic Senate to approve the faculty appointments annually to Committees.

Academic Staffing Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Academic Staffing Committee (ASC) of the Academic Senate recommends to the CEO the hiring priority for all academic full-time faculty positions. The recommendations include recommendations to hire for new FT faculty positions as well as recommendations to hire to fill vacant FT faculty positions created by retirements, terminations, and resignations.

Meets: First Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: BONH 248

Erik Altenbernd	Social & Behavioral Sciences/Committee Faculty Co-Chair
Jennifer Brezina	Vice President Instruction/Administrator Co-Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Adam Kaiserman	Humanities
Anne Marengo	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Christina Chung	Business & Personal & Professional Learning
Diane Solomon	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Jason Burgdorfer	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Sara Breshears	Learning Resources
Sylvia Duncan	Health Professions
VACANT	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
VACANT	Applied Technologies
VACANT	Personal & Professional Learning (Non-Credit)
VACANT	Visual & Performing Arts
Other Members	
Dr. Jasmine Ruys	Interim Superintendent/President
Miranda Zamudio	Interim Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources

Academic Freedom Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Committee on Academic Freedom makes formal recommendations and/or clarifications to the Academic Senate on matters of dispute or controversy relating to academic freedom, including alleged violations of Board Policy 4030 (Academic Freedom). The Committee on Academic Freedom also offers informal advice or guidance on matters of academic freedom to faculty members who request it, and it also provides educational opportunities to the campus community with respect to academic freedom.

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month during the regular semester from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Location: BONH 248. One meeting is held via zoom.

Karyl Kicenski, Chair	Humanities
Faculty Appointments	School
Chris Blakey	Humanities
Collette Salvatierra	Learning Resources
Garrett Hooper	COCFA Union Rep
Lauren Rome	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Tricia George	Curriculum Committee Chair
Urvashi Juneja	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering

Academic Integrity Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

Meets: The AIC meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3:00PM on 8/26; 9/30; 10/28 a& 11/25.

Location: BONH 330

The Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate. The Committee serves largely in an advisory and developmental capacity. To that end, the Committee shall work with members of the faculty, administration, and all campus groups to address academic integrity concerns in an inclusive and collegial manner. The Committee is not intended to handle student conduct violations but to craft white papers, resolutions, best practices, and reports for the Academic Senate on academic integrity issues, including proactive measures to reduce academic integrity violations.

Shane Ramey, Chair	Mathematics, Science and Engineering
Faculty Appointments	School
Adam Kaiserman	Humanities
Jennifer Overdest	VAPA
Michelle LaBrie	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Regina Blasberg	Applied Technologies
Ruth Rassool	Humanities (Adjunct)
Sara Breshears	Learning Resources
Scott McAfee	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Sylvia Duncan	Health Professions

CASL/Academic Program Review

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Committee for Assessing Student Learning (CASL) Committee's mission is to ensure that the college goes through an ongoing, systematic process that clarifies and improves SLOs at every level from institutional, program, and course through certificates and degrees with specific emphasis on student success. The Committee works with faculty to ensure the methods of assessment of course SLOs and program SLOs are aligned and consistent across the college. The purpose of the Program Review Committee is to provide training, advisement and assistance to College of the Canyons faculty and staff to facilitate and improve the program review process. The committee will provide leadership and guidance by reviewing comprehensive program reviews, annual plans, outcomes and assessment cycles, and evaluating the program review planning process.

Meets:

- Program Review will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm and their meetings will be combined with the Committee for Assessing Student Learning committee meeting times.
- CASL will meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Location: Zoom

Mary Powell	CASL Faculty Chair/Humanities/ SLO Coordinator
Erika Torgeson	Program Review Faculty Chair
Brittany Applen	ePortfolio Faculty Coordinator
Faculty Appointments	School
Adina Carillo	Heath Professions
Alexa Dimakos	Humanities
Claudenice McCalister	Applied Technologies
Mildred Macaranas	Counseling Adjunct (General Counseling & Canyons Promise Program)
Rana Akiel	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Tina Waller	Health Professions
Brittany Applen	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
VACANT	Visual & Performing Arts
VACANT	Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Business
VACANT	Learning Resources
Erika Torgeson	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Urvashi Juneja	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Other Members	
Andy McCutcheon	Dean School of Humanities & Social & Behavioral Sciences
Daylene Meuschke	Vice President, Inst. Research, Planning & Effectiveness
Jennifer Brezina	Associate Vice President of Instruction

Career Education Committee (CEC)

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Career Education Committee (CEC) is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate. The primary role of the Committee is to serve as a resource and advisory group for investigating and recommending options and strategies to the Academic Senate on policies, initiatives, budgets, grants, work plans, professional development, and curriculum directed to Career Education (CE).

Meets: The committee meets once a month, alternating between Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00pm

Location: Zoom

Regina Blasberg	Engineering Tech/CE Liaison/Committee Faculty Chair
Harriet Happel	Dean, Career Ed. Integrative Learning & Employment Center /Administrator Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Hencelyn Chu	Health Professions
Jaya George	Health Professions
Jeff Baker	Visual & Performing Arts
Jennifer Paris	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jon Amador	Visual & Performing Arts
Juanita Jaramillo	Health Professions
Justin Hunt	Applied Technologies
Larry Alvarez	Public Safety
Mark Daybell	Visual & Performing Arts
Nicole Faudree`	Business/COCFA Rep.
SB Tucker	Public Safety
Siane Holland	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Tim Baber	Applied Technologies
Xanth Stack	Applied Technologies
Other Members	
VACANT	Director, Fire Academy Programs
Daylene Meuschke	Vice President, Institutional Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.
Jennifer Brezina	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction
VACANT	Dean, Health Professions
James Temple	Assistant Superintendent/VP, Information Technology
Jason Hinkle	Associate VP, Business Services
Jeff Gregor	Educational Administrator, Asst. Superintendent/ Vice President, Workforce & Economic Advancement
Chad Peters	Dean, Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness and Athletics
Jennifer Brezina	Associate Vice President, Instruction
Marilyn Jimenez	Administrative Assistant to the Academic Senate and Instructional Support
Nadia Cotti	Dean, Applied Technology/Dean, Business
Nancy Sandoval	Career and Technical Education Coordinator

CETL Steering Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL) Steering Committee meets to discuss the work of CETL, an organization whose mission is for the promotion and implementation of a wide range of professional development opportunities for teachers. The CETL is responsible for recruiting and training experienced teachers who can share their skills with others.

Meets: 2:00pm – 3:00pm, Third Monday of every month

Location: HyFlex (MENH 351 and Zoom)

Julianne Johnson	Social & Behavioral Sciences /Faculty Co-Chair
Robert Wonser	Social & Behavioral Sciences /Faculty Co-Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Alex Dimakos	Humanities
Alexandra Mokhnatkina	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Brent Riffel	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Caitlin Newcomer	Humanities
Claudenice McCalister	Applied Technologies
Erica Seubert	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Garrett Rieck	Personal & Professional Learning
Kristi Miura	Health Professionals
Lori Young	Business
Michelle LaBrie	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Rana Akiel	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Stephanie Meredith	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Teresa Ciardi	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Tiaya lemke	Adjunct, Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
VACANT	Public Safety
Velia Jimenez	Adjunct, Health Professions & Public Safety, Health Sciences
Victoria Leonard	Adjunct, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Violeta Kovacev (<i>will stay on for informational purposes only</i>)	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Other Members	
Chloe McGinley	Ed. Admin, Associate Dean, Learning Resources and Director TLC, Learning Resources, T.L.C. Lab
Carol Johnson	Classified Staff, Online Education Coordinator, Distance Learning

Constitution & By-Laws Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate whose function is to the revise the constitution and by-laws.

Meets: This committee is convened when the Constitution & By-laws are scheduled for review or changes have been deemed necessary.

Erica Seubert	Faculty Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Siane Holland	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Regina Blasberg	Applied Technologies

Curriculum Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Curriculum Committee fosters the development of new curricula, as well as reviewing revisions of existing curricula. The committee is responsible for making the recommendation for approval of all new and revised curricula. Their recommendations go to the Academic Senate and then the Board of Trustees for final approval. The committee also implements state-mandated regulations or policies that affect curriculum, recommends associate degree requirements to the Academic Senate, administration, and Board of Trustees. The committee also recommends additions, deletions, and modifications in general education patterns for the associate degree, the California State University General Education Breadth Requirements, and the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). They review all curriculum proposals to ensure congruence with the college's mission, need, quality, feasibility, and compliance with Title 5 Regulations.

Meets: On select Thursdays (that alternate with the Academic Senate) from 3-5 pm.

Location: Hybrid (BONH-330 and Zoom)

Tricia George	Committee Faculty Co-Chair/Humanities
Jennifer Brezina	Associate Vice President, Instruction
Faculty Appointments	School
Erin Barnthouse	Learning Resources
Garrett Rieck	Personal & Professional Learning
Holly Hitt-Zuniga	Applied Technologies
Jennifer Overdest	Visual & Performing Arts
Jeremy Patrich	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Julie Hovden	Enrollment Services/Counseling/Articulation Faculty
Kelly Bronco	Public Safety
Kristi Miura	Health Professions
Leora Gabay	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
Lori Young	Business
Mike Haratunian	Humanities
Sarah Etheridge	Social & Behavioral Sciences

At-Large Faculty Appointments	
Carly Gott	At-Large Seat #1
Christopher Boltz	At-Large Seat #2
Cindy Leung	At-Large Seat #3
Jesse Vera	At-Large Seat #4
Susan Ling	At-Large Seat #5
Jaya George	At-Large Seat #6
Adjunct Faculty Appointments	
Linda Bearegard-Vasquez	Adjunct Seat #1
Nazanin Naraghi	Adjunct Seat #2
Ruth Rassool	Adjunct Seat #3
Other Members	
Alix Gardner	Director, Admissions & Records, Non-Voting
Patrick Backes	Articulation Officer/Curriculum Analyst

Elections Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Elections Committee is a standing operational committee of the Academic Senate whose function is to the conduct all elections for the Academic Senate. This includes elections for Academic Senate President, Vice President, all Senators (full-time and adjunct) and elections for Department Chairs. The Elections Committee also conducts elections as needed for any vacancies in the Academic Senate positions or for Department Chairs.

Meets: As needed

Location: Zoom

Dustin Silva (Fall 2025) & Sarah Breshears (Spring 2026)	Committee Faculty Chair/Mathematics, Science & Engineering
Faculty Appointments	School
Sara Breshears	Learning Resources
Hind Ali	Mathematics, Science & Engineering

Faculty Professional Development

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2022: List revised again on 9/24/25

This committee is charged with adhering to the California code of Regulations, Section 55724, including providing a complete description of the FLEX calendar and configuration, developing institutional criteria for FLEX credit and developing the content and schedule for instructional improvement days.

Meets: 11:00 am – 12:15pm, Second and Fourth Monday of the month

Note: 2nd Monday of the month (optional FLEX planning); 3rd Monday of the month (full committee meeting)

Location: Zoom

Chair(s)	
Teresa Ciardi	Committee Faculty Chair/ Mathematics, Science & Engineering

Heather Stewart	Director, Professional Development Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Adam Kaminsky	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Alma Juarez	Visual and Performing Arts
Anna Hillary	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
Annie Aboulian	School of Humanities
Bavand Karim	Visual and Performing Arts
Brandon Hilst	Math, Science & Engineering
Peter Hepburn	Learning Resources
Susan Ling	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Theresa Winter	Health Professions
VACANT	Business
VACANT	Applied Technologies
VACANT	Public Safety
Wendy Ruiz	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Adjunct Representatives	
Cindy Pollack	Personal & Professional Learning (Adjunct)
Susan Chapman	Personal & Professional Learning (Adjunct)
At-Large Representatives (2 Full-Time)	
Tammy Mahan	Social & Behavioral Sciences - At-Large Full-Time Faculty Representative
VACANT	At-Large Full-Time Faculty Representative
At-Large Representatives (2 Adjunct)	<i>Note: Additional At-Large Representatives can be added</i>
Scott McAfee	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Brooke Collins	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Linda Beauregard-Vasquez	Humanities (Adjunct)
Other Members	
VACANT	ASG Representative

Honors Advisory Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Honors Program at College of the Canyons offers an enriched curriculum to students with a strong academic record in order to increase their chances for successful transfer to competitive four-year institutions. In addition, honor courses will be augmented with seminar-style events, special projects, and community activities, the program provides opportunities for critical thinking, extensive writing, and in-depth learning in a wide variety of transferable general education courses.

Meets: 4:00pm – 5:00pm, Second Wednesday of the month

Location: Zoom

Chase Dimock	Faculty Co-Chair/Humanities
Jennifer Brezina	Associate VP Office of Instruction
Faculty Appointments	School
Alejandro Lichtscheidl	Math, Science & Engineering
Caitlin Newcomer	Humanities
Patricia Garcia	Counseling

Rana Akiel	Math, Science & Engineering
Other Members	
Leslie Vastano	Adult Hourly

Minimum Qualifications and Equivalencies

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Minimum Qualifications and Equivalencies committee (MQE) developed a process for establishing equivalencies to the minimum qualifications at COC as outlined in Administrative Procedures 7121. An instructor may apply to the Minimum Qualifications and Equivalency Committee if the applicant feels that his or her qualifications are equivalent to the statewide minimum qualifications as listed on the Disciplines List. Equivalency applicants must submit transcripts and other documentation to support the request. Equivalency may never mean fewer qualifications than the published minimum qualifications. Also note, equivalencies do not transfer from district to district.

Meets: 1:00pm – 2:00pm on the third Monday of each month.

Location: Zoom

Alisha Kaminsky	Faculty Chair/ Enrollment Services/Counseling
Faculty Appointments	School
Diana Stanich	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
James Gilmore	Math, Science & Engineering
Mary Powell	Humanities
Nerissa Yuhico	Health Professions
VACANT	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Robert Maxwell	Business
VACANT	Visual and Performing Arts
Other Members	
Miranda Zamudio	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources

Non-Credit Curriculum Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

Meets: 8/19/25 (Training); 9/9/25; 9/23/25; 10/21/25; 11/4/25; 11/18/25

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:50 pm.

Location: Zoom

Garrett Rieck	Faculty Co-Chair, Personal & Professional Learning
Diane Avery	Noncredit Curriculum Committee Administrative Co-Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Aivee Ortega	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Brittany Applen	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
Christina Chung	Business

Fiorella Chauca	Humanities
Jennifer Paris	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jeremy Patrich	Math, Science & Engineering
Jessica Crowley	Public Safety
Justin Hunt	Applied Technologies/COCFA Representative
Kelly Bronco	Public Health
VACANT	Visual and Performing Arts
VACANT	Learning Resources
At-Large Faculty Appointments	
Dora Lozano	Member At-Large (Counselor, Special Populations)
Jaya George	Member At-Large (Pharmacy Technology)
Donald Kendall	Member At-Large
Adjunct Faculty Appointments	
Jessica Edmond	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Yasser Issa	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Souhaila Elmoukari	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Non-Voting Members	
Patrick Backes	Articulation Officer & Curriculum Analyst
Tony Sanchez	Admissions & Records and Online Services
VACANT	Representative from the Associated Student Government

Policy Review

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Policy Review Committee serves largely in an advisory and developmental capacity. To that end, the Committee works with members of the faculty, administration as well as all campus groups in order to address campus policy and procedural concerns in an inclusive and collegial manner. The Policy Review Committee is not intended to maintain full representative membership. All resulting work product of the committee must receive approval of the representative Academic Senate. Policies are then submitted as recommendations to the Campus Policy Council, one of the Collegial Consultation Committees, which ultimately submit the policy as a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Meeting: 2:00pm – 3:00pm, Every Thursday of the month. 2:00pm -3:30pm on Non-Senate Thursdays.

Location: Hybrid (BONH 248 and Zoom)

Gary Collis	Business/Faculty Chair
Faculty Appointments	
Annie Abouljian	Humanities
Garrett Hooper	Enrollment Services/Counseling/COCFA Union Representative
Jason Burgdorfer	Math, Science & Engineering/ COCFA Union President
Michael McCaffrey	Visual and Performing Arts

Rebecca Shepherd	Social & Behavioral Sciences/COCFA
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Program Viability

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Program Viability Committee uses the evidence contained within the initial proposal for instructional programs as a foundation to make a qualitative assessment as to determining the merit of initiation, modification or discontinuance. The committee meets select Thursdays. All newly initiated programs must submit a proposal to PV Committee before the 8th week of the fall semester. Proposals include qualitative and quantitative data (labor market analysis).

Meets: 10:00am – 11:30am

Second and Fourth Thursday of the Month

Location: Zoom

Follow up email sent on 7/30/2025

Lisa Hooper	Faculty Chair/Personal & Professional Learning
Faculty Appointments	School
Erika Torgeson	Program Review Committee Chair/ Enrollment Services/Counseling
Jason Burgdorfer	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering/COCFA President
Jaya George	Health Professions
Jennifer Paris	CTE Representative/ECE Rep/Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jesse Vera	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Karl Striepe	Social & Behavioral Sciences/Transfer Discipline Representative
Kathrina Almero-Fabros	Transfer Discipline Representative/At-Large member
Ruth Rassool	Humanities (Adjunct)/Adjunct Designee
Tricia George	Curriculum Committee Chair/Humanities
VACANT	Adjunct/AFT-Student Services
VACANT	Associated Student Government- Student Representative
Administrator Voting Members	
Dr. Thea Alvarado	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction
Erin Tague	Interim Assist. Superintendent of Facilities
Jason Hinkle	Assistant Superintendent/VP of Business Services Interim
Jim Temple	Assistant Superintendent/VP of Technologies

Scholarly Presentation

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

The Scholarly Presentation Committee exist to display the diverse and unique knowledge and interests of COC faculty by selecting one faculty per semester to showcase his/her expertise in a specific field.

Meets: 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2:30pm – 3:30pm.

Location: via zoom

Pamela Williams-Paez	Faculty Chair/Social & Behavioral Sciences
Faculty Appointments	School
Katie Coleman	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Mehgen Andrade	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Michael McCaffrey	Visual and Performing Arts
Michal Habib	Math, Science & Engineering (Adjunct)
Erin Delaney	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Eddie Becton	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Julie Johnson	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Robert Wonser	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jennifer Thompson	Learning Resources
Sarah Etheridge	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Tricia George	Humanities
Ruth Rassool	
Amy Foote	
Graciela Martinez	Student Services
Erica Seubert	Mathematics, Science & Engineering
Other Members	
Dr. Thea Alvarado	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction
Dr. Edel Alonso	BOT member

Study Abroad Advisory Council (SAAC)

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025; List revised again on 9/24/25

Meeting Dates/Times for Fall 25: Wednesday, 3:00-3:50 p.m.

- September 24
- October 1
- November 19
- December TBC

Location: via Zoom

Dr. Claudia Acosta	Faculty Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Anh Nguyen	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Lucia Pozo	Humanities
Michael McCaffrey	Visual and Performing Arts
VACANT	Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Math, Science & Engineering
Other Members	
Andy McCutcheon	Dean of VAPA & Humanities

Academic Senate Liaison Positions

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/11/2025

Faculty Appointments	Position
Regina Blasberg	Career Technical Education Liaison
Jennifer Paris	ASCCC OERI Regional Lead for Area C & OER Liaison for College of the Canyons
Jesse Vera	Legislative Liaison
Susan Ling	Guided Pathways Student Services Liaison