

ACADEMIC SENATE SUB-COMMITTEES

2026-27 FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Note: Recent changes to committee membership are in **bold** font.

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 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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 for new FT faculty positions as well as recommendations to hire to fill vacant FT faculty positions created by retirements, terminations, and resignations.

Meets: Fourth Tuesday of each month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. First meeting of the fall semester is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th.

Location: BONH 248

Erik Altenbernd	Social & Behavioral Sciences/Committee Faculty Co-Chair
Dr. David Vakil	Vice President Instruction/Administrator Co-Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
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	Humanities
VACANT	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
VACANT	Applied Technologies
VACANT	Personal & Professional Learning (Non-Credit)
VACANT	Visual & Performing Arts
Other Members	
Clinton Slaughter	Vice President of Student Services/Assistant Superintendent
Miranda Zamudio	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, Human Resources

Academic Freedom Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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.

Meetings: 1:30p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Location: BONH 330.

Dates: 8/25; 9/29; 10/27 & 11/24

Karyl Kicenski, Chair	Humanities
Faculty Appointments	School
Collette Salvatierra	Learning Resources
Lauren Rome	Social & Behavioral Sciences (Adjunct)
Tricia George	Curriculum Committee Chair
Urvashi Juneja	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Gary Collis	Business
Brent Riffle	Humanities

Academic Integrity Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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.

Meets: The AIC meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3:00PM on 8/25; 9/29; 10/27 & 11/24.

Location: BONH 330

Shane Ramey, Chair	Mathematics, Science and Engineering
Faculty Appointments	School
Jennifer Overdevest	VAPA
Michelle LaBrie	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Regina Blasberg	Applied Technologies
Ruth Rassool	Humanities (Part-Time Faculty)
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 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

CASL

- 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.

Academic Program Review

- 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 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.
 - Meetings are combined with the Committee for Assessing Student Learning committee (CASL) 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
Gary Quire	Program Review Faculty Chair/ Business
Faculty Appointments	School
Claudenice McCalister	Applied Technologies
Gary Quire	Business
Mildred Macaranas	Counseling/ Part-Time Seat #1 (General Counseling & Canyons Promise Program)
VACANT	Health Professions
Alexa Dimakos	Humanities
VACANT	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
VACANT	Learning Resources
Rana Akiel	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
VACANT	Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Student Services
VACANT	Visual & Performing Arts
VACANT	At-Large Seat #1
VACANT	At-Large Seat #2
VACANT	Part-Time Faculty Seat #2
Other Members	
Andy McCutcheon	Dean School of VAPA
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 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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
Gary Quire	Business/Program Review Chair
Hencelyn Chu	Health Professions
Jaya George	Health Professions
Tina Rorick	Health Professions
Jeff Baker	Visual & Performing Arts
Jennifer Paris	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Jon Amador	Visual & Performing Arts/Music Department
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	
Alisha Kaminski	Classified Staff, Assistant Research Institutional Development & Tech, Institutional Development
Chad Peters	Dean, Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness and Athletics
Daylene Meuschke	Vice President, Institutional Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.
Dr. David Vakil	Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction
Jason Hinkle	Assistant Superintendent/VP, Information Technology
Jason Hinkle	Associate VP, Business Services
Jeff Gregor	Educational Administrator, Asst. Superintendent/ Vice President, Workforce & Economic Advancement
Jennifer Brezina	Associate Vice President, Instruction

Marilyn Jimenez	Administrative Assistant to the Academic Senate and Instructional Support
Mark Rotondo	Faculty Director, Fire Academy, Health Professions & Public Safety, Health Prof/Public Safety
Nadia Cotti	Dean, Health Professions
Nancy Sandoval	Career and Technical Education Coordinator

CETL Steering Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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: Zoom

Julianne Johnson	Social & Behavioral Sciences /Faculty Co-Chair
Robert Wonser	Social & Behavioral Sciences /Faculty Co-Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Alex Dimakos (<i>will stay on for informational purposes only</i>)	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
Heidi McMahon	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Kristi Miura	Health Professionals
Lori Young	Business
Michelle LaBrie	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Rana Akiel	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
Jennifer Brezina	Associate VP Office of Instruction

Constitution & By-Laws Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

The Constitution & By-Laws Committee is a standing committee of the Academic Senate whose function is to 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 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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	
Claudenice Braga-McCalister	At-Large Seat #1
Christopher Boltz	At-Large Seat #2
Cindy Leung	At-Large Seat #3
Patrica Foley	At-Large Seat #4
Susan Ling	At-Large Seat #5
Jaya George	At-Large Seat #6
Part-Time Faculty Appointments	
Linda Bearegard-Vasquez	Adjunct Seat #1
Christine Oshian	Adjunct Seat #2
Ruth Rassool	Adjunct Seat #3
Other Members	
Steve Erwin	Director, Admissions & Records, Non-Voting
Patrick Backes	Articulation Officer/Curriculum Analyst

Elections Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

The Elections Committee is a standing operational committee of the Academic Senate whose function is to 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

Sarah Breshears	Committee Faculty Chair/Library Science
Faculty Appointments	School
Hind Ali	Mathematics, Science & Engineering

Honors Advisory Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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 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
Rupa Sinha	Math, Science & Engineering
Other Members	
Erika Torgeson	Interim Dean, Counseling
Leslie Vastano	Adult Hourly

Equivalencies Committee (*formerly Minimum Qualifications and Equivalencies*)

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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
VACANT	Applied Tech
Bob Maxwell (FA'26)/ Ali Naddafpour (SP'27)	Business
Nerissa Yuhico	Health Professions
Mary Powell	Humanities
Diana Stanich	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
Peter Hepburn	Learning Resources
James Gilmore	Math, Science & Engineering
Garrett Rieck	Personal & Professional Learning
Jessica Crowley	Public Safety
Sarah Etheridge	Social & Behavioral Sciences
Mireya Milian	Student Services
Diana Stanich	Visual and Performing Arts
Other Members	
Deshiba Grant	Classified Administrator, Interim Executive Director, HR

Non-Credit Curriculum Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

Meetings: Five Tuesdays (9/8, 9/22, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17)

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
Brittany Applen	Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics
Christina Chung	Business
Graciela Martinez	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Jennifer Overdevest	Visual and Performing Arts
Jeremy Patrich	Math, Science & Engineering
Jessica Crowley	Public Safety
Kelly Bronco	Public Health
VACANT	Humanities
VACANT	Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Applied Technologies/COCFA Representative
VACANT	Learning Resources
At-Large Faculty Appointments	
Donald Kendall	Member At-Large
Jaya George	Member At-Large (Pharmacy Technology)
VACANT	Member At-Large (Counselor, Special Populations)
Adjunct Faculty Appointments	
Jessica Edmond	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Souhaila Elmoukari	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Maral Markarian (<i>confirmed as the substitute</i>)	
Yasser Issa	Adjunct Seat Faculty Representative
Non-Voting Members	
Patrick Backes	Articulation Officer & Curriculum Analyst
VACANT	Admissions & Records and Online Services
VACANT	Representative from the Associated Student Government

Policy Review Committee

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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: BONH 248

Gary Collis	Business/Faculty Chair
Faculty Appointments	School
Annie Abouljian	Humanities
Garrett Hooper	Enrollment Services/Counseling/COCFA Union Representative
Dilek Sanver-Wang	Math, Science & Engineering/ COCFA Union President
Michael McCaffrey	Visual and Performing Arts
Rebecca Shepherd	Social & Behavioral Sciences/COCFA
Erin Barnthouse	Learning Resources

Program Viability

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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

Lisa Hooper	Faculty Chair/Personal & Professional Learning
Faculty Appointments	School
Dilek Sanver Wang	COCFA President
Gary Quire	Program Review Committee Chair
Jason Burgdorfer	Mathematics, Sciences & Engineering
Jaya George	Health Professions
Jesse Vera	Enrollment Services/Counseling
Karl Striepe	Social & Behavioral Sciences/Transfer Discipline Representative
Ruth Rassool	Humanities (Part-Time)/Part-Time Designee
Tricia George	Curriculum Committee Chair/Humanities
VACANT	CTE Representative/ECE Rep/Social & Behavioral Sciences
VACANT	Transfer Discipline Representative/At-Large member

VACANT	Adjunct/AFT-Student Services
VACANT	Associated Student Government- Student Representative
Administrator Voting Members	
Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction
Erin Tague	Assist. Superintendent of Facilities
Jason Hinkle	Interim Assistant Superintendent/VP of Business Services Interim
Jason Hinkle	Interim Assistant Superintendent/VP of Technologies

Scholarly Presentation

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

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: TBD

Location: TBD

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

Study Abroad Advisory Council (SAAC)

List confirmed by the Academic Senate on 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

Meeting Dates: Sept 29, Oct 1, Nov. 5, Nov. 19 & Dec. 3

Meeting Times: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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 9/10/2026 & 9/24/2026

Faculty Appointments	Position
Regina Blasberg	Career Technical Education Liaison
Garrett Rieck	ASCCC Non-Credit 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