



# COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS ACADEMIC SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**September 17, 2026**

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Via Zoom

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## **AGENDA**

*According to Article 6 of the By-Laws of the Academic Senate the purpose of the Executive Committee is to foster coordination among the principal subcommittee chairs of the Academic Senate, to advise the President, and the overall strategic development and planning of matters before the Academic Senate.*

### **A. Routine Matters**

1. Call to order

2. Public Comment

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Executive Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Public questions or comments can be submitted via email at [academicsenateinfo@canyons.edu](mailto:academicsenateinfo@canyons.edu) or asked via zoom chat feature.*

3. Approval of the Agenda

### **B. Consent Calendar**

1. Adoption of April 23, 2026, Senate Executive Committee Summary (pg. 3-5)

### **C. Reports**

1. Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper

2. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck

### **D. Action: None**

### **E. Discussion**

1. Liaison Positions, Lisa Hooper

2. Template for Committee Procedures, Lisa Hooper

3. New Shared Governance Model Report to the Senate, Lisa Hooper & Garrett Rieck

### **F. Future Business**

1. Future Meeting Times/Days for Fall 2026

2. Future Discussion Topics

### **G. Unfinished Business: None**

## **H. Announcements**

1. Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates for Fall 2026: Sept 24<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>
2. [Just in Transition: Academic Academy for Climate Justice and Action](#), Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, CA.
3. [2026 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.
4. [2027 Spring Plenary Session](#), April 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, Hyatt Regency Irvin, Irvine, CA.
5. [2027 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, Hyatt Regency Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.

## **I. Adjournment:**

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# COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

## ACADEMIC SENATE

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 23, 2026**

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Via Zoom

## SUMMARY

### Non-Voting Members:

| Faculty Name  | Title                                         |   | Faculty Name     | Title                  |   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------------|---|
| Lisa Hooper   | <i>Academic Senate President</i>              | X | Jason Burgdorfer | <i>COCFA President</i> | A |
| Garrett Rieck | <i>Academic Senate Vice President</i>         | X | Dan Portillo     | <i>AFT President</i>   | X |
| Erica Seubert | <i>Academic Senate Communications Officer</i> | X |                  |                        |   |

### Voting Members:

| Faculty Name    | Title                                      |   | Faculty Name             | Title                                                       |   |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Alisha Kaminsky | <i>MQE</i>                                 | X | Jesse Vera               | <i>Legislative Liaison</i>                                  | X |
| Chase Dimock    | <i>Honors Steering Committee</i>           | X | Julie Jonhson            | <i>CETL</i>                                                 | X |
| Sara Breshears  | <i>Elections Committee</i>                 | X | Linda Beauregard Vasquez | <i>Lead Adjunct Senator</i>                                 | A |
| Erik Altenbernd | <i>Academic Staffing Committee Faculty</i> | A | Lisa Hooper              | <i>President's Advisory Committee on the Budget Faculty</i> | X |
| Kelly Cude      | <i>Program Review Committee</i>            | X | Pamela William-Paez      | <i>Scholarly Presentation (Tentative)</i>                   | A |
| Garrett Reick   | <i>Noncredit Liaison</i>                   | X | Teresa Ciardi            | <i>Faculty Professional Development Committee</i>           | A |
| Lisa Hooper     | <i>Program Viability</i>                   | X | Tricia George            | <i>Curriculum Committee</i>                                 | X |
| Gary Collis     | <i>Policy Review Committee</i>             | A | VACANT                   | <i>College Planning Team Committee Faculty</i>              |   |
| Regina Blasberg | <i>Career Education Liaison</i>            | A |                          |                                                             |   |

### Additional Voting Members:

| Faculty Name   | Title                               |   | Faculty Name  | Title                              |   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Shane Ramey    | <i>Academic Integrity Committee</i> | A | Alene Terzian | <i>Equity Minded Practitioners</i> | X |
| Karyl Kicenski | <i>Academic Freedom Committee</i>   | A |               |                                    |   |

### Non-Voting Members and Guest

| Faculty Name    | Title                                           |   | Faculty Name | Title |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------|--|
| Marilyn Jimenez | <i>Academic Senate Administrative Assistant</i> | X |              |       |  |

### A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 11:03 am.
2. Public Comment:
  - I. Alisha stated she can no longer access the intranet system to upload agendas for the MQE committee. An IT help desk ticket will be created to grant her access.
3. Approval of the Agenda
  - I. **Motion** to approve the agenda by Lisa Hooper, seconded by Kelly Cude. Unanimous. Approved.

### B. Consent Calendar

1. Adoption of March 19, 2026, Senate Executive Committee Summary (pg. 3-5)

- I. Motion to approve by Alene Terzian, seconded by Julie Johnson. Unanimous. Approved.

**C. Reports**

1. Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper

- I. **Committee Needs:** Lisa has allocated for time for committee chairs to submit requests for additional members, resources and challenges.
- II. **ASCCC Survey on Faculty Professional Development:** Lisa has started to fill out the survey and suggests that all faculty complete the survey and provide feedback.
- III. **ASG Petition:** The Associated Student Government (ASG) is circulating a petition for 3 of the BOT members to resign. Faculty are proud of students participating in shared governance. However, it is not clear if anyone would resign based on a petition of students. It is not clear at this moment what the primary concern is from students. In their email there are supportive links to documentation and dates to their petition.

2. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck

- I. **SP 26 Faculty Office Lottery:** The lottery ends soon and there will be follow up emails sent out. All faculty who participated in the lottery are encouraged to check emails.
- II. **Senate Exec Committee meeting dates/time:** There are no meeting dates scheduled for fall 2026 meetings. The Curriculum & Academic Senate meeting calendar will return as an action item on the next Senate agenda for April 30<sup>th</sup>. There are concerns that the retreat cannot be hosted during FLEX week due to overlap with departments retreats meeting from 3-5pm on Thursday.
- III. **Meeting Survey:** A survey will be launched to collect feedback regarding the best meeting dates/times. The afternoon around 1:00pm may work better and the idea is to not overlap with Curriculum and Senate meetings.

**D. Action: None**

**E. Discussion**

1. Nominations for Faculty Awards, Garrett Rieck

- I. **Overview of Faculty Award Processes:** The committee reviewed the nominations received for the "Excellence in Education" award. There were no adjunct nominations received. As a reminder the current faculty award processes only allow for one nomination for full-time and one for part-time. If there is a tie the committee chair breaks it. Proxy votes and designees are not allowed. The tallies will not be published in the meeting summaries. All documents were posted to the CANVAS shell.
- II. **Nominations Received:** Two full-time faculty nominations were received for the "Excellence in Education" award. In the past there have been 2 nominations for various awards. The recognition of two faculty would conflict with local processes. The suggestion is to take a vote from the committee to confirm if the committee wants to acknowledge two award recipients. The original idea was to allow to advance an honoree for state level consideration.
  - a. *"ASCCC awards often have thematic criteria that changes annually. If the ASCCC award differs significantly from the COC award criteria, or if no COC honoree aligns with the ASCCC award theme and standards, the Executive Committee may decide not to submit any COC local award honoree for consideration of the statewide award. In such cases, the Executive Committee may nominate any qualifying COC candidate for the ASCCC award, even if such candidate has not been locally honored."*
- III. **Need for more Marketing:** Garrett will submit a presentation to the Senate on Faculty Awards next semester to help increase the number of nominations. More emails communication was sent out this semester. There may be individual emails with the information for each of the awards.
- IV. **Acceptance of two FTF nominations for the Excellence in Education award:** The committee unanimously agreed to accept two nominations for two awards and allow for deliberation.
  - a. **Bob Maxwell award Nominee:** Bob has served on MQE committee for over a decade,

and Alisha is grateful for this attention to detail and commitment. He also oversees the Future Business Leaders of America and uses his own time to do this work. Bob purchased equipment out of his own funds. He is very reliable and first to reply to inquiries and is very student and colleague centered.

- b. Bob Maxwell is doing great work in bringing the students elsewhere outside the college.
- V. **Motion** to approve Bob Maxwell for the “Excellence in Education” award by Tricia George, seconded by Jesse Vera. Unanimous. Approved.
  - a. **Jeannie Chair award Nominee:** Sara Breshears connected with Jeannie regarding a micro trash event and Jeannie took time to take her son to see a bird nest as her son has a strong interest in birds. There are students who Jeannie has helped in the library and who are contributing to research. This can be a hard area to come by as many CCC’s find it difficult to do research for area in the sciences.
  - b. Jeannie sent Alene some thankful emails when she participated in the Cul de Sac to express how much she appreciate the voices being heard. There were two events scheduled for the same time, the bake sale and cul-de-sac and Jeannie volunteered to re-schedule her event to not overlap with Alene’s event. Jeannie takes time out of her day to give special thanks to colleagues.
  - c. Chase Dimock has worked with Jeannie and has enjoyed working with her to find connections between Biology, Art and English. The Bird of Canyons ([About Birds of the Canyons – Birds of the Canyons](#)) was due to collaboration with other disciplines with the English and Biology departments. The English students wrote poetry by artwork presented by Mercedes McDonald and Jeannie focused on the area Biology. There is pollinator friend on campus who is working on making the campus more biodiverse. Jeannie has worked with the pollinator to use the college as a natural lab to provide students opportunities for internships and research. Bio 106 (Biodiversity) provides the hands-on research so that students can stand out. Jeannie creates a community of collaboration and has an interdisciplinary creative spirit.
- VI. **Motion** to approve Jeannie Chari by Alene, seconded by Sara. U.A.
- VII. These awards recognize faculty who are going above and beyond and are working with students outside of the classroom. This is inspiring as it communicates why many went into the teaching field. Special thanks to all committee chairs for their work and service to the district. There was a request to change “graduation day” as a contract day instead of “opening day”.

#### **F. Future Business**

- 1. Future Meeting Times/Days for spring 2026
- 2. Future Discussion Topics

#### **G. Unfinished Business: None**

#### **H. Announcements**

- [Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: May 14<sup>th</sup> & May 28<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute](#), April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, San Jose Marriot
- **Faculty Collegial Celebration**, Thurs., June 4, 2026, at 3:00pm
- [2026 Faculty Leadership Institute](#), June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
- [2026 Curriculum Institute](#), July 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento Convention Center
- [2026 CAL OER Conference](#), July 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, Zoom.
- [2026 Fall Plenary Session](#), Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Grand Bay Hotel San Francisco, CA.

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