College of the Canyons
Academic Senate
Executive Committee Meeting

February 19, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Via Zoom

SUMMARY

Non-Voting Members:

Faculty Name	**Title**		**Faculty Name**	**Title**	
Lisa Hooper	*Academic Senate President*	X	Jason Burgdorfer	*COCFA President*	A
Garrett Rieck	*Academic Senate Vice President*	X	Dan Portillo	*AFT President*	X
Erica Seubert	*Academic Senate Communications Officer*	X			

Voting Members:

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

Additional Voting Members:

Faculty Name	**Title**		**Faculty Name**	**Title**	
Shane Ramey	*Academic Integrity Committee*	A	Alene Terzian	*Equity Minded Practitioners*	X
Karyl Kicenski	*Academic Freedom Committee*	A			

Non-Voting Members and Guest

Faculty Name	**Title**		**Faculty Name**	**Title**	
Marilyn Jimenez	*Academic Senate Administrative Assistant*	X			

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to order: 11:05 am
2. Public Comment:
   I. The Legislative report to the Academic Senate by Jesse Vera will be presented in March.
3. Approval of the Agenda:
   I. Motion to approve by Jesse Vera, seconded by Alisha Kaminsky. Unanimous. Approved.

B. Consent Calendar

1. Adoption of October 30, 2025, Senate Executive Committee Summary (pg. 3-5)
2. Adoption of December 4, 2025, Senate Executive Committee Summary (pg. 6-8)

I. Motion to approve the consent calendar by Alene Terzian, seconded by Lisa Beuregard-Vasquez. Unanimous. Approved.

C. Reports

1. Presidents Report, Lisa Hooper
    - I. **HR MQE Procedures:** Gary Collis, Alisha Kaminsky and Lisa Hopper meet over the summer with HR to revise MQ procedures. HR will consult with the MQ committee before and after the interviews. This will help to clarify and confirm equivalencies for faculty.
    - II. **PV Committee Update:** Lisa Hooper is now chairing the PV Committee as Garrett Rieck had to step down due to overseeing the Rising Scholars program. The By-laws state the Academic Senate President will chair PV or assign a designee. There has been discussion regarding the allocation of resources for programs in PV
    - III. **Dept. Chair Training Series:** This series was launched by Miriam Golbert, Claudia Acosta and David Andrus. The series was condensed into 6 sessions, and a timeslot will be kept uniform. Feedback is welcomed.
    - IV. **CEO Screening:** The screening has completed and candidates will be invited for interviews in the coming weeks. PPL suggested that the college does not forward more than 5 candidates at once for the CEO positions at once.
    - V. **New Interim CIO:** The district has appointed David Vakil as the interim CIO, and this has created an opening for the Dean of MSE.
2. Vice President Report, Garrett Rieck
    - I. Exemplary Program Submission
        - a. In the fall COC applied for the award and won. Garrett went to the BOG meeting and Dianne Avery and Thea Alvarado were there. Garrett gave an acceptance speech. The award is now in the non-credit office. Special thanks to Chase Dimock for working with the non-credit program. Need to determine the process for the exemplary award locally.

D. Action: *None*

E. Discussion

1. Updates from faculty assigned to Shared Governance Project Advancement Teams: Instructional, Operational & Executive Councils
    1. The governance structure has been changed, and faculty have been appointed to leadership PAT teams. There are 3 teams such as planning, student success and operational. Some faculty have stated this may not be the best use of time. For those who do not sit on Senate this may be productive. The idea is to have faculty give an update. One option for those faculty PAT roles is to choose a designee. Many PAT teams are in the independent stages and as they get more worked out it will be clearer. The shared governance council process for presentations was refined and structured to inform the CEO. The first meeting is scheduled for next week.
2. Academic Senate Faculty Awards, Garrett Rieck
    - a. Faculty Awards Description & Criteria Process
    - b. Academic Senate COC Standing Policy on Faculty Awards
        - i. The meeting invite for the next Executive Committee meeting is for April 23rd to deliberate the awards. The meeting title may change so we are not in violation of the Brown Act. An email will be sent next week and will have a deadline of April 16th at 12:00pm. This will allow sufficient time to upload documents to CANVAS and for deliberations.
        - ii. **Exemplary Program Award:** This year the college won the statewide award. There may be a possibility of soliciting nominations for a local award. This would require two

distinctions on the wall for Senate. The intent of the local award was to align with the statewide awards.

1. **Local Award Nominations:** These are done in the spring.
2. **ASCCC Award Nominations:** These are announced on Oct. 1st, and they are all due on Nov. 9th. There is no way, locally, to complete the screening process in time and submit. If there is award in the spring a faculty member would need to get this award during this time and it needs to match the statewide theme.

iii. **2 Exemplary Program Awards:** Some feel it is beneficial to have the local exemplary award and in Academic Senate identify if there are two award nominations. For example, one award for the Rising Scholars programs statewide and another other local.

iv. This committee has selected the teacher of the year and received recognition. The committee has never differentiated between adjunct and full-time.

v. **Incomplete Nomination Packets:** There have been nominations with incomplete packets, and this has posed challenges in the past. Garrett does not post nominations until after the deadlines.

vi. **Next Meetings:** There are two meetings left, one for March 19th and April 23rd. If anyone has any topics for the March 19th meeting, please contact Garrett Rieck.

vii. **Special thanks** to Sara Breashears for serving as the new Senate Elections committee chair.

F. Future Business

1. Future Discussion Topics

G. Unfinished Business: *None*

H. Announcements

- Department Chair Training Series Spring 2026 to begin Feb. 20th
- Next Academic Senate Meeting Dates Spring 2026: Feb. 26th, March 12th, March 26th, April 16th, April 30th, May 14th & May 28th
- 2026 ASCCC Spring Plenary, April 9th – 11th, Hyatt Regency, Santa Rosa, CA.
- 2026 Faculty Leadership Institute, June 11th – 13th, Hyatt Regency, Long Beach, CA.
- 2026 Curriculum Institute, July 15th – 18th, Sacramento Convention Center
- 2026 ASCCC Non-Credit Institute, April 30th – May 1st, San Jose Marriot
- Association of Community and Continuing Education (ACCE) Conference, March 11th – March 13th, The Dana in Mission Bay in San Diego, CA.

I. Adjournment: 11:49 pm.

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