

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

2026-27 FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

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

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

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

Description: The Academic Standards Committee reviews student requests to drop and/or remove a student from a course based on documented extenuating circumstances, instructor statements, and database system reports. Outcomes may include: (1) Drop without a W, (2) Withdrawal with a W, (3) and the awarding of an Excused Withdrawal.

Meeting Dates/Times: Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 2:00pm.

Faculty Members	Position
Anne Marengo	Sociology/Social & Behavioral Science
Heidi McMahon	Chemistry/Mathematics, Science & Engineering
Liz Shaker	Enrollment Services/Student Services
Mehgen Andrade	Social & Behavioral Science
Lori Young	Business
Administrator	
Steve Erwin	Associate Dean, Admissions, Records, and Online Services
Tom Bilbruck	Associate Dean, Student Financial Services

CALENDAR COMMITTEE

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

Description:

Develops the academic calendar recommendation for Board approval. The committee consists of 4 members of the administration, 4 members of the faculty (appointed by Academic Senate), 4 members of the classified professionals (appointed by CSEA), and 4 students (appointed by the ASG). The group prepares and reviews the future academic calendars to recommend for approval at the Academic Senate. Once endorsed by the Academic Senate, the Academic Calendar is brought to the Board of Trustees for approval. This committee has operating procedures outlining the work of the committee.

Focus:

Ensure that the calendar meets the regulations set by Title 5 and the L.A. County Department of Education.

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Faculty Members	
Michael Sherry	Mathematics/ Mathematics, Science & Engineering

Administrator	
Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Superintendent/VP Student Services

CANYONS CONNECTS ADVISORY BOARD

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

Description:

Canyons Connects is a software solution that is designed for broad utilization across a wide variety of campus constituencies – students, faculty, staff, and managers. This software solution facilitates early alert and is designed to enhance student retention, completion, and success. Through the integration of communications to students, input from faculty on student progress and referrals, case management, appointment scheduling, and connections between students and services within one streamlined platform Canyons Connects is able to provide holistic student support.

Focus:

The Canyons Connects Advisory Team provides input, recommendations, and communication that aid in the stewardship, prioritization, successful implementation, and wide scale adoption of the Canyons Connects platform. The project aims to improve student retention, persistence, success, and completion through early alert, case management, cohort tracking, and connection to campus services.

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Location: TBD

Faculty Appointments	
Collette Gibson	Mathematics/ Mathematics, Science & Engineering
Erin Delaney	English/Humanities

COMMENCEMENT/GRADUATION CEREMONY

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

Description:

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Location: TBD

This committee could be comprised of representative's form elected positions such as AS president and COCFA, Classified Senate & ASG etc.

Faculty Members	
Brittany Apple	American Sign language/Humanities/COCFA Representative
Lisa Hooper	Physical Education/Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics/Academic Senate President
Rebecca Shepherd (<i>Will serve as a backup for Brittany Applen</i>)	Psychology/Social & Behavioral Sciences/COCFA Representative
Administrator	

Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Superintendent/VP Student Services
Kelly Dapp	Classified Administrator, Director, Campus Life & Student Engagement
VACANT	Educational Administrator, Dean, Student Services

EEO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Description:

The District established an Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee (EEOAC) to assist the District in implementing its Plan in 2010. The EEOAC may also assist in promoting an understanding and support of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination policies and procedures. The EEOAC sponsors events, trainings, and other activities that promote equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination, retention and diversity.

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Faculty Members	
Ali Naddafpour	Business Account/Business
Lena Smyth	Political Science/Social & Behavioral Science (adjunct)
Administrators	
Miranda Zamudio	Director of Human Resources

FOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Description:

The purpose of the Food Service Committee is to address student and employee concerns regarding the functions and services of the food service vendors; provide feedback to the food service vendors in a timely manner regarding such concerns; and work with the food service staff to propose solutions to such issues.

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Location: TBD

Faculty Members	
Boo Su	Economics/Business
Lisa Hooper	Physical Education/Kinesiology, Health & Wellness, Fitness & Athletics/Academic Senate President
Administrators	
April Marin	Executive Director, Contract, Procurement, and Risk Management Services

Anthony Michaelides	Dean, Campus Services & Operations (CCC), Canyon Country Campus
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ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

(FORMERLY GRADE REVIEW)

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

Description:

The committee is responsible for considering (1) petitions for grade changes due to mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, (2) appeals of “grade penalties” imposed on individual assignments for grade dishonesty, and (3) appeals of grades assigned for Credit for Prior Learning.

This ARC committee has an overall faculty chair appointed by the Academic Senate for a two-year term along with any number of additional faculty members to serve on panels as necessary. The Academic Senate President will make every effort, when the President deems it appropriate and it is feasible, to attempt to include at least one faculty member who serves on the Academic Integrity Committee. The Academic Senate President will also *"strive for appointees who reflect the district's diversity, including, but not limited to, demographic and disciplinary."*

Meeting Dates/Times: The committee meets on a need-to-day basis.

Location: TBD

Faculty Chair	
Michelle LaBrie	Psychology/ Social & Behavioral Science
Faculty Members	
John Varga	History/Social & Behavioral Science
Administrators	
Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Superintendent/VP Student Services

STUDENT CONDUCT & GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

(FORMERLY STUDENT CONDUCT)

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

Description:

The committee is responsible for handling (1) student violations of BP 5500 (when they lead to long-term suspension or expulsion) and (2) general student grievances.

The Student Conduct Committee only meets as needed, such as when a student conduct case requires a hearing before the Committee. The Committee does **NOT** include a chair and is composed of appointees willing to serve on panels on a as-needed basis. The management of this committee rests more completely with the administration, although each panel that the administration assembles will be chaired by a faculty member.

Meeting Dates/Times: The committee meets on a need-to-day basis.

Location: TBD

Faculty Members	
Adam Kaiserman	English/Humanities/COCFA Representative
Larry Alvarez	Administration of Justice/Public Safety/COCFA Representative
Michelle LaBrie	Psychology/ Social & Behavioral Science/Faculty Chair
Administrators	
Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Vice President, Student Services
VACANT	Director, Title IX and Student Conduct

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Description:

The Sustainable Development Committee (SDC) strives to educate the campus and surrounding communities about sustainability, and to encourage the Santa Clarita Community College District to make responsible decisions regarding the climate crisis, biodiversity, and other critical environmental issues.

Focus:

The Sustainable Development Committee (SDC) and the associated International Center for Sustainability, with its on-campus and outreach activities and initiatives, promotes discussion and excites passion in our student body on sustainability-related issues that have significant impact in our community and in the global society. By consistently engaging COC faculty, staff, and students in sustainability topics, the SDC and Sustainability Center support the College's mission to be innovative and lead positive changes in our society and the environment.

Meeting Dates/Times: third Thursday of the month, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Location: Zoom

Faculty Members	
Jason Oliver	Architecture/Applied Technologies
Jeannie Chari	Biology/ Mathematics, Science & Engineering
Marco Llaguno	Philosophy/Humanities
Administrators	
Dr. Jasmine Ruys	College President
Dr. David Vakil	Interim Assistant Superintendent/Vice President
Jason Munoz	Director, Facilities Dept.
Jia-Yi Cheng-Levine	Dean, International Affairs and Global Management
Tim Honadel	Administrative co-chair/ Academic Director of ISP

TRANSFER CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Note: Committee membership to be restricted soon.

Description:

The committee meets to discuss transfer center services, programs and activities to make the overall transfer experience smooth for the student. Sharing ideas, creating new activities, and enhancing what is currently being offered is our objective to make the overall transfer process easier to understand and simpler to navigate. In addition, this is an informational body that disseminates transfer related information college wide. Alignment of membership is per COC AP 5120.2.d Transfer Center Advisory Committee Compilation.

Focus:

The focus is to provide a variety of services to assist students interested in transferring into higher education

Meeting Dates/Times: TBD

Location: TBD

Faculty Members	Position
Ann Marchesan	Canyons Promise Counselor
Anthony Clayton	Part-time Business Faculty
Anthony Morris	Umoja Counselor
Gary Quire	Business
Jesse Vera	Mesa Counselor & Faculty Articulation Liaison
Patricia Foley	Engineering/STEM Rep
Patricia Garcia	Honors Counselor
Sammy Sassoon	Transfer Counselor
Tammy Mahan	Psychology/SBC
Other Members	
	ASG Student Appointment
	ASG Student Appointment
Connie Cruz	Transfer Center Classified Coordinator
Patrick Backes	Articulation Officer
Vida Manzo	Senior Research Analyst, IRPIE
Administrators	
Erika Torgeson	Interim Dean, Counseling/Committee Chair
Clinton Slaughter	CSSO/VP of Student Services
Outside Members	
Chely Gonzalez	UCSB Assistant Director, Transfer Services
Destiny Leon	UCLA Transfer Admissions Officer
Diane Young	CSUN Transfer Success Pathways (TSP) Coordinator
Tiana Mason	CSUN Outreach Counselor