

Academic Senate Newsletter

– Adjunct Edition –

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Welcome to our first edition of Academic Senate Newsletter. The goal is to provide quick bulletin points of our meetings' main discussion and items up for vote. We would like to make this a digestible newsletter and hope to keep you in the loop with Academic Senate related information. Ultimately, we hope to include a feedback section so all your voices are heard.

The Academic Senate's 10+1 Responsibilities:

The Academic Senate serves as the official voice of the faculty in academic and professional matters. Academic Senate is a faculty organization whose primary function is to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on 10+1 academic and professional matters. At COC, those matters in which the Board of Trustees will rely primarily on the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate are:

1. The development of curriculum, including the establishment of prerequisites and planning of course disciplines;
 2. The determination of degree and certificate requirements;
 3. The establishment and review of grading policies;
 4. The establishment of standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;
 5. The appointment of faculty members to District and College committees;
 6. The establishment of policies, procedures and programs for faculty professional development activities (excluding financial expenditures for faculty development);
 7. The development of processes for program review.
- At COC, those matters in which the Board of Trustees and the Senate obligate themselves to reach mutual agreement resulting in written resolution, regulations or policy are:
8. The development of new educational programs;
 9. District governance processes (except 5 above);
 10. The delineation of faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes (including the development of the self-study and strategic plans updates);
 11. Financial Policies of faculty professional development activities
 12. The determination of processes to be utilized in institutional planning and budgeting and;
 13. Other academic and professional matters.

Discussion items from 10/06 meeting

- Campus evacuation drill proposed for Spring 2023
- Academic Freedom report versus free speech – how the two differ
- ACCJC Accreditation Standards revised to include Library and Counseling services essential for a community college to implement for student success
- Student, Equity and Achievement Plan presented by Jasmin Ruiz, VP of Student Services

Feedback link coming soon!

[Link to COC Academic Senate website](#)

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