



Academic Senate Meeting Agenda

September 16, 2026, from 3:00 – 4:45pm in SAS 360

Join us for Collegial Conversations starting at 2:30pm

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Agenda Topics

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Agenda (3:00 – 3:02)**
- III. Approval of Minutes (3:02 – 3:04)**
 - A. Academic Senate Meeting Minutes, September 2nd, 2026
- IV. Public Comments (3:04 – 3:10) – Please limit comments to 1 minute on items not on the agenda. Informational only - no action taken.**
- V. Consent Agenda (3:10 – 3:15)**
 - A. Committee Appointments
- VI. Updates (3:15 – 3:35)**
 - A. Current Committee Vacancies (3:15 – 3:20)
 - B. Accessibility Resolution (3:25 – 3:30)
- VII. New Business (3:30 – 4:10)**
 - A. Student Enrollment Management (3:30 – 3:45)
 - B. Equal Employment Opportunity Plan, 2027- 2030 (3:45 – 3:55)
 - C. AP 4051 Evaluation of External Coursework and Course Substitutions (3:55 – 4:05)
 - D. AP 7310 – Nepotism (4:05 – 4:10)
- VIII. Unfinished Business (4:10 – 4:35)**
 - A. Software Approval Taskforce (4:10 – 4:15)
 - B. AP 4030 Academic Freedom (4:15 – 4:25)
 - C. Strategic Initiatives (4:25 – 4:35)
- IX. Reports (4:35 – 4:45)**
 - A. WeCare@Butte
 - B. Classified Senate
 - C. Student Senate
 - D. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
 - E. CTE Liaison
 - F. Vice President
 - G. President
- X. Future Business**
 - A. SPA Committee Charter and Bylaws
 - B. Equivalency Committee Charter and Bylaws
 - C. Safety Committee
 - D. AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies
 - E. NAPGRA
- XI. Next Meeting**



- A. September 30, Academic Senate Forum - Zoom
- B. October 7, 2026, from 3:00 – 4:45 pm in SAS 360

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According to California State Educational Code/Title 5, an Academic Senate is an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters.

“Academic and Professional Matters” refers to the following policy development matters:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standard or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other professional matters as mutually agreed upon

