BUTTE COLLEGE

Academic Senate Meeting Agenda

October 21, 2026, from 3:00 – 4:45pm in SAS 360
Join us for Collegial Conversations starting at 2:30pm

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, October 7th, 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 – 3:20)**
   A. Current Committee Vacancies
   B. Accessibility Resolution
VII. **New Business (3:20 – 3:45)**
   A. ASCCC Resolutions Packet (3:20 – 3:30)
   B. Curriculum Committee Bylaws (3:30 – 3:45)
   C. Academic Technology Committee Charter and Bylaws (3:45 – 4:00)
VIII. **Unfinished Business (4:00– 4:35)**
   A. Institutional Effectiveness Manual
      i. Background document
      ii. Institutional Effectiveness Manual
   B. Strategic Initiatives (4:15 – 4:25)
      i. Strategic Initiatives
      ii. Strategic Initiative 6
   C. AP 4030 Academic Freedom (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. ATC Charter and Bylaws
   D. Safety Committee
   E. AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies
   F. Financial Aid Presentation
   G. NAPGRA

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XI. Next Meeting

A. November 4, 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