

Senate Executive Committee Vacancy Announcement

The Senate Executive Team will have a vacancy available in Fall 2027. The Executive Committee is announcing this vacancy early on to all constituents.

Here is the process to select a member for the Academic Senate Executive Committee as outlined in our current Academic Senate Bylaws, pages 6 and 7:

“The Officers that comprise the Academic Senate Executive Committee shall be nominated and elected **early enough in the Spring semester of the sitting President’s second year** to allow for any senator seat being vacated for an officer position to be included in the general election. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Academic Senate shall be elected for two-year terms, At-large positions. Nominees shall be recommended by the Executive Committee and may include any eligible Full-time faculty member. Potential nominees will be recommended based upon leadership experience and how well they balance the Executive Committee in terms of strengths. A conscious effort will also be made to reflect the categorical diversity of the college (e.g. CTE, General Education, Lecture and Lab, etc.).

Your current Academic Senate Exec Team members include the following background and experience.

- Irma Gonzalez Cuadros – Academic Senate President (*Ending term in Spring 2027*). Background: Early Childhood Education, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Lab and Lecture Experience, Early Childhood Education in Spanish for Adults that are Second Language Learners.
- Kim Kirkwood – Academic Senate Vice President (in succession role). Background: Cosmetology – Career and Technical Education, Lab/Lecture Experience.
- Deb McCabe – Academic Senate Treasurer (in succession role). Background: Communication Studies, Department Chair, Transfer and General Education.
- Jessica Jackson – Academic Senate Secretary (in succession role). Background: Current Articulation Officer and previous experience as Counselor (part-time).

Potential nominees may be discussed at earlier meetings, and such discussions reported out to constituents. The formal nomination process will take place during a pre-determined regular Academic Senate meeting in February or Early March.

Why are we advertising now?

Our election process begins in March 2025, but the Senate Executive Team is announcing this vacancy earlier on to allow constituents time to think about and consider the option to serve as a member of the Executive team. This early announcement also allows for the opportunity for interested faculty to attend an Executive Team Meeting to get to know a little bit of the background work done in our Senate Exec meetings.

As outlined in page 7 of our Bylaws, “The Executive Team will consider potential appointees, and potential candidates may be invited to attend an Executive Team meeting. Following discussion and consideration, the Academic Senate Executive Team will reach a decision by majority vote, identifying the individual that they will recommend as the nominee.”

Furthermore, “Any Senator may recommend other faculty members for Executive Committee positions, and if multiple faculty members are recommended for the same position, the Academic Senate shall vote during the same meeting to determine who will be the nominee for the ballot” in the general election.

All Exec members in succession roles as well as the new nominee for the executive team will be approved by the Academic Senate during a meeting in February or Early March in 2027, so their names will be included in the ballot for the general election.

Any constituent interested in becoming a member of the Academic Senate Executive Team may contact a member of the Executive Team at any time during the remaining Fall 2026 semester, or Early Spring 2027 semester (January through mid-March).

- Irma Gonzalez Cuadros, President. Extension 2319, Gonzalez-cuadrosir@butte.edu
- Kim Kirkwood, Vice President. Extension 2294, Kirkwoodki@butte.edu
- Deb McCabe, Treasurer. Extension 2287, mccabede@butte.edu
- Jessica Jackson, Secretary. Extension 2845, jacksonje@butte.edu