

Cañada College Academic Senate

1:00pm – 2:50pm

Location: the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (Cañada Bldg 9-154)

[Zoom option for guests](#) (Meeting ID: 825 6639 9062)

Agenda 08/28/25

Meetings of the Academic Senate are open to all members of the public.
Materials are posted on the meeting page of the [Academic Senate website](#).

No.	Item/Topic	Presenter	Time	Action
1	Call to Order	Shankar		Procedure
2	Introductions	Shankar	1	Information
3	Academic Senate Faculty Representatives – Appointments to Current Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President: Gampi Shankar• Vice President: Richard Schulke• Secretary: vacant – process for filling vacancy covered in the agenda• Treasurer: Sarah Aranyakul• Adjunct Representative: NEED TO ELECT• Curriculum Committee: Camille Kaslan• PD: Professional Development: Salumeh Eslamieh• ASLT: Academic Support and Learning Technologies: Carlos Luna• BDW: Business, Design & Workforce Division: Leonor Cabrera• HSS: Humanities and Social Sciences Division (and Past President) Rebecca Taveau• KAD: Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance: Ana Miladinova• STEM: Science and Technology Division: Ellen Young• SS: Student Services/Counseling: Danny Lynch <p>Highlighted in yellow are new appointments or vacancies. The Adjunct representative position will be addressed separately through its regular election process, as noted later in the agenda.</p>	Shankar	5	Action
4	A warm welcome to our New Hire Faculty (Full-Time): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Meredith Lanska, Psychology2. Gonzalo Arrizon, English3. Jessie Kaur, Early Childhood	Shankar & Richard	2	Information

	4. Thena Gee, Early Childhood An equally warm welcome to every one of our new Adjunct Faculty!			
5	Adoption of Consent Agenda	Shankar	10	Action
5 - Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All items on the consent agenda may be approved by unanimous consent of the Academic Senate members present. The absence of objection establishes consent. Before approval, reasonable time must be allowed for any Senate member or guest to ask questions about a particular item. Any person may request that an item be removed from the Consent agenda to be discussed in the order listed as part of the regular Senate Business. 				
5.1	Minutes 5/8/25			
5.2	<u>BDW Division:</u> Tenure Track Evaluation Committee(s) 1. Kristina Brower (4th Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean: Alex Kramer Four-year: Tina Watts (Chair; SKY CDC Coordinator + Discipline Expert) Four-year: Alicia Aguirre Two-year: Hyla Lacefield 2. Emanuela Quaglia (4th Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean: Alex Kramer Four-year: Hyla Lacefield (Chair) Four-year: Paul Naas (Discipline Expert) Two-year: Diana Bennett (CSM DGME Faculty) 3. Jaleh Naasz (2nd Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean: Alex Kramer Four-year: Elsa Torres (Chair + Discipline Expert) Four-year: Hyla Lacefield Two-year: Althea Kippes 4. Jessie Kaur (1st Year): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dean: Alex Kramer Four-year: Althea Kippes (Chair) Four-year: Elsa Torres Two-year: Maggie Barrientos (CSM Discipline Expert) 			

	<p>5. Thena Gee (1st Year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean: Alex Kramer • Four-year: Leonor Cabrera (Chair) • Four-year: Paul Naas • Two-year: Tina Watts (SKY Discipline Expert)
5.3	<p><u>HSS Division: Tenure Track Evaluation Committee</u></p> <p>Gonzalo Arrizon (2025), English, 1st year (Previously approved as New English Prof.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean: HSS • Four-year (discipline expert): Kiran Malavade • Four-year: Maureen Wiley • Two-year: Yolanda Valenzuela <p>Note: All HSS tenure-track committees were approved in May 2025 by Academic Senate. This committee re-listed to show the new faculty member's name.</p>
5.4	<p>Personal Counseling: Tenure Track Evaluation Committee</p> <p>Adriana Zuno 1st Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean: Max Hartman • Marcos Chacon (chair and discipline expert) • Aricka Bueno • Jose Manzo <p>Note: All Counseling division tenure-track committees were approved in May 2025 by Academic Senate. This committee is re-listed to show the new faculty member's name.</p>
5.5	<p>Chemistry Faculty Hiring Committee(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Hoffman (replacing Martin Partlan) • Camille Kaslan (chair and discipline expert) • Hyla Lacefield • Sol Parajon Puenzo • Dean: Ameer Thompson
5.6	<p>Lab Technician Hiring Committee – Faculty Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attila Elteto • Sol Parajon Puenzo
5.7	<p>Instructional Planning Council (IPC) Faculty Membership [Updates highlighted in yellow]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Committee Chair – Adriana Lugo (term ends Spring 2027)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Assessment Coordinator – Paul Roscelli (term ends Spring 2027) • Honors Coordinator – Rebekah Taveau (term ends Spring 2027) • Faculty Equity Coordinator – Kiran Malavade (term ends Spring 2027) • Counselor – Jinmei Lun (term ends Spring 2027) • Librarian – vacant • 3 Faculty Members-at-large (faculty-at-large positions will be used to balance membership – adjunct, career education, division representation, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erik Gaspar (term ends Spring 2026) ○ David Eck (term ends Spring 2026) (co-chair) ○ Allison Hughes (term ends Spring 2026)
5.8	Student Grievance Committees and Student Conduct Committees 2025-26 Faculty Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Burns • Kiran Malavade • Alicia Aguirre • Diana Tedone (From Spring-2026 onwards) • David Eck
5.9	EAPC Faculty Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanities Division Representative—Julie Carey • Science and Technology Division Representative –Helena Almassy • KAD Division Representative –Eddy Harris • Business, Design, and Workforce Division Representative—Kristina Brower • Counseling Division Representative—Kassie Alexander • ASLT— VACANT --Chris Rico to serve as “at large” member
5.10	BDW Committee Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate: Leonor Cabrera, Ramin Ekhtiar (Adjunct Representative, pending elections) • Curriculum Committee: Hyla Lacefield and Kristina Brower • Distance Education Advisory Committee: Emanuela Quaglia • IPC: Paul Roscelli (serving as the Assessment Coordinator) • Honors Transfer Program: Paul Roscelli • Planning & Budget Council (PBC): VACANT • Professional Development Committee: Ritu Malhotra • Safety Committee: Paul Naas (appointed as one of two faculty representatives for all divisions on behalf of Academic Senate) • Technology Committee: Jaleh Naasz • Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Subcommittee: Marina Noel

	Counseling Committee Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none">SSPC: Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez EOPS Program Rep, Aricka Bueno Counseling Division RepIPC: Jinmei LunCurriculum Committee: Jinmei Lun, Danny LynchPBC: VACANT			
5.11	Child Development Center (CDC) Coordinator Hiring Committee (Approved in 8/22/24 Academic Senate Meeting, hiring delayed to Fall 2025 semester) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dean: Alex KramerMaggie Barrientos (CSM CDC Coordinator)Tina Watts (SKY CDC Coordinator)Ray LapuzKristina BrowerYovanka Crossley (CSEA rep; CSM CDC) (Change in staff member from previous approval: replacing Lori Pilster)			
5.12	Medical Assisting Faculty Tenure-Track Faculty Position Hiring Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dean: Alex KramerRitu MalhotraLeonor CabreraElsa TorresAlthea Kippes <p>Note: Re-starting process after first search was unsuccessful</p>			
5.13	Tenure-Track Committee for CSM Prof. Johnny Leon (Personal Counseling) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Faculty Marcos Chacon (Cañada College Personal Counseling)			
5.14	New Cañada OER Faculty Liaison to Academic Senate of California Community Colleges <i>Carlos Luna will be the Cañada College OER Liaison for ASCCC</i>			
6 - Public Comment				
6	Questions/comments on non-agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none">In addition to sharing comments during the meeting, anyone is welcome to submit comments on non-agenda items in writing before the meeting.If you would like to pass along a written comment, please email your representative or an	Public	5 (start ≈ 1:20 pm)	Information

	Academic Senate officer, such as (canacademicsenate@smccd.edu). Please share any written comments at least one day in advance to help ensure that your message is received in time for the meeting.			
6 - Senate Business				
6.0	Student Services Planning Council (SSPC) - Faculty Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Seeking one Faculty Member for SSPC</i> • SSPC meets twice a month, second and fourth Wednesdays, from 2:10-4:10 pm in Room 9-154 or over zoom. 			
6.1	Adoption of Regular Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The order of the regular agenda items may be approved by unanimous consent of the Academic Senate members present. Consent is established by the absence of objection. • Presenters may request an item to be withdrawn during the adoption of the regular agenda. 	Shankar	1	Action
6.2	Academic Senate Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process (10+1) • Expectations of Senate members • Voting Procedures 	Shankar & Eck	15 (start ≈ 1:25 pm)	Information
6.3	Adjunct Senate Representative – Call for Nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate invites anyone currently serving as an adjunct faculty member at Cañada to nominate themselves for Senate adjunct representative. If nominating someone else, it is appreciated if you confirm with the individual that they are willing to serve in the role. • Please submit nominations by the Friday (i.e. September 5th) before the next Academic Senate meeting on 9/11, when nominations will be finalized. • To nominate yourself: email a brief description of why you're interested in serving on Academic Senate to canacademicsenate@smccd.edu. The 	Shankar	5 (start ≈ 1:40 pm)	Discussion

	<p>description should be no more than one paragraph. The position holds 0.05 release time, which covers the time served during the meetings as well as time for preparing for and reporting out about the meetings. This reassigned time does not count toward the 67% adjunct primary assignment load limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Article 3 of the Academic Senate's bylaws for more information about the election process. 			
6.4	<p>Start of FALL-2025 Needs/Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of the Academic Year, Classroom Facilities, Technology Needs 	Shankar	10 (start ≈ 1:45 pm)	Discussion
6.5	<p>Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates about our college's RSI efforts for Distance Education courses • Potential Academic Senate resolution on the topic • RSI Presentation Materials 	Hughes / Nekrep / Irizarry	15 (start ≈ 1:55 pm)	Discussion
6.6	<p>Senate Goals for 25-26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open discussion on broad goals for this academic year • How we can align with EMP Initiatives for 25-26 • ASCCC Request for Support of AB 1400 BSN Nursing Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ EMP Goal 1 initiative 1.8: ensure academic program viability 	Shankar	10 (start ≈ 2:10 pm)	Information
6.7	<p>District Teaching and Learning Committee: A.I. Community of Practice - Seeking Cañada Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Teaching and Learning Committee is organizing an AI Community of Practice. The final details are still being settled, as we search for a new DTLC faculty chair. • This agenda item is to raise visibility about the opportunity for 2-3 Cañada faculty to participate in this Community of Practice. 	Eck	5 (start ≈ 2:20 pm)	Action

6.8	Academic Senate Secretary Vacancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Secretary position is now vacant, with Lisa Palmer becoming interim Dean of H.S.S. • With the vacancy, we are accepting nominations for someone to complete the rest of the term (until the end of Spring 2026 semester). • The position carries 0.2 FTE (3 credits) of reassigned time. • The Secretary's duties are listed on our membership page. Since there is a Treasurer, the person would be responsible for "Option 1." • To nominate yourself to fill the vacancy, email canacademicsenate@smccd.edu by Wednesday September 10 or nominate yourself during the September 11 agenda item, when Academic Senate will vote on who to appoint to fill the vacancy. 	Shankar	5 (start ≈ 2:25 pm)	Information
7 - Regular Reports				
7.1	President's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OER Liaison going forward Carlos Luna - District Issue with Waitlists disappearing after first day of classes 	Shankar	4	Information
7.2	Treasurer's report	Aranyakul	1	Information
7.3	Curriculum Committee	Palmer	3	Information
7.4	Professional Development	Eslamieh	2	Information
8 - Other Reports, Meetings and Deadlines				
8.1	Upcoming Events, Meetings, Deadlines, and Any Additional Comments on Non-Agenda Items			
9	Adjourn	Shankar		Procedure

Per the Ralph M. Brown Act and SB 751, minutes of the Cañada College Academic Senate will record the votes of all members as follows:

(1) Members recorded as absent are presumed not to have voted;

(2) the names of members voting in the minority or abstaining are recorded;

(3) all other members are presumed to have voted in the majority.

Academic Senate for the (2025-26) academic year:

- President: Gampi Shankar
- Vice President: Richard Schulke
- Past President: Dave Eck
- Secretary: VACANT
- Treasurer: Sarah Aranyakul
- Adjunct Representative: VACANT
- Curriculum Committee: Camille Kaslan pending Academic Senate confirmation
- PD: Professional Development: Salumeh Eslamieh
- ASLT: Academic Support and Learning Technologies: Carlos Luna pending Academic Senate confirmation
- Business, Design & Workforce Division: Leonor Cabrera pending Academic Senate confirmation
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