

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 12/11/2025

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	1	Procedure
2	Introductions 1. We hope all senators will take the chance to study the detailed materials that are provided and included on the agenda. Hopefully, these are useful in preparing and coming to the Senate meetings to listen, discuss, be informed and/or act. 2. <i>Please respect and stay within the allocated time, if presenting or if you have the floor, also being respectful of giving others a chance to speak too.</i> 3. For 'Discussion' items, you may want to leave a few minutes of allocated time at the end! 4. Faculty Moves: a. New addition to STEM (Chemistry) Faculty (Nadia Biglari from CSM) b. Vacancy in BDW (Accounting) Faculty due to transfer to CSM (Leonor Cabrera)	Shankar	3	Information
3	Adoption of Consent Agenda	Shankar	2	Action

5 - Consent Agenda

- 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 11/13/2025
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5.2	EAPC Faculty Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASLT— VACANT
5.3	BDW Committee Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning & Budget Council (PBC): VACANT
5.4	Planning and Budget Council Committee appointments 2025-2026 Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BDW Faculty Representative: VACANT EAPC Faculty Representative: VACANT ASLT Faculty Representative: VACANT
5.5	Student Services Planning Council (SSPC) - Faculty Appointment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Instructional faculty” position: VACANT
5.6	2025-2026 Curriculum Committee Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSS representative: David Eck HSS representative: VACANT (after Maureen Wiley Stepped down end of Fall-25) Science and Technology: VACANT
5.7	Academic Senate Faculty Representatives – Appointments to Current Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSS: Humanities and Social Sciences Division: VACANT
5.8	Safety Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Faculty Rep. Appointed by AFT – VACANT Adjunct Faculty Rep. Appointed by Senate – VACANT
5.9	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (HSS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Field Alicia Aguirre Doniella Maher
5.10	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (BDW): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ritu Malhotra (Co-Chair) Elsa Torres (Co-Chair) Paul Roscelli

5.11	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (STEM):			
5.12	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (KAD):			
5.13	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (ASLT): No Tenured evaluations due in SPR-2026			
5.14	Medical Assisting Hiring Committee for SP-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ritu Malhotra (Discipline Expert) b. Elsa Torres c. Althea Kippes d. Leonor Cabrera i. Replaced by Hyla Lacefield e. Alex Kramer (Dean) 			
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 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. 	Public	5 (start ≈ 1:10 pm)	Information
6 - Senate Business				
6.0	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. 	Shankar	1 (start ≈ 1:15 pm)	Action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenters may request an item to be withdrawn during the adoption of the regular agenda. 			
6.1	Institutional Review Board (IRB) Follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from prior IRB request and responses to questions and concerns Prior Meeting Minutes of 2025-09-11 (see Item 6.9) when IRB was presented at Academic Senate The request is to consider approving the IRB proposal for getting started, so that District Academic Senate can take this up 	Merril / Walawalkar	10 (start ≈ 1:15 pm)	Action
6.2	Finalize Program Improvement and Viability Process Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate formed a workgroup (Doug Hirzel, Gampi, Shankar, and Dave Eck) to suggest possible updates to our college's Program Improvement and Viability Process. Fall 2025 Draft Updates to Program Improvement and Viability Process The goal of this agenda item is to finalize suggested updates to the PIV process, so that it can be approved by the Academic Senate. 	Eck, Shankar, and Hirzel	5 (start ≈ 1:25pm)	Action
6.3	Accounting Faculty Vacancy Replacement Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening in BDW for Accounting Professor (Prof. Cabrera taking up faculty position at CSM from Spr-2026) Faculty Vacancy Request for Accounting 	Kramer	5 (start ≈ 1:30pm)	Action
6.4	Screening Committee for Accounting Faculty position (Conditional on Vacancy Request being approved) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candice Nance Discipline Expert: Tony Viertel (Skyline) Dean: Alex Kramer TBD 	Kramer	2 (start ≈ 1:35pm)	Action

6.5	<p>New Faculty Personnel Requests Prioritization (all 6.5.x items listed below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate members are directed to review the PBC presentations before the meeting, the recording of which can be viewed under “Schedule of Presentations” Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 2:10 - 4:30 p.m. at this link PBC Presentations for New Faculty Personnel Opportunity to ask questions and clarify any confusion about the position. Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback. <p>Background and History:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of 2023-2024 discussion Prioritized List from 2024-25 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Assisting Chemistry position #1 English Umoja Counselor Business Promise Counselor Chemistry position #2 Chemistry position #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritized List from Academic Senate 12-07-2023) Before this meeting, please review the PBC presentation of each faculty position District and College Budget Update: From the 2025-10-15 PBC presentation: 2025-26 Adopted Budget and Multi-year Budget Projections 	Shankar	3 (start ≈ 1:40 pm) Note: for all of 6.5, 6.5.x and the voting process, we are setting aside 45 minutes in total	Information

	<p>After deliberations, Senate members will prioritize positions by ranking the requests (i.e. Ranked Voting')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All voting members of Academic Senate, please ensure you have access to your work email during the meeting. 			
				Action
6.5.1	<p>Full-time, Tenure-Track Chemistry Instructors (2 positions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request • Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback 	Kaslan	5 (start ≈ 1:45pm)	
6.5.2	<p>Full-time, Tenure Track Promise Scholars Academic Counselor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request • Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback. 	Arellano	5 (start ≈ 1:50 pm)	
6.5.3	<p>Full-time, Tenure-Track AANHPI S.T.A.R. Program Counselor Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request • Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback 	Ho	5 (start ≈ 1:55pm)	
6.5.4	<p>Full-time, Tenure-Track Academic Counselor, Umoja Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request 	Ware	5 (start ≈ 2:00 pm)	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback. 			
6.5.5	Full-time, Tenure-Track Business Instructor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback. 	Nance	5 (start ≈ 2:05pm)	
6.5.6	Full-time, Tenure-Track Transfer Center Counselor/Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to ask questions and get more clarity about the position request Discussion of PBC feedback and any additional feedback 	Lynch / Sigona	5 (start ≈ 2:10pm)	
6.6	A.I. Regional Professional Development Network (RPDN) from State Chancellor's office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPI Hsieh's office is seeking names of three (3) Faculty that may be interested in participating in Professional Development work in A.I. Unfortunately, we do not have many specifics at this point VPI Hsieh will send on the names to the State Chancellor's office <p>Names Received so far:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hyla Lacefield Allison Hughes Nada Nekrep 	Shankar	2 (start ≈ 2:20 pm)	Action
7 - Regular Reports				
7.1	President's report	Shankar	5	Information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following were approved on 11/5 at the PBC meeting and are being submitted for Board approval on 11/19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) The 2025-28 Student Equity Plan (SEAP) Honors Contract Completion forms are due Dec. 10 on the HTP website. Check out the newsletter for Honors Conference presentation opportunities. HTP Newsletter: Dec. Honors Transfer Program Newsletter <i>See you all in Fall-2026!</i> 			
7.2	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checking: \$8,189.45 Savings: \$5,032.80 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total: \$13,222.25 	Aranyakul	1	Information
7.3	<p>Curriculum Committee</p> <p>Curriculum Chair Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changed CTE requirements: students no longer need to be in, "good academic standing" in their non-CTE coursework to earn their certificate, and they are allowed to take 50% of their required CTE courses within SMCCCD, not just locally. Seeking faculty to serve on External Exam Review Committee , see slides 6 & 7 for Exam List and slides 10 & 11 to add your name. Faculty should be working with Departments and their Dean to assign courses to disciplines. Email cancurriculum@smccd.edu with questions. 	Kaslan	3	Information

7.4	Professional Development	Eslamieh	2	
7.5	Textbook Affordability Sub-committee (TAS Updates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAS December Report 	Luna	2	Information
8 - Other Reports, Meetings and Deadlines				
8.1	Upcoming Events, Meetings, Deadlines, and Any Additional Comments on Non-Agenda Items <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undocumented Community Center List of Events. In keeping with our May 2025 Resolution in Support of Undocumented Students, we are sharing UCC events and encourage faculty to attend! From IPC meeting of 10/17/25 related to <i>Program Review</i> and <u>Reassigned Time</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 17th Comprehensive Program Review due November 14th New, revised, and renewed reassigned time position applications due November 21st IPC will review comprehensive program reviews, extra-long meeting. (<i>Reminder</i>: Our November 21 IPC meeting starts at 8:30am) December 5th, IPC votes on reassigned time position (new, revisions, and renewals) 			
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
- Secretary: Rebekah Sidman-Taveau
- Treasurer: Sarah Aranyakul
- Adjunct Representative: Ramin Ekhtiar
- Curriculum Committee: Camille Kaslan
- PD: Professional Development: Salumeh Eslamieh
- ASLT: Academic Support and Learning Technologies: Carlos Luna
- Business, Design & Workforce Division: Leonor Cabrera
- HSS: Humanities and Social Sciences Division: **VACANT**
- KAD: Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance: Ana Miladinova
- STEM: Science and Technology Division: Ellen Young
- SS: Student Services/Counseling: Danny Lynch