

Academic Senate - AGENDA

Monday, August 24, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Room 1101

Opportunity for Public Comment: Academic Senate meetings are open meetings, and all are welcome and invited to participate; this includes members of the public who are not associated with Shasta College. Individual comments from members of the public are limited to two minutes and must be on the topic of the agenda item being addressed. Only voting members of the Executive Committee can make motions and vote.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2026 (1 attachment)
3. Informational Reports from Guests and Executive Committee Members

Purpose and Expected Outcome: This agenda item is for invited reports from guests and Executive Committee members. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

- a. Presenter: Cheryl Cruse

What: LibreTexts OER publishing platform

Purpose and Expected Outcome: Cheryl will introduce the college's membership in the LibreTexts OER publishing platform and what it means for faculty

4. Action Items from our Subcommittees, Joint Committee, the Office of Instruction, the Office of the Superintendent/President, and others

Facilitator: Cathy Anderson

Purpose and Expected Outcome: This agenda item is for business that the Academic Senate must discuss and vote on at each meeting.

- a. From the Curriculum Committee

New, Revised, or Reactivated Courses and/or Competencies: (1 attachment)

New, Revised, or Reactivated Programs: (1 attachment)

- b. From the Office of Instruction

Tenure Review Committees and Fulltime Temporary Evaluations (1 attachment)

Peer Evaluators (1 attachment)

- c. Board Policies and Administrative Procedures from the Office of the Superintendent/President (none at this meeting)

Review and Approve Category: This category includes APs and BPs with mandated revisions, minor corrections, or no changes. These may be presented and voted on in the same meeting; however, a second reading is possible upon request.

Revisions Category: This category consists of APs and BPs with substantive content changes. APs and BPs in this category are scheduled for first and second readings.

First Readings: First readings are an opportunity to review, clarify, and suggest changes. We do not make motions or vote on a first reading.

Second Readings: Second readings are an opportunity to make motions to approve with minor changes. If significant changes are needed, then there will not be a vote, and the BP/AP will be brought back for a third reading.

Third Readings: If significant changes were made during the second reading, then a third reading is necessary.

d. Possible Bond Extension – Frank Nigro

Frank will present information about the possible bond extension.

e. Pass/No Pass Grading – Mike Mari

Some students who take classes Pass/No Pass have the need later to have a grade in the class. The proposal is that in addition to the Pass/No Pass grade, the instructor would also enter the grade they would have earned if the student were taking the class for a grade so there is a record of the potential grade later if the student asks to be assigned a grade in the class.

f. Select a Delegate for Fall 2026 Plenary

The Fall Plenary will meet November 5th through November 7th in Redwood City

5. Project-Based Discussion/Action Items

These agenda items will vary to reflect the current projects that the Academic Senate is working on.

a. AI Project

To Do List:

Develop a Philosophy Statement for faculty (done)

Review and update AP/BP 5500 (a workgroup has been established with a goal of fall)

Develop suggested guidelines for course syllabi (done)

6. Standing Reports from Subcommittees, Joint Committees, and Related Groups

Facilitator: Cathy Anderson

Purpose and Expected Outcome: Subcommittees, Joint Committees, and related groups are invited to update the Executive Committee about their current work. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

- a. Report from the Academic Senate President (Cathy Anderson)
- b. Report from College Council (Will Breitbach or Cathy Anderson)
- c. Reports from Standing Subcommittees (Reports are given by the Co-Chairs or members as needed)
 - i. **Curriculum Committee** (Co-Chairs: Scott Yates, Mike Mari)
 - ii. **Scholastic Standards Committee** (Co-Chairs: Lenore Watson, Jamie Spielmann)
 - iii. **Faculty Excellence Committee** (Co-Chairs: Valerie Ambrose, Will Breitbach)
 - iv. **General Education Committee** (Co-Chairs: Rebecka Renfer, Stacey Bartlett)
 - v. **Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Committee** (Co-Chairs: Kimberly Carlson, Will Breitbach)
- d. Reports from Joint Committees (Reports are given by the Tri-Chairs or delegate as needed)
 - i. **Student Success Committee** (Tri-Chairs: Kate Mahar, vacant, and vacant)
- e. Professional Development Coordinator (Valerie Ambrose)
- f. Office of Instruction (Mike Mari)

7. Items to Communicate

Facilitator: Cathy Anderson

Purpose and Expected Outcome: This agenda item is an opportunity for members to collectively summarize the important outcomes from the meeting. This will encourage communication between representatives and faculty in their areas.

8. Other

Facilitator: Cathy Anderson

Purpose and Expected Outcome: This agenda item is for members to bring up topics not on the agenda. This is also an opportunity to determine interest in a potential future agenda item topic. No action will be taken under this agenda item.

9. Opportunity for Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Facilitator: Cathy Anderson

Purpose and Expected Outcome: This portion of the meeting is reserved for members of the public desiring to address the Executive Committee on any matter that is under the authority of the Academic Senate and is not on the agenda. No action will be taken under this agenda item. Speakers are limited to two minutes. If there are many speakers, speakers will be stopped at 5:00 pm.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1101

11. Adjourn