Academic Senate - AGENDA

Monday, October 26, 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 – October 12, 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:
      What:
      Purpose and Expected Outcome:

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: (none at this meeting)
      New, Revised, or Reactivated Programs: (none at this meeting)

   b. From the Office of Instruction

      Tenure Review Committees and Fulltime Temporary Evaluations (none at this meeting)
      Peer Evaluators (none at this meeting)

   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. Hiring Priorities – Chelsea Hendershot and Jacquelyn Horton

Purpose: It is the role of the Academic Senate to certify to the President that the Hiring Priorities Procedure was followed correctly in the ranking process.

e. 2027-28 Calendar – Alan and Kari (1 attachment)

Alan and Kari represented the Academic Senate on the joint calendar committee, and this is an opportunity for them to review the highlights of the calendar and process with us. The attached calendar is the one that has been approved.

f. Resolutions for the Fall 2026 Plenary Session (1 attachment)

Alan Spivey is our delegate, and he will discuss some of the resolutions and take any input you have. He will also discuss the process he will use to collect input going forward.

g. The Future of AI Tools on the College Dashboard

Purpose: The IT Department is seeking guidance from the Academic Senate on the future deployment of AI tools to students. This is a continuation of our discussion at the last meeting. We will be discussing the pros and cons of adding AI apps to the student dashboard. We have the goal of making a recommendation to IT by the end of this semester.

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 draft revised AP/BP has started to be circulated)
   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, December 14, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1101
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