

**Academic Senate  
MINUTES**  
Monday, April 13, 2026  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Room 1101

<b>Executive Committee Members Present</b>					
x	Cathy Anderson		Kari Aranbul	x	Chase Brown
x	Jennifer Costillo	x	Scott Croes	x	Cheryl Cruse
x	Leo Fong		Chelsea Hendershot		Jacquelyn Horton
	Leslie Hyatt	x	Jason Judd	x	Jun Ma
x	Sara McCurry	x	Andrew Nail	x	Lisa Riggs
x	Chris Rodriguez	x	Alan Spivey	x	Joanne Tippin
x	Robert Waldren	x	Lenore Watson		
x	Mike Mari (N/V)	x	Scott Yates (N/V)		Rebecka Renfer (N/V)
x	Kimberly Carlson (N/V)				
<b>Other Faculty Present</b>					
<b>Guests</b>					
x	Will Breitbach	x	Candace Irwin	x	Tim Johnston
x	Kate Mahar	x	Carie Rosensteel	x	Buffy Tanner

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes—March 23, 2026 (1 attachment): Chase Brown moved to approve the March 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes; seconded by Jason Judd. Motion carried with one abstention (Scott Croes).
3. Informational Reports from Guests and Executive Committee Members

- Facilitator: Cathy Anderson
- Purpose and Expected Outcome: These agenda items are for invited reports from guests and Executive Committee Members. No action will be taken under these agenda items.
- a. Rural Transfer Collaborative
  - Presenter: Kate Mahar
  - Purpose and Expected Outcome: Shasta College will be participating in the Rural Transfer Collaborative which is designed to increase transfer opportunities in the far north through the expansion of AD-Ts (STEM fields) and increased partnerships with eight other colleges in the region.

Kate Mahar gave a presentation on the Rural Transfer Collaborative, a joint project of the ASCCC and the Chancellor's Office aimed to reduce the obstacles and difficulties that rural area students in STEM fields face when transferring to CSU or UC with ADTs. Kate reviewed the background of this project and the identified specific needs at rural-serving colleges throughout the state. The collaborative seeks to expand ADT pathways by leveraging the CVC OEI platform and building regional partnerships. She identified the nine STEM degrees/programs under consideration and the eight community colleges participating.

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

- Facilitator: Cathy Anderson
- Purpose and Expected Outcome: These agenda items are 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: (1 attachment)

There is one new degree program that has been approved by the Curriculum Committee:

- **MATHEMATICS 2.0**—New AS-T Proposal

- i. Cathy Anderson explained that this is technically a revised program that includes course changes that were made at the state level. Alan Spivey moved to approve the Mathematics 2.0 AS-T degree program; seconded by Chase Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

b. From the Office of Instruction

Tenure Review Committees/Mentors: None at this meeting

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

**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.

None at this meeting

**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. (1 attachment)

- i. **AP 4100** – Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates [Revised, Legally Required]  
Tim Johnston explained that the revisions are due to either regulatory changes or for clarity.

**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.

None at this meeting

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

None at this meeting

**Information Only Category:** (1 attachment)

None at this meeting

- d. Strategic Educational Master Plan (2026–27 through 2031–32) – Will Breitbach – Second Reading (1 attachment)
  - We have the opportunity to recommend this SEMP to the Board.Will Breitbach stated that there were no changes made since our first reading. Alan Spivey moved to recommend the Strategic Educational Master Plan to the Board of Trustees; seconded by Chase Brown. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Appointment of Faculty to Rank Funding Requests – Will Breitbach
  - Selection of one faculty to review and rank instructional funding request from the 2026 planning cycle.Cathy Anderson explained that we need one faculty member to review and rank instructional funding requests. Chase Brown volunteered for this. Chase Brown was appointed faculty representative.

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)
    - Develop suggested guidelines for course syllabi (AI Ambassadors are working on this)

Cathy Anderson provided a brief update on the two remaining items on the to do list.

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 these agenda items.
- a. Report from the Academic Senate President (Cathy Anderson)  
No report.
- b. Report from College Council (Will Breitbach or Cathy Anderson)  
Will Breitbach reported that College Council will be voting on the Strategic Educational Master Plan at its next meeting.
- c. Reports from Standing Subcommittees (Reports are given by the Co-Chairs or members as needed)
  - i. Curriculum Committee (Co-Chairs: Scott Yates and Mike Mari)  
Scott Yates reported that the committee will be working on changes to course outlines of record and curriculum procedures to review them; these changes are due to recent Title 5 changes.
  - ii. Scholastic Standards Committee (Co-Chairs: Lenore Watson and Jamie Spielmann)  
No report.
  - iii. Faculty Excellence Committee (Co-Chairs: Valerie Ambrose and Will Breitbach)  
Will Breitbach reported that preparations for the Fall Welcome Back Day continue.
  - iv. General Education Committee (Co-Chairs: Rebecka Renfer and Stacey Bartlett)  
No report.
  - v. SLO Committee (Co-Chairs: Kimberly Carlson and Will Breitbach)  
Kimberly Carlson reported that the committee has been reviewing the results of a survey sent out to part-time faculty concerning SLO reporting. Scott Yates added that there are changes to Title 5 that will place SLOs in the course objective/outcome section of course outlines of record.
- d. Reports from Joint Committees (Reports are given by the Co-Chairs or delegate as needed)



- c. Sara McCurry reminded everyone about our visiting author Luis Alberto Urrea giving a reading on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in room 400, and he will also be part of the Creative Writing Festival on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the 1100 building.
9. Opportunity for Public Comment
  - Facilitator: Cathy Anderson
  - Purpose and Expected Outcome: This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Executive Committee on any matter not on the agenda. No action will be taken under this agenda item. Speakers are limited to three minutes.
10. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.
11. Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1101

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