

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 01/22/2026

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	Tedone	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!	Tedone	3	Information
3	Adoption of Consent Agenda	Tedone	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 12/11/2025
5.2	Cañada OER Faculty Liaison to Academic Senate of California Community Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vacant• OERI's website for Liaisons

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 per semester
5.3	District Academic Senate Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Tedone-Goldstone
5.4	Academic Senate Business, Design & Workforce division representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Althea Kippes
5.5	Tenured Faculty Evaluation Committee (Counseling) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez • Nadya Sigona • Chris Rico

6 - Public Comment

6	<p>Questions/comments on non-agenda items</p> <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
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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. • Presenters may request an item to be withdrawn during the adoption of the regular agenda. 	Tedone	1 (start ≈ 1:15 pm)	Action
6.1	Supporting Honors Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with essential Honor's courses 	Tedone/Taveau	15	Discussion/Action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution to support Honors Program and protect core Honor's classes • Create writing group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals ○ Members ○ Timeline 			
6.2	<p>Potentially Updating Assessment Cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring updating assessment cycle to 5 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SLO/PLO ○ Program Review • Align with program review and curriculum • Academic Senate work group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do we make this a meaningful process? ○ Members ○ Timeline 	Tedone/Hughes	20	Discussion/ Action
6.3	<p>New Program Development Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form work group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals ○ Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ David Eck ▪ Hyla Lacefield ▪ Open to more ○ Timeline 	Tedone/Eck	10	Discussion/ Action
6.4	CARES update	Scott/Hartman	15	Information/ Q&A
6.5	<p><u>Recommended edits to the faculty screening guidelines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From District HR • These are guidelines/recommendations, not new rules • District Academic Senate will be forming a workgroup to review and make recommendations • Looking for feedback 	Tedone	10	Discussion
7 - Regular Reports				

7.1	President's report District Course Substitution Work Group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District Academic Senate work group to streamline process 2. Looking for volunteers by Feb 9th (next DAS meeting) 3. Team Charter New SMCCCD A.I. Community of Practice Website	Tedone/Hughes	5	Information
7.2	Treasurer's report	Aranyakul	1	Information
7.3	Curriculum Committee	Kaslan	3	Information
7.4	Professional Development	Eslamieh	2	Information
7.5	Textbook Affordability Sub-committee (TAS Updates)	TBA	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"> 1. 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! 2. Reviewers Needed for SMCCCD Scholarship! Please Respond by January 30. The Financial Aid Services Department, in partnership with the SMCCCD Foundation, is inviting faculty, staff, and administrators from Cañada to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2026-27 Cañada Scholarship Program. Reviewers will be assigned between 20 to 40 scholarship applications to evaluate from February 4 to February 23 on AcademicWorks, the online platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment is expected to be no more than 6-8 hours, offering a rewarding opportunity to connect with our students. This role is purely voluntary. Reviewers will receive detailed instructions and a scoring rubric. If you're interested in this enriching experience, please reach out to Christopher Wardell by January 30. 			
9	Adjourn	Tedone		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
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- 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