

ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Providing Leadership, Empowerment, and Voice  
to California Community College Faculty

# MEMBERSHIP CARD



**Academic Senate**  
for California Community Colleges

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES!

### OUR PURPOSE

According to Title 5 §53200 of the California Education Code, the primary function of the Academic Senate is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters. These “10+1” areas are elaborated on the complimentary membership card we have included. The Academic Senate acts on behalf of faculty as your official representative on policy development and implementation matters before the Board of Governors and the Chancellor, similar to how your local senate represents you at the college and district level: chairing committees, serving on task forces or standing committees, and advocating on your behalf before policy makers. We also serve as the resource center for information, services, and technical assistance for local academic senates and individual faculty members alike.

As a faculty member at your college, you are an official member of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges.

### OUR STRUCTURE

We are comprised of member senates that elect representatives to serve on the Executive Committee; Executive Committee members, in turn, preside over a number of standing committees, listed on our website, set the strategic plan for the organization, and ensure that faculty in our system are well represented at the state-level. The Academic Senate committees are comprised of faculty members like you, who have volunteered to represent the interests of their colleagues on statewide matters.



## OUR SERVICE TO YOUR LOCAL SENATE

The Academic Senate supports local academic senates. Our papers and resolutions, available on our website, offer guidance and promote excellence in the classroom and across campus. The Academic Senate offers workshops and strategic advice, especially in implementing practices that call for effective participation by the faculty, staff, and students in local governance and decision making. We work with system partners, such as the Community College League of California and the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers. For more information about any of these services, faculty are asked to contact the Academic Senate office directly.

## OUR PLENARY SESSIONS

The Academic Senate's three-day plenary sessions, held each spring and fall, are the central events of the year. Local leaders and delegates address current issues facing the California Community College System, hear from experts at general sessions, participate in sessions on educational and instructional excellence and professional development, explore legislative and regulatory conditions affecting your diverse students or you as an educator, and discuss and debate issues. Delegates also draft and vote on resolutions to direct the work of the Executive Committee, as well as elect new Executive Committee members.



## OUR INSTITUTES

To educate community college faculty members throughout the state, the Academic Senate hosts annual institutes for the exchange of ideas and experiences among faculty colleagues.

**ACCREDITATION INSTITUTE** supports faculty and administrative leaders as they navigate all the waters of writing their institution's self-evaluation, create action plans for campuses, and share strategies with colleagues from across the state.

**CAREER AND NON-CREDIT EDUCATION INSTITUTE** promotes and develops leadership of Career and Technical Education and Noncredit faculty at the local, regional, and state levels; informs attendees about resources and training services available to them to strengthen their programs.

**CURRICULUM INSTITUTE** provides training to faculty members, as well as administrators and support staff, involved in curriculum development and program revision and offers advice about our crucial role as keepers of curricular standards; shares effective curriculum committee practices.

**FACULTY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** strengthens faculty roles in local academic senates to ensure their effective participation in college and district governance; links local colleges to state-level representation; supports, trains and inspires attendees to further service at their individual colleges.

**OTHER INSTITUTES AVAILABLE** offer information on topics such as teaching and learning, student learning outcomes, open educational resources, guided pathways, equity and diversity, and much more. Check the ASCCC website for more information about other institutes.

## YOU ARE A MEMBER!

As a California community college faculty member, you are a crucial component of our higher education system; the welfare of our students, the system, and the state, rely on your active involvement and participation in local, regional, and statewide policies. You are one of the 60,000 faculty members who comprise the heart of the Academic Senate. The card enclosed on this brochure is intended to remind you that we – the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges—are here to support and assist you. The Academic Senate's Executive Committee and office staff are available to provide information, assistance, and referrals as appropriate to your needs

## GET INVOLVED!

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