

NAME OF COMMITTEE	ACADEMIC SENATE (AS)
TYPE OF COMMITTEE	Governance Body (G) / Advisory Body (AB)
COMMITTEE CHARGE	The purpose of the Senate is to provide the means to represent the “Senate Association” in the formation and implementation of policy on academic and professional matters. In implementing policies, the Senate will represent the “Senate Association” to the President of the College and to the Board of Trustees with respect to academic and professional matters {so called 10+1 issues} and exercise the powers granted by the California Education Code and the Board of Governors. The Senate shall assume primary responsibility in the areas of curriculum and academic standards as specified in the California Education Code. Senate By-laws also dictate, to some degree, the manner in which the above charge shall be accomplished.
SCOPE OF AUTHORITY	The Senate is the sole voice of the faculty and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees or designee with respect to academic and professional matters {10+1}. The District Board Policy states that the Board of Trustees shall rely primarily upon the recommendations of the Senate in these areas. Rely primarily upon means: • Recommendations of the Senate will normally be accepted • Only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons will the recommendations not be accepted • If not accepted, the board/designee shall communicate reasons in writing, if requested (see Title 5.3 §53200)
PROVIDES REPORTS TO AND COMMUNICATES WITH	Board of Trustees and the College community
MEMBERSHIP	Chaired by the Academic Senate President (May vote to break a tie) (votes only if it will change the result of the vote) • Senate Vice President • Senate Secretary • Senate Treasurer • Senate Delegate to the ASCCC • Elected representatives-at least one from each academic department • 2 Elected adjunct faculty representatives • 1 SGA representative; 1 alternate (non-voting member) • Members of the Academic Senate Executive Board (non-voting members)
ALIGNMENT WITH ACCREDITATION	Institutional Mission and Effectiveness: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 Governance and Decision-Making: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6

Approved by Academic Senate 9/28/16; Approved by Academic Senate 10/11/17; Approved by Academic Senate 9/25/19; Approved by the Academic Senate 9/23/20; Approved by the Academic Senate 9/7/22; Approved by the Academic Senate 9/13/2023; Approved by the Academic Senate 9/19/2024; Approved by the Academic Senate 10/25/2025