

Committee Assignments 2026 - 2028

Updated September 3, 2026

Academic Senate Appointed District Committees

Academic Review

FT Faculty 4 (one counselor)

- Emily Hashemian (Counseling) (2026-2028), Casey Terrill (MTH), Chatnaree Upton (MTH) (2025-2027), Jose Hernandez Venegas (Counseling) (2025-2027)

Accreditation Steering

Co-Chair: Academic Senate President and 2 FT Faculty (should be tenured, one is a senator and one at-large)

- Greg Allen, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028)
- Neeka Aguirre (HIS) (2025-2027), Nicholas Petti (CAM) (2026-2028)

Curriculum - Friday, 10:00-12:00

1 FT Faculty Chair & 5 FT Faculty (one of the 5 is a counselor, all should have tenure),
1 PT Faculty* (should have completed at least two semesters of teaching at MC)

- Neeka Aguirre (HIS) (Chair, 2025-2027, liaison to AS), Ginny Buccelli (ENG) (2026-2028), Julie Finnegan (BUS) (2025-2027), Kathy Dingman-Katz (THE) (PT) (2026-2028), Molly Thomas (WEE) (2025-2027), Gabrielle Visco (LIB) (2026-2028), Brianna Zuber (BIO) (2025-2027),
- By virtue of position (not counted as one of the five FT faculty):
 - SLOT Chair, Jared Crowley (BIO)
 - Vivian Varela, (SOC) Distance Education Coordinator,
 - Mark Osea, (Counseling) Articulation Officer

Distance Education

1 FT Faculty Chair – DE Coordinator and 6 FT Faculty (one of the 6 is a counselor), 1 PT Faculty (one FT faculty member added F'20)

- Vivian Varela (Chair), Tim Beck (AST) (2025-2027), Sara Bogner (PTA) (2025-2027), Ginny Buccelli (ENG) (2025-2027), Markus Pfitzner (ART) (PT) (2026-2028), John Rall (ENG) (2025-2027), Jason Edington (MTH) (2026-2028), Lori Thomas (ETH) (2026-2028)

Educational Action Planning (EAP)

Co-Chair: Academic Senate President, Curriculum Chair, Academic Senate Vice President, SLOT Chair, Distance Education Chair and 1 FT faculty from the Curriculum Committee (should be tenured and have two semesters) 6(?) total and 1 PT faculty

- Greg Allen, Co-Chair, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028);
Fernando Calderon, Academic Senate Vice President (PSY) (2026-2028);
Jill Carey (CDV) (PT) (2024-2026),
Mark Edward Osea (Curriculum Committee 2025-2027),
Casey Terrill (MTH) (2026-2028), Sarah Walsh (ESL) (2024-2026)
- By virtue of position:
 - Greg Allen Co-Chair / Academic Senate President (CHM)
 - Fernando Calderon, Senate Vice President (PSY)
 - Vivian Varela, Distance Education Chair (SOC)
 - Neeka Aguirre, Curriculum Committee Chair (HIS) (2025-2027)
 - SLOT Chair, Jared Crowley (BIO)

Enrollment Management (EMC)

1 FT Co-Chair and 5 FT Faculty and 1 PT Faculty*

- Fernando Calderon, Co-Chair, Academic Senate Vice President (PSY) (2026-2028), Phil Warf (POL) (2025-2027), Greg Hicks (Health) (2025-2027),
Tim Beck (AST) (2025-2027), Alicia Mendoza (Counseling) (2025-2027),
Menaka Olson (PT) (COM) (2025-2027)
- By virtue of position (not counted as one of the 5 FT faculty):
 - Vivian Varela, Distance Education Chair

Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory (EEO)

2 FT Faculty (AS President and one other), 1 PT Faculty

Greg Allen, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028),
Leslie Banta (MTH) (2025-2027),
Joel Soinila (SCT, PT) (2026-2028)

Facilities and Safety

2 FT Faculty (1 senator and 1 at-large)

- Lisa Larimer Burtis (Counseling) (2025-2027),
Steve Decker (THE, liaison to AS) (2026-2028),
Isabel Sidarakis (ADJ, PT) (2026-2028)

Faculty Meeting Coordinator

1 FT Faculty to work with AS President on planning, scheduling and reporting out faculty meetings

- Lisa Furlong (BUS) 2025-2027

FLEX

3 FT Faculty

- Hope Moroni (NUR) (2025-2027), Lisa Rosenstreich (ART) (2026-2028),

- Chatnaree Upton (MTH) (2025-2027)

Outreach and Marketing

4 FT Faculty (1 senator and 4 at-large)

- Laura Mays (WOOD, liaison to AS) (2025-2027), Hope Moroni (NUR) (2026-2028), Valentina Velazquez-Zvierkova (SPN) (2026-2028), Sara Walsh (ESL) (2025-2027), Phil Warf (POL) (2025-2027)

Planning and Budgeting

3 Faculty by position Academic Senate President, Academic Senate Vice President, MCFT President and 1 PT Faculty*

- Greg Allen, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028);
Fernando Calderon, Academic Senate Vice President (PSY) (2026-2028);
Leslie Banta, MCFT President (MTH) (2026-2028);
MPFA representative (appointed by PT faculty union)

President's Policy Advisory Committee (PPAC) - last Friday 2:00-3:30

Academic Senate President, Vice President (or FT Faculty designee)

- Greg Allen, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028),
Leslie Banta (MTH) (MCFT President 2026-2028)

Professional Development

Academic Senate President and 1 FT Faculty at large, 1 PT Faculty

- Greg Allen, Academic Senate President (CHM) (2026-2028),
Rachel Donham (BIO) (2025-2027), Shirley Johnson (SCT) (2025-2027)

Professional Development Leave - first Friday 9:00-10:00

3 FT Faculty (must be tenured and not applying for leave)

- Heidi Crean (NUR) (2025-2027), Apryl Guisasola (Counseling) (2025-2027),
Sara Walsh (ESL) (2025-2027)

Staffing

5 FT Faculty - must have three years FT with the District (4 at-large and 1 senator) -

Note: these are three-year terms, 1 PT

Roger Ahders (MTH) (2026-2029), Fernando Calderon (PSY) (Senator) (2025-2028),

Apryl Guisasola (Counseling) (2025-2028),

John Rall (ENG) (2026-2029), Michael Lucero (PT ART) (2025-2027),

Vacant Full-Time

Student Learning Outcomes Team (SLOT)

1 FT Faculty Chair and 5 FT Faculty and 1 PT Faculty*

- Jared Crowley, Chair (BIO) (2026-2028), Melissa Kuhn-Fornari (ESL) (2025-2027), Chatnaree Upton (MTH) (2025-2027), Dena Watson-Krasts (PSY) (2026-2028), Wesley Wright (ART) (2026-2028) Kathy Renderman (MTH, PT) (2026-2028)

Technology

4 FT Faculty (1 senator and 3 at-large)

- Rachel Donham (BIO) (2026-2028), Rodney Grisanti (MUS) (2025-2027), Alicia Mendoza (Counseling) (2026-2028), David Pai (CSC, liaison to AS) (2025- 2027), Robert Parmenter (LIB) (2026-2028), Valentina Velazquez-Zvierkova (SPN) (2026-2028)

Academic Senate Appointed ASCCC (Academic Senate for California Community Colleges) Liaisons:

All are one-year terms: Will be appointed Fall 2026

- CTE - Career and Technical Education: Julie Finnegan (BUS)
- IDEA -Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-racism and Accessibility: Fernando Calderon (PSY)
- Legislative: Leslie Banta (MTH)
- Noncredit: Tascha Whetzel
- OER - Open Educational Resources: Gabrielle Visco (LIB)
- Part-Time Faculty: Menaka Olson (COM)
- Rising Scholars: Pamela Heston-Bechtol (ADJ)
- Credit for Prior Learning: Apryl Guisasola (Coun)

Other Faculty Committees, not appointed by Academic Senate:

Full Time Faculty Association

2 FT Faculty --- revised Sp 2020 to 3 FT - one of who is the treasurer

- Debbie Summit (2024-2026), Fernando Calderon (2024-2026);