

Academic Senate

Committee Chair(s): Academic Senate President

Purpose:

- The purpose of this organization is to promote the best interest of higher education;
- Represent the faculty of Columbia College;
- Make recommendations to the College and District administration and the Board of Trustees with respect to academic and professional matters;
- Sharing in the governance of Yosemite Community College District; and
- Academic Senate represents the faculty in statewide academic and professional matters.

Special Guidelines, Parameters, and/or Resources:

- Compliance with the Brown Act; and
- Compliance with Title 5 "Academic and Professional matters" 10+1.

Meeting Schedule: Monthly Standing.

How Work Is Communicated: Emails, newsletters, minutes, and verbal reports to other committees.

Recommendations Go To: AS President, AS President-Elect, and College President, as appropriate.

Role of Faculty: Full- and part-time faculty members are provided with opportunities to participate in the formulation and development of college policies and processes that have or will have a significant effect on them. Academic Senate as the legal representative of the faculty of Columbia College makes recommendations to the YCCD Board of Trustees and through internal governance councils and/or directly to the college president with respect to academic and professional matters. Recommendations requiring formal district approval are submitted by the college president to the Chancellor and the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees. The rights of the Academic Senate are affirmed in Board Policy 7-8049.

Agendas and Minutes: Posted on the Academic Senate webpage.

Membership:

All full-time (contract, probationary and temporary) Columbia College faculty

3 elected adjunct representatives