

2026

Senate 101



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AGENDA

- Faculty Senate & Shared Governance
- Calendar & Structure
- Functions of the Faculty Senate
- Procedures & Norms
- Senate Meetings
- Senator Q&A Panel

FACULTY SENATE & SHARED GOVERNANCE



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THE ROLE OF FACULTY SENATE IN SHARED GOVERNANCE

THE FACULTY SENATE IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY CONSULTATIVE BODIES TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENGAGES IN THE PROCESS OF SHARED GOVERNANCE.

SHARED GOVERNANCE:

"The mindset and a collaborative process in which individuals recognize that all university constituencies share responsibility for the institution's success . . .

. . . the collective responsibility of the President, administrators, governing bodies, boards, faculty, staff, students, and other stakeholders to steward the university.

. . . Active participation from groups based on their expertise, institutional roles, and relevant interests."

Sacramento State Shared Governance Agreement, 2026.



President Wood signs the 2026 Sacramento State Shared Governance Agreement

CALENDAR & STRUCTURE



FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS

- 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 3:00-5:00pm
- Potential for meetings on alternate Thursdays as needed
- No meeting the first week of classes
- Meets each week following Spring Break

September	October	November	December
1: No Meeting	1: Confirmed	5: Confirmed	3: Confirmed
10: Confirmed	8: Tentative	12: Tentative	10: Tentative
17: Senate 101	15: Confirmed	19: Confirmed	
24: Confirmed	22: Tentative	26: No Meeting	
	29: Confirmed		
February	March	April	May
4: Confirmed	4: Confirmed	1: Confirmed	6: Confirmed
11: Tentative	11: Tentative	8: Confirmed	13: Tentative
18: Confirmed	18: Confirmed	15: Confirmed	
25: Tentative	25: No Meeting	21: Confirmed	
		29: Confirmed	

SPECIAL SENATE EVENTS



Outstanding Faculty Award Recipients, 2026

- October 15: Faculty Endowment for Student Scholarships
- Celebrating Faculty Excellence Week
 - April 19: RCA Award for Early Career Faculty Lecture
 - April 20: RCA Award for Senior Faculty Lecture
 - April 21: Distinguished Faculty Award & Lecture (formerly Livingston Award)
 - April 22: Celebrating Faculty Excellence Reception (by invitation only)

OTHER SPECIAL SENATE MEETINGS

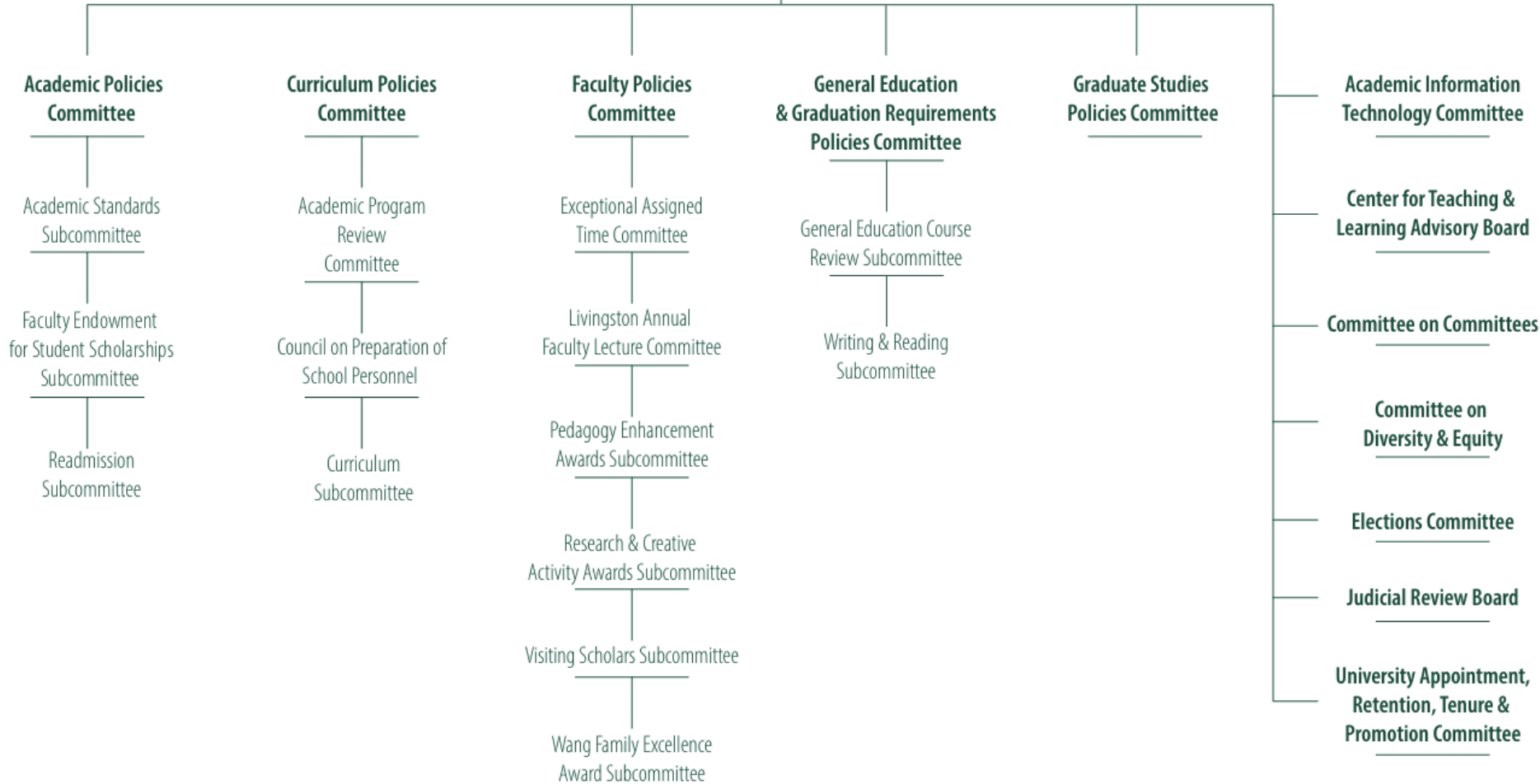
- Senate Elections/Organizational Meetings
 - First Organizational Meeting (Spring): Nominations
 - Senate Chair
 - Senate Vice Chair
 - At Large Members (3)
 - Standing Policy Committee Chairs
 - Second Organizational Meeting (Spring): Elections for the above positions

Faculty Senate

Representatives to
CSU Academic Senate

Senate Appointed Representatives
to University Committees

Executive Committees



STRUCTURE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

ABOUT THE SENATE OFFICE

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SENATE RESOURCES:

[Faculty Senate Website](#)

[Faculty Senate Calendar](#)

[Faculty Senate Agendas, Minutes,
Rosters, Action Items](#)

[Senator Information Guide](#)

FUNCTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE



WHO ARE SENATORS?



Senators Dosch & Terry at Lavender Commencement with Herky (not a Senator)

- Faculty representative(s) from each department or unit
- Four at-large lecturer representatives
- One student services representative
- Non-voting representatives:
 - Three students
 - Provost
 - Faculty Emeritus
 - Academic Senate of CSU representative

WHAT FACULTY SENATE DOES

From the Faculty Senate Constitution:

Preamble

The Faculty of the California State University, Sacramento, acting in its corporate capacity, has adopted this constitution to establish and define the means of its formal participation in the formulation, evaluation, and recommendation of University policy and procedures; to facilitate coordination and cooperation among the several parts of the University; and to provide to members of the faculty a means to express themselves about matters of academic concern.

We are the official voice of Sacramento State faculty!



Procedures & Norms



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GUIDING DOCUMENTS

- Constitution
 - Establishes the identity and governing framework
- Bylaws
 - Provide governing rules and operating procedures
- Standing Rules
 - Address administrative rules and routine practices
- Robert's Rules of Order
 - The parliamentary procedures used to run meetings

SENATE POLICY PROCESS

POLICY INITIATION

A policy is suggested to the Senate or Executive Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Senate Executive Committee reviews the policy for placement on a Senate Agenda

SENATE VOTING

Senate takes a vote on the policy (after 2nd reading)

REFERRAL

The policy is referred to the appropriate standing committee for consultation and refinement

SENATE DELIBERATION

The Senate has time to ask questions about and debate the policy (1st and 2nd reading).

CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY PRESIDENT

The President (and often, Provost) review the recommended policy and either:

- Approve the policy
- Recommend changes and send the policy back to Senate.



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WHAT ARE A SENATOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

Before the meeting:

- Read the agenda
- Consult with department members regarding policies or resolutions that may be voted on

Upon arriving:

- Collect your name plate
- Find a friendly seat
- Prepare to engage

During the meeting:

- Take detailed notes
- Vote according to the results of departmental consultation (as best you can)
- Ask questions

After the meeting:

- Report back to your department
- Email and/or during meetings



A TYPICAL SENATE AGENDA

- Call to order
- Roll Call
- Moment of Silence
- Reading of the Interruption Statement
- Open Forum
- Consent Calendar
- Information Items
 - From the Chair
 - From the President
 - From the Provost
 - From CFA
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- First Reading Items
- Second Reading Items



HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Raise your nameplate to be called on



Ask clarifying questions



Make motions



Raise points (information, order, interruption, etc)



Vote



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Q&A PANEL WITH CURRENT & FORMER SENATORS



THINK OF SOMETHING
LATER?
PLEASE REACH OUT!

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