



Academic Senate – All Faculty

Agenda October 7, 2025

12:30 pm – 1:50 pm, CSSC-MPR and Indio Conference Room 1 #B-133

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Academic Senate Mission Statement: As the official voice of faculty in academic and professional matters at the College of the Desert, the Academic Senate is committed to equity, student learning and student success. The Academic Senate at College of the Desert is committed to:

Lead and advocate proactively for the development of policies, processes, and practices that benefit student success and develop faculty leaders;

Include diverse faculty, perspectives, and experiences that represent our student populations in our decision making;

Empowering faculty to engage the shared governance of College of the Desert in the 10+1 areas and to take-action for continued improvement of teaching, learning, and faculty participation in the areas of:

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development and educational program discontinuance
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development

❖ **Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.**

Senate Executive Members:

- ❖ Corbyn Wild, President; John Learned, Curriculum; Kurt Spurgin, Educational Policies & Practices; Jenne Carey, Ed Tech & Distance Ed; Leif Jordan, Faculty Development; Kristie Camacho, Outcomes & Assessment, Lisa Davenport, Adjunct

Senators:

- ❖ Olympia Pilafidis, Adjunct; Cameron Miller, Applied Science; Lisa Soccio, Arts & Media; Kurt Struwe, Business; Ed Reed, Communication & Humanities; Victoria Bautista, General Counseling; Donna Greene, Health Sciences & Distance Education; Paulina Cambron, Library/Student Services; Jorge Perez, Math & Computer Science; Giuseppe Vezzoli, Science & Engineering; Oceana Collins, Social Sciences

Guests/Ex-Officio:

Sarah Ghazawi, ASCOD

Recorder:

Cheryl Louise Etter, Academic Senate

Quorum 9 Majority 10:

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call 1.1Public Comments

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of Minutes [September 26th, 2025](#)

2.3 Consent

DuE Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Beth Allan Bentley, Cora Leighton,
Kurt Spurgin

Equivalency Subcommittee Chair: Beth Allan Bentley

2.4 Items removed from Consent

2.5 Second Reading

2.6 First Reading

3. Information/Discussion Items

3.1 Office of Instruction Updates



4. Reports/Updates

4.1 Adjuncts

4.2 OAC

4.3 Educational Policies

4.4 Curriculum

4.5 Faculty Development

4.6 Educational Innovations

4.7 Senate President

5. Good of the Order

6. Future Agenda Topics

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 9, 2025