



Academic Senate – All Faculty

Agenda for Educational Policies & Practices Committee

November 6, 2025 12:30 pm – 1:50 pm, DSPS Conference Room

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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.**

Committee Members:

Kurt Spurgin, Chair; Jesus Palominos, Adjunct; Dorothy Anderson, Applied Science; Janet Miller, Arts & Media; Pam Stegeman, Business; JP Whatford, Communication & Humanities; Angel Meraz, General Counseling; Michelle Smith, Health Sciences & Education; Kimberly Brooks, Library/Student Services; Dustin Culhan, Math & Computer Science; Duyen Pham, Science & Engineering; Abraham Ramirez, Social Sciences; Juan Falcon, Student Representative; Bonnie Castillo, Student Representative

Guests/Ex-Officio:

Recorder:

Rosie Acosta

Quorum 9 Majority 10:

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Public Comments

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of November 2025 Agenda

2.2 Approval of October 2025 Minutes

2.3 Third Reading

2.3.1 AP 5011 Admission and Concurrent Enrollment High School and Other Young Students

3. Information/Discussion Items

4. Reports/Updates

5. Good of the Order

6. Future Agenda Topics

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Dec 4, 2025