



Academic Senate – All Faculty

Faculty Development Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 2

12:30 pm – 1:50 pm

AS 102

Committee Members:

- ❖ Leif Jordan, Chair; Marina Church, Adjunct; Rusty Harling, Applied Science; Emily Maddigan, Arts & Media; Gwendolyn Earle, Business; Diane Taras, Communication & Humanities; Frank Ramirez, General Counseling; Bryan Batres, Health Sciences & Education; Maria Herrera, Library/Student Services; Jamil Mortada, Math & Computer Science; Kaleigh Vilchez-Russell, Science & Engineering; Linda Emerson, Social Sciences

Guests/Ex-Officio: Dean Papas, Communication and Humanities

Salvador Aza Rodriguez Jr., Senator ASCOD

Recorder: Cheryl Louise Etter

Quorum: 6 Majority: 7

Subject to Brown Act: Yes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

1.1 Public Comments

2. Action Items

2.1 Approval of Agenda

2.2 Approval of Minutes

2.3 Consent

2.3.1 Individual Funding Requests (in-State)

2.3.1.1 \$500 = Julius Varga, CA Automotive Teachers Conference 2025, Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA: Oct 17 – 28, 2025

2.3.1.2 \$1000 = Olympia Pilafidis, Muti-Family Real Estate Executive Conference, Newport Beach, CA: Nov 4 – 6, 2025

- 2.3.1.3 \$997 = Erynn Richardson, Capturing the Moment in Watercolor, San Luis Obispo, CA: April 17 – 20, 2025
- 2.3.1.4 \$600 = Marina Church, Vision 2030: Reimagining Non-Credit Education, Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut CA: Oct 16 – 17, 2025
- 2.3.1.5 \$1000 = Michael Fleischmann, California State Music Educators Conference, Sacramento CA: Jan 14 – 18, 2026
- 2.3.1.6 \$99 = Melissa Flora, Membership to the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics: 2025-26
- 2.3.1.7 \$595 = Debbie Midcaif, Educators Neighborhood Cohort, On-Line: Sept 2025 – May 2026
- 2.3.1.8 \$1000 = Nicole Patel, CAETSOL 2025 State Conference, Chabot College, Hayward CA: Oct 16 – 18, 2025
- 2.3.1.9 \$1000 = Jenne Carey, Leadership Coachella Valley: Sept 2025 – June 2026
- 2.3.1.10 \$1000 = Chris Jones-Cage, American Psychology Conference, Los Angeles CA: Nov 7 – 10, 2025

2.3.2 **Individual Funding Requests (Out-of-State)**

- 2.3.2.1 \$1000 = Bronwyn Horton, Pacific Chem Conference 2025, Honolulu, HI: Dec 15 – 20, 2025
- 2.3.2.2 \$1000 = Sazeda Sultana, Zero Trust World Conference, Orlando, FL: March 3 – 6, 2025

2.3.3 **Group Funding Request**

- 2.3.3.1 \$1500 = Wendy Ansley, ALL Faculty Meditation/Relaxation Room (yoga mats and accessories, water feature, sound-bath speaker, wall hangings, plants, and other decorations)

2.3.4 **Professional Advancement**

- 2.3.4.1 Michelle Smith, 18 Graduate Units in Nursing and other Related Coursework: Current Range 3, Advance to Range 4
- 2.3.4.2 Jin Ann-Dunning, 21 Graduate Units in Asian American Studies and Education: Current Range 4, Advance to Range 5

2.4 Items removed from Consent

2.5 Second Reading

2.6 Additional Activities and Events for FLEX Credit

- 2.6.1 Annual Athletics Compliance/R2 Training, July 10, 2025 = 4.5 hours
- 2.6.2 American Heart Association- CPR Instructor Training, Dates TBA = 5 hours

3. Information/Discussion Items

- 3.1 Spring FLEX 2026: All Faculty FLEX Fri, Jan 23; Adjunct Day Thu, Jan 22
- 3.2 Professional and Lifelong Learning Enrichment Opportunity: Total Solar Eclipse in Egypt, July 29 – Aug 7, 2027. Contact Ahmed Elshafie for more info
aelshafie@collegeofthedesert.edu

4. Reports/Updates

- 4.1 Faculty Development Funds Update – Leif Jordan

5. Good of the Order

Next Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025