



**FIRST
FRIDAY**

**Academic Senate Call
To Action**

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AGENDA

- What is the Academic Senate and what do we do anyway?
- Important Issues for the 2023 – 24 Academic Year
- How can you get involved!
- Questions and Comments



What is the Academic Seante?

The SMC's Academic Senate is an organization whose **primary function is to make recommendations to the administration of the college and to the governing board with respect to academic and professional matters.** The Academic Senate is the only organization that has a place in California Educational Law (Title V); its duties listed in the 10 + 1 Responsibilities.

The Academic Senate Executive Committee consists of elected officers and the chairs of standing Senate joint and sub-committees. The Executive Committee serves as a steering committee for the Senate by recommending senate objectives and setting the senate agendas, which are then discussed and voted upon by a quorum of the full Senate.



Academic Senate: 10+1

Yes it's the Law!

[Title 5 §53200\(b\)](#) states that the Academic Senate is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters. According to §53200(c), "[academic and professional matters](#)" means the [following policy development and implementation matters](#):

- Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
- Degree and certificate requirements
- **Grading policies**
- Educational program development
- Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
- District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
- **Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports**
- **Policies for faculty professional development activities**
- Processes for program review
- Processes for institutional planning and budget development
- Other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate.





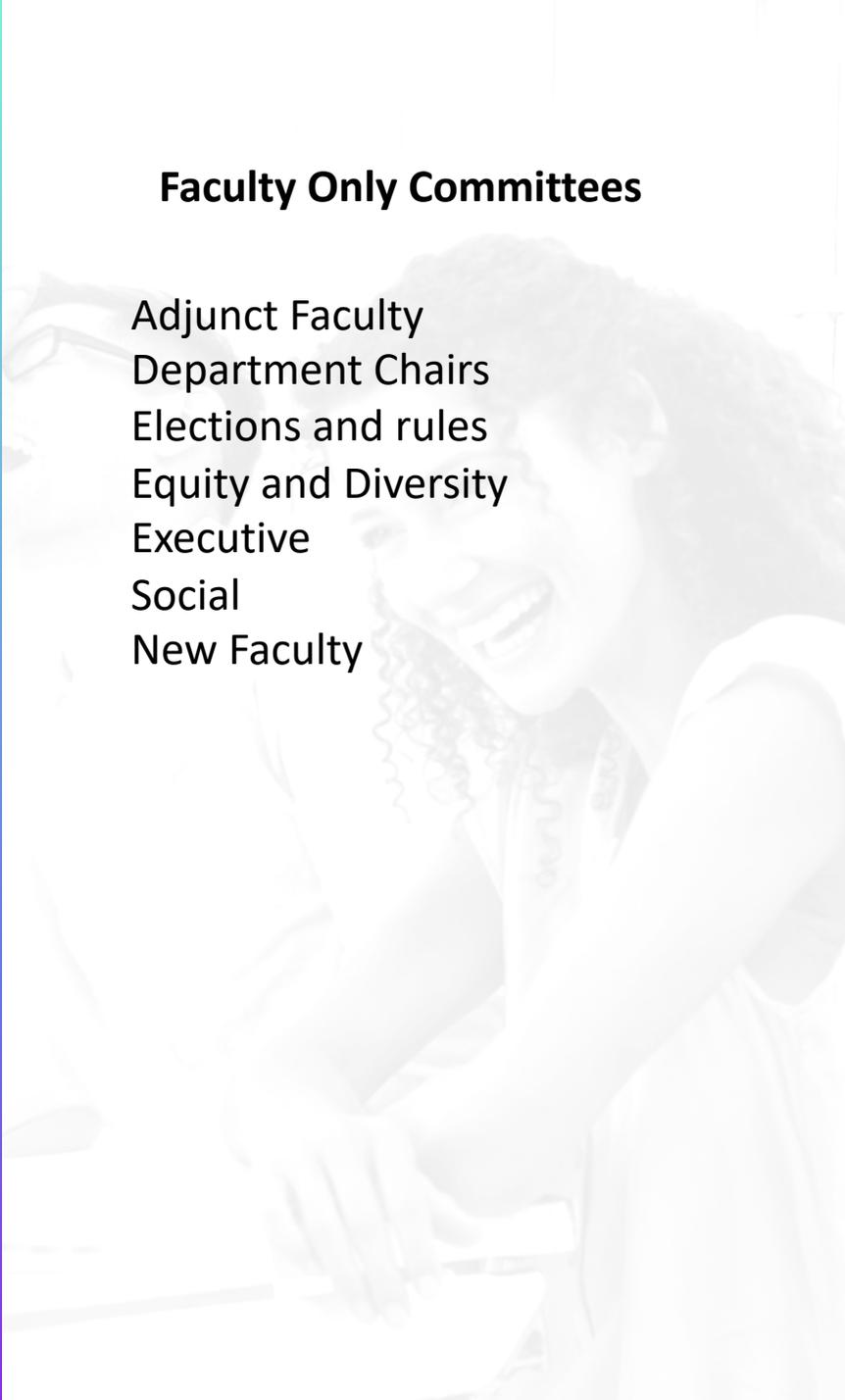
Academic Senate Committees

[Full List of Committees](#)

Joint Academic Senate Committees

Program Review
Professional Development
Institutional Effectiveness
Personnel Policies
Distance Education
Curriculum
Career Technical Education
Environmental Affairs
Global Citizenship
Sabbaticals and Fellowships
Student Affairs

Faculty Only Committees



Adjunct Faculty
Department Chairs
Elections and rules
Equity and Diversity
Executive
Social
New Faculty

Key Issues for the 2023 – 24 Academic Year



- Enrollment and Budgeting
 - Strategic Enrollment Plan
 - [Smc.edu/sem](https://smc.edu/sem)
 - Existing Hold Harmless
- New Full-Time faculty hiring
- Accreditation
 - Completing our Accreditation Cycle
- Educational Master Plan Development
- College Redesign
 - Faculty involvement both instructional and non-instructional
- Faculty Professional Development
- Addressing statewide legislation
 - Ab928
 - Ab1111
 - Ab1705

How can you get involved?

- Attend Academic Senate Meeting
 - Next meeting Sept 12th 11:15am – 12:35pm and every other week thereafter
- Serve on an Academic Senate Committee
 - [Academicsenate.com](https://www.academicsenate.com)
- Talk to your department's Academic Senators
- Become a Senator for your department



Accreditation Team Visit Sept 26th and 27th

- ACCJC Visting Team
 - Dr. Keith Flamer
 - Dr. David Wain Coon
 - Dr. Margarita Pillado
- Open Forum
 - Sept 26th 12noon – 12:30pm
 - Open to all constituency groups
 - Student Services Center, 2nd Floor, Orientation Hall and via zoom
- Academic Senate President Interview
 - Sept 26th 10:15am – 11:30am
- Closing Remarks
 - Sept 27th, 11am – 12noon
 - Open to all constituency groups
 - Student Services enter, 2nd Floor, Orientation Hall and via zoom



Thank You

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