

Elections & Rules Committee

The Elections & Rules Committee conducts Senate elections in accordance with established bylaws and academic regulations and recommends revisions to the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws as needed. The committee shall not endorse or campaign for candidates and ensures that Senate resources are not used for such purposes.

Spring 2026 Election Results

New Senators (*elected to three-year term: 2026- 2029. The number of senators in each department per the by-laws is 1 seat per every 10 full-time faculty*):

- Communication and Media Studies: Lauren Movius and Luis Andrade
- Counseling: Kevin Benitez, Vanessa Malzone, Destiny Johnson
- Dance: Jae Lee
- Design Technology: Nicola Vruwink
- ESL: Alex Ibaraki
- Health Sciences: Ashley Cohen
- Kinesiology: Matt Hank
- Library: Luz Badillo
- Life Sciences: Chris Grant and Jesse Salter
- Mathematics: Keith Ouellette and Alex Bene
- Modern Languages: Alejandro Lee
- CSIS: 1 open seat

The list of all Senators can be viewed on the ERC webpage.

New Adjunct-at-Large Senators *(appointed to a one-year term):*

- Chiquita Emel (CSIS)
- Keith Kurtz (CSIS)
- Gustavo Garcia (Philosophy)

New Curriculum Committee Members *(3-year term: 2026-2029):*

- CSIS: Koda Kol
- English: Susan Caggiano
- ECE/Psychology: Sharlene Joachim
- Art/Dance/Music: Brianna Simmons

Goals for 2026-27

- Communicate with all faculty for all SMC Academic Senate election-related items.
- Ensure that elections are conducted per the by-laws timeline and guidelines.
- Serve as a resource for questions around the Academic Senate elections and rules.
- Keep the ERC page of the Academic website updated.
- Upcoming events

Fall 2026: Department Chair elections for Business, Mathematics, Music and Physical Sciences. The self-nomination process opened the week of September 21st. Tenured or fourth-year probationary faculty are eligible to serve as Department Chair. This is a four-year term, beginning at the start of the Summer 2027 session and running through the end of the Spring 2031 semester.

Spring 2027: Elections will be held for Senators, Adjunct-At-large Senators, and Curriculum Committee seats where the current term has concluded.