

Do you want to influence policy around academic and professional matters?
 Are you motivated by improving student success and striving for excellence in your faculty role?

Join us in Academic Senate: the Faculty Voice on Academic and Professional Matters

Elections occur every spring for a variety of positions for a following June 1st start date:

Position*	Term	Eligibility
President-Elect / President	1-year (first year) 2-years (2 nd year)	Tenured faculty member [^]
Vice President	1-year (when there is no President-Elect)	Tenured faculty member [^]
Coordinating Officer	2-years (rotates between Associate and Full-time faculty)	Tenured faculty member [^] Associate faculty member ^{**}
Full-time Faculty Senator	2-years	Tenured faculty member [^]
Associate Faculty Senator	2-years	Associate faculty member ^{**}

*Position duties, terms of service, eligibility, and the election process are outlined in the [AS Bylaws and Rules](#)

[^]Full-time faculty must be tenured already or have tenure status starting the following fall semester

****Associate faculty must have had teaching/library/counseling assignments for five consecutive semesters, not including summers. In addition, the member must continue to have a teaching/library/counseling assignment while serving on Academic Senate**

The Nomination Process Begins in January or February! – Nominate yourself or one of your peers

The Elections Committee will send out an email with specific information about the process. There are two weeks where you can self-nominate or nominate one of your peers. Be sure to check whether you are eligible or not based on the criteria above. If you are not sure, contact HR before you accept.

What to Expect in the Election Process! – Tips for Success

- **Be excited!** It is an honor to serve on the Academic Senate because you will be elected by your peers. Accept the nomination with pride. We are looking for candidates who have an eagerness to learn, the ability to think critically, and a commitment to upholding MiraCosta’s mission, vision, and values.
- **Verify eligibility before you accept a nomination or nominate someone else.** As a courtesy, before you nominate someone, check in with them about their interests, goals, and eligibility. The elections committee does not verify eligibility until after the nomination and acceptance period is complete.
- **Candidate Statements.** Focus on the issues that you see are most important to the work of the Academic Senate. Showcase your experience, depth of knowledge, and curiosity. Do some research on the Academic Senate. [View the prompts on the election information webpage.](#)
- **Here are some tips on campaigning.**
 - Academic Senate is a legislative body and the political use section of [AP 3720](#) applies. Refrain from using MiraCosta email, MiraCosta listservs, or other MiraCosta mass media tools for campaigning. **It is okay to reach out to individuals using personal email accounts.**
 - Debates can be requested by any voter or candidate and held prior to the voting period, subject to candidate and venue availability. Candidates can also be contacted directly by voters.
 - All candidates should respond to the candidate statement prompts. All candidate statements will be posted on the elections information website and distributed to all faculty prior to the election. Be sure to submit on time.
 - Campaigning should be about issues and not personalities. Refrain from making personal statements about other candidates.
- **Lastly, VOTE!**