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Our Role

The Academic Senate is the voice for the faculty on all matters related to curriculum and academic standards. The Academic Senate shall serve as the representation of faculty whenever consultation or interaction for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards with the District or the college administration is necessary. Faculty have purview over any item related to the "The Ten Plus One," a detailed list of 10 items and a general "+1" which are outlined in Title 5.

Senate Actions and/or Updates Related to SBCCD Board of Trustees' Goals

Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success

Professional Development along with our Open Education Resources (OER) task force offered an OER Week in November. The week was filled with dynamic discussions led by experienced facilitators, fun, engaging activities, and the opportunity for faculty to share valuable insights based on their experiences with OER in the classroom and its impact on students.

We have simplified the signature requirements for the dual enrollment process to support the participation of younger high school students in our classes (during our summer bridge program as well as during the academic year).

Our Theatre Department has offered two "Pay what you Can" nights for their performances. This allows students to enjoy our amazing theatre performances without any financial burden.

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The senate has voted to write a new academic freedom statement that expresses our unwavering commitment to both equity and academic freedom, recognizing and affirming the compatibility and mutual reinforcement of these noble goals.

Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues

>>> In response to the increasing sophistication of Generative AI in Higher Education, the Senate created and passed an Academic Integrity Policy that addresses student use of AI our classes.

Five Crafon faculty participated in the ASCCC Plenary meeting in November.

Ensure Fiscal Accountability/Stability

The main area faculty support the Board's fiscal goals is through our interactions and engagement with students. Enrollments are continuing to rise at Crafton and relationships between students and faculty are building.

→ The Senate finalized our class caps recommendations. The document has been provided to the campus administrators who will review and respond next semester.