What is the Academic Senate?

The Academic Senate is the primary voice of faculty in academic and professional matters. Its elected members come from full time and adjunct faculty ranks, from both the East and West campuses, and from a broad array of programs. Both law and governing board policy give the Academic Senate primary responsibility in the following areas:

- Curriculum
- Degree and certificate requirements
- Graduation policies
- Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
- Faculty professional development

Both law and governing board policy require mutual agreement with the Academic Senate for any changes in the following areas:

- Educational program development
- Student preparation and success
- Program review
- Institutional planning and budget development
- District and college governance structures

The Senate's Sources of Authority

Education Code § 79011
Title 5: § 54102, 54201, 54302, 54303, 54304, 53206
VCSCSC Board Policies 1110.1, 1109.4
Faculty Contract and Governance Allocations

Important Resources

- Full-Panel Participatory Governance Course
- ASCC Webinars
- ASCC Local-Senate handbooks (3200)
- 2018 Minimum Qualifications (Discrimination List)
- California CC Chancellor's Office
- CCCCO Codes (3010)
- Handbook
- ASCC
- MJC Research and Planning Office
- New and 1-year Temporary Faculty, 2014-2015
- Student Conduct Faculty Formalized Student Success Metrics, November 2016
- Student Success Metrics, MJC Institutional Effectiveness, Revised March 2016
- MJC Board, Student Success Measures, November 2016, Institutional Effectiveness
- The Rules and Responsibilities of Participatory Governance at MJC

Established Processes

- Faculty Hiring Processes and MJC Process (3200)
- Cycle of Assessment and Program Review (2217)
- Program Discontinuance/Visibility

Senate Committees & Workgroups

- Curriculum Committee
- Outcomes Assessment Workgroup
- MJC Policies and Procedures"