



# MERRITT COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

## Merritt College Academic Senate (MCAS)

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 2, 2023

12:30 – 2:00 P.M.

Room 112A

Zoom URL: <https://peralta-edu.zoom.us/j/84979549039>

### Membership

#### Voting

Thomas Renbarger  
(President)

Dan Lawson  
(Vice President)

Danae Martinez  
(Treasurer)

Janine Nkosi  
(Recording Sec.)

Lowell Bennett (PT)  
(At-Large DAS Rep.)

Frances Moy  
Arja McCray  
Isela Santana  
Heather Casale  
Fereshteh Mofidi  
Rosa Perez  
Bianca Parazo (PT)

#### Quorum

5 voting members

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda Review, Changes and Adoption – *3 min.*
- III. Public Comment – *3 min. per individual, 9 min. maximum*
- IV. Consent Calendar – *3 min.*
  - Approval of October 5 and October 19, 2023 minutes.
- V. Action Items/Presentations – *60 min.*
  - a) Faculty Handbook Update (Renbarger/MCAS) – *15 min.*
    - Action: MCAS will review actions needed to update the Faculty Handbook to be posted to Canvas.
  - b) Participatory Governance Structure: Committees of the Academic Senate (Renbarger/Thai) – *20 min.*
    - Action: MCAS will assess and take possible action on which committees shall be considered committees of the Academic Senate. Presently, these committees are:
      - Merritt College Curriculum Committee (MCCC)
      - Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors (CDCPD)
      - Career Education Advisory Committee (CEAC)
      - Distance Education (DE) Committee
      - Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (SLOAC)
  - c) Non-Fiduciary Contracts (Renbarger/MCAS)
    - Action: MCAS will consider possible action on remedying difficulties with completing non-fiduciary contracts.
  - d) Contract Faculty Office Assignment Update (Renbarger) – *5 min.*

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- Action: MCAS will receive an update and take possible action on contract faculty office assignments.
- e) Faculty Committee Assignments (Renbarger) – 5 min.
  - Action: MCAS will review and take possible action on faculty committee assignments.
  
- VI. Standing Items – 15 min.
  - a) Reports From Officers (Pres., VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary)
  - b) Reports From Committees (Curriculum, Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors, College Budget Committee, College Facilities Committee, Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Merritt Technology Committee, Distance Education Committee, Career Education Advisory Council, Student Success and Equity Committee, Guided Pathways)
  - c) Accreditation
  - d) Equity
  
- VII. New Business
  
- VIII. Old Business
  
- IX. Adjournment
  - Next meeting: November 16, 2023

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