

Mendocino College Academic Senate
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
February 24, 2022
12:30 - 1:45 pm

Per Assembly Bill 361, this will be a teleconference meeting taking place via [mendocino-edu.zoom](https://mendocino-edu.zoom.us/j/98801365273?pwd=M3hFR0RXUldXNmExa1RyR0ZZQkNqdz09):

Meeting ID: 988 0136 5273 and Passcode: 745728 or dial: +1 669 900 9128 US.

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I. Call to Order

II. Native American Land Acknowledgement

The Academic Senate's Native American Land Acknowledgement will be read into the record.

The Mendocino College Academic Senate collectively acknowledges that the Mendocino-Lake Community College District occupies the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary Lands of the local First Nations: Cahto, Concow, Pit River, Nomlaki, Pomo, Sinkyone, Wailacki, and Yuki. We recognize, support, and advocate for their sovereignty.

We acknowledge all Indigenous Peoples who have called Lake and Mendocino Counties their home for thousands of years, and their efforts to revive and cultivate their cultures, languages, and identities despite the atrocities committed against them. The Mendocino College Academic Senate is committed to ending these struggles and racist experiences within the district.

We recognize, honor, and respect these nations as the traditional stewards of the lands and water on which the District is now present. Lastly, we thank them for their strength, perseverance and resilience.

By offering this Land Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and will work to hold Mendocino College Academic Senate more accountable to the educational needs of local First Nations and Indigenous Peoples.

III. Approval of the Agenda

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Senate on any agenda item after being recognized by the Chair. Due to the brevity of the meeting and the length of most agendas, the total amount of time for public comment will be limited to 3 minutes per individual.

Note: as this meeting is being conducted via teleconference (mendocino-edu.zoom) members of the public are invited to join the meeting and provide comments. Using the *raise your hand* feature, to indicate you wish to make a comment and you will be called on, in order, at the appropriate time.

- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Meeting February 17, 2022**

- VI. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **None**

- VII. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. **Academic Senate Resolution S'22 - 01: Support for District Adoption of a Native American Land Acknowledgement - *Second Reading - Action***
(15 minutes)
Senators Heston-Becthol and Rall will present the resolution for a second reading and possible action to adopt

- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. **Spring 2022 Academic Senate Election Committee - *Action***
Appointment of an election committee to organize and conduct the Academic Senate Spring 2022 elections for full- and part-time faculty

- IX. **Standing Items**
 - A. **AB 705 - *Information and Discussion***
(30 minutes)
Vice President of Academic Affairs, Debra Polak and Professor Leslie Banta (Math) will provide an update on recent revisions to [Assembly Bill 705 California Community Colleges Assessment and Placement](#) (Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: matriculation: assessment.)
 - B. **Guided Pathways**
None
 - C. **California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office *Call to Action***
None

- X. **Reports - *Information and Discussion***
 - A. **Senator Reports**
(10 Minutes)
Senators may provide information on work and/or activities they have participated in on behalf of their constituent group and the Academic Senate
 - B. **Academic Senate President's Report**
None

- XI. **Open Forum**
Members of the public, as well as senators, may address the senate with comments that are within the purview of the Academic Senate. The total amount of time allotted will be determined and announced by the chair based upon the scheduled adjournment time.

- XII. **Adjournment**
(Approved Academic Senate and Faculty* Meeting Schedule: March 3*, March 10, March 24*, March 31, April 21*, April 28, May 12*, May 19)

**Academic Senate Agenda Supporting Documents
February 24, 2022**

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Academic Senate resolution S'22 - 01: Support for District Adoption of a Native American Land Acknowledgement

Sponsors / Contacts: Pamela Heston-Bechtol,

Academic Senate Representative: John Rall

Academic Senate First Reading: January 27, 2022

Academic Second Reading:

Decision: APPROVED / FAILED

Vote Count (list names of senators):

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

Whereas, Mendocino - Lake Community College District boundaries reside within traditional Native Lands

Whereas, the First Nations of Lake and Mendocino Counties are Cahto, Concow, Pit River, Nomlaki, Pomo, Sinkyone, Wailacki, and Yuki

Whereas, The Mendocino College Academic Senate has purview for academic and professional matters, such as “student preparation and success” (Title 5 section 53200);

Whereas, The recognition of the rightful stewards of the lands in which the District resides will foster diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and student success;

Whereas, The Mendocino College Academic Senate recognizes the injustices and atrocities committed against the local Indigenous Peoples;

Whereas, The Mendocino College Academic Senate has adopted a *Land Acknowledgement* (attached) to be included at public meetings (Academic Senate Resolution F'21 - 01);

Therefore be it resolved, The Mendocino College Academic Senate recommends that the Mendocino - Lake Community College District Board of Trustees adopt a similar Land Acknowledgement to be included at all public meetings and events.

Attachment:

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Action Planning:

Sent to Superintendent/President (or designee) for a meeting scheduled on _____.

Specific Request:

(the resolves are entered here as the specific statement of request)

Meeting discussion notes and/or additional action planning decisions

(if appropriate):

Statement of Mutual Agreement:

Date of Implementation:

On behalf of our respective organizations, we have reached mutual agreement related to this resolution, as noted above.

For the Board of Trustees: For the Academic
Senate:

Tim Karas, Superintendent/President
Catherine Indermill, Academic Senate
President

_____, Vice-President Brianna Zuber,
Academic Senate Vice President

Date of Mutual Agreement:

*** end ***

VIII. New Business

A. Spring 2022 Academic Senate Election Committee - Action

Recommendation: Appoint an election committee with the authority to:

1. Establish voting procedure/format,
2. Schedule the nomination period and election dates during the month of March (not to extend beyond March 29th),
3. Make a recommendation to re-establish balanced full-time faculty senate terms of office

Rationale: The Academic Senate Constitution, Article V established the election committee “conduct and verify elections” (1 and 2).

The full-time senate terms are out of balance (3). There are six terms ending this year (4 senators, the vice president, and president). It is possible someone resigned and the replacement served a full two years, rather than completing the vacated term. The senate will be stronger and have more consistency if there isn't such a large turnover every other year. This recommendation, will authorize the election committee to make a recommendation for full senate consideration and possible faculty confirmation during the Spring 2022 election.

ARTICLE V: Election Procedures and Nominations

Section 1. Election Procedures

An Election Committee consisting of at least three faculty members (one of which is a senator) who are not on the ballot will be appointed by the Academic Senate to conduct and verify elections. Voting shall be secret and verifiable. All full time faculty may cast a ballot in all senate elections. The two sitting part-time faculty senators may vote in elections for all senators.

Section 2: Nomination of Prospective Senate Members

- A. Candidates for the positions of President and Vice President of the Academic Senate shall be nominated by another full time faculty member or self-nominated in accordance with the criteria outlined in the Bylaws to this Constitution.
- B. Candidates for full time faculty positions on the Academic Senate shall be nominated by another full time faculty member or self-nominated during a stipulated time period established by the Election Committee
- C. Candidates for part time faculty positions on the Academic Senate shall be nominated by another part time faculty member or self-nominated.