



On behalf of the Cuesta College Academic Senate, welcome new faculty! We are all thrilled that you have decided to join us.

I invite you to attend a meeting of the Academic Senate Council. We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30 to 3:30. Please check out [our website](#) for the current agenda and meeting location.

Fabulous facts about the Academic Senate:

- The Academic Senate is empowered by law to make recommendations on **academic and professional matters**. This power includes policy development with respect to curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, grading, educational programs, student preparation and success, faculty roles in college governance structures, faculty roles and involvement in the accreditation process, faculty professional development activities, program review processes, institutional planning and budget development.
- All Cuesta College faculty are members with representation on the Academic Senate.
- The Academic Senate Council is the legislative body that acts on behalf of all faculty concerning professional and academic matters.
- The Academic Senate Council consists of the Academic Senate President (Alexandra Kahane), the Academic Senate Vice President (Fionnuala Butler), one Senator representative from each division selected by divisional faculty, the Chair of the Curriculum Committee (Steve Leone/Matt Knudsen), and three at-large Senator representatives. In addition, a representative from Cuesta College Federation of Teachers (CCFT President Greg Baxley), a representative from Associated Students of Cuesta College, and the Secretary of the Academic Senate are non-voting members of the Academic Senate Council.
- The Academic Senate engages in consensus model decision making. What is that? Come see for yourself at our first meeting of the Spring semester on Friday, January 26th at 1:30 pm in Building 3100, Room 3134 (PDC).

Please feel free to contact me, alexandra_kahaneunch@cuesta.edu at with any questions or concerns!

Warmest regards,

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