

2025-26 Members

Chair: David Hurst (English) **Members:** Catherine Medrano (Sociology); Craig Arnold (Business); Donal Howell (Automotive Technology); Erik Arteaga (Biology); Shane Souza (Industrial Maintenance); Matt McGill (Welding)

Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 8, 2026, 9:30am – 11:00am, ESS 101

Zoom Link: <https://cos-edu.zoom.us/j/89958559972?pwd=62dxK5VG8mUo9009o2c6FwmOL34UeY.1>

Call to Order

Public Comments (3 minutes/speaker, 10 minutes total)

1. Items off the agenda
2. Items on the agenda

Action Items

1. Approval of minutes from 4/10/2026
2. Approval of Bylaws changes
3. Approval of Master's Degree Instructions changes
4. Approval of Master's Degree fillable form changes

Chair Report

1. Vice President of Academic Senate update
2. AP 7211 approved at DGS

Information Items

1. None

Discussion Items

1. Faculty Hiring Handbook

Adjournment

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2025-26 Initiatives:

1. Produce an informational slideshow on applying for equivalency at Sequoias Community College District
2. Create and revise fillable forms and consolidate forms and instructions into organized downloadable packets
3. Perform outreach to IC and HR as to procedures and documents, the committee's needs (timelines, etc.), and other information
4. Revise the Equivalency Bylaws and AP to align with current practice and legal requirements
5. Investigate work experience as an option for Master's Equivalency
6. Perform routine tasks (posting agendas, minutes, holding meetings, all required paperwork) as required, including end-of-year assessment for 2025-26