NAME OF COMMITTEE	ACADEMIC SENATE
COMMITTEE CHARGE	The purpose of the Senate is to provide the means to represent the "Senate Association" in the formation and implementation of policy on academic and professional matters. In implementing policies, the Senate will represent the Senate Association" to the President of the College and to the Board of Trustees with respect to academic and professional matters {so called 10+1 issues} and exercise the powers granted by the California Education Code and the Board of Governors. The Senate shall assume primary responsibility in the areas of curriculum and academic standards as specified in the California Education Code. Senate By-laws also dictate, to some degree, the manner in which the above charge shall be accomplished.
SCOPE OF AUTHORITY	The Senate is the sole voice of the faculty and makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees of designee with respect to academic and professional matters {10+1}. District board policy states that the Board of Trustees shall rely primarily upon the recommendations of the Senate in these areas. Rely primarily on means: • Recommendations of the senate will normally be accepted • Only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons will the recommendations not be accepted • If not accepted, board/designee shall communicate reasons in writing, if requested (see Title 5.3 §53200)
REPORTS TO AND COMMUNICATES WITH MEMBERSHIP	And the college community. Chaired by the Academic Senate President 25 elected representatives-one from each academic department 1 SGA representative 1 elected adjunct faculty representative