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During its meeting on May 16, 2016, the 2015-2016 Senate Executive Member deliberated on “Lecturer and Staff Representation on the Academic Senate.” Since then several steps were taken to gather information and engage in a consultative process to revisit the senate membership with the aim of being more inclusive and representative of all stakeholders. The 2016-2017 Executive Committee continued the consultative process by:

- Reviewing membership of other CSUs and seeking input from other CSU Senate Chairs
- Attending and seeking input at the All Staff meeting on September 16, 2016
- Attending and seeking input at the 2nd CSU Lecturer Conference on Shared Governance hosted by Cal State LA, November 12, 2016
- Time certain, Senate Executive meeting with Judy Olsen, Lecturer, Department of English

In January 2017, the 2016-17 Executive committee formed a task force, consisting of Exec members Cari Flint, Kevin Baaske, Nancy Warter-Perez and Veena Prabhu, to work on a proposal aimed at expanding the Cal State LA Senate membership to include lecturers and staff members.

During its meeting on February 28, 2017 the Academic Senate had a quasi-meeting of the whole to discuss and seek input from Senators about Lecturer and Staff representation. The task force met several times in Spring and Summer this year and formulated a proposal that was submitted to the Executive Committee.

During its meeting of August 10, August 24, August 31, September 7, September 21, September 28, October 5, and October 12, the current Senate Executive Committee reviewed and approved the Proposed Constitutional Changes to Appendix C: Constitution of the Faculty, California State University, Los Angeles prepared by a task force.

Please find attached two documents:

1. **Details of the substantive changes to the Proposed Constitutional Changes:** Note: that this is a summary document and not an attempt at providing a rationale, given that the proposal is recommending changes to the Constitution. If approved, a pro and con document will be drafted to be shared with faculty before they vote on the proposal.

2. **Proposed Constitutional Changes** – Appendix C – Constitution of the Faculty Cal State LA
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Details of the Substantive Proposed Changes

**ARTICLE III, Sections 1-5**
1. The proposal defines that the term faculty includes lecturers and other faculty who are not tenured, nor on tenure-track lines.
2. The proposal also clarifies that there can be meetings called for all of the tenured and tenure-track faculty, how these meetings would work, and how voting of the tenured and tenure-track faculty could occur. This could involve elections or votes on things like the academic calendar.
3. The proposal calls for the Executive Committee to nominate those faculty members who will write the pro and con arguments related to constitutional changes. In the future, these nominees will be approved by the Senate. If the Senate does not approve a nominee, the Executive Committee would need to nominate a different faculty member.

**Article IV, Section 2: Membership**
1. There was occasional intermingling of membership in the Senate and how members were to be elected or selected. Section #2 now focuses exclusively on members of the Senate. Section #3 focuses on the process of how these members are elected or appointed.

2. Membership changes:
   A. Proposed changes clarify that there are to be 35 tenured/tenure-track faculty senators representing their respective Colleges and the Library, and five tenured/tenure-track At-Large faculty senators. These are designated seats and cannot be filled by anyone other than tenured/tenure-track faculty. Academic Colleges are defined, but not numbered as the number of such colleges could change. PaGE and the Honors College do not issue degrees, and so it is the intent of the proposal that the Deans of those Colleges would not be members of the Academic Senate. Nor do the Offices of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, so the intent of the proposal is that these Deans would not be members of the Academic Senate.
   
   B. Later in the current document, it makes clear that the faculty representatives to the statewide senate and the immediate past senate chair (defined and limited to one year after the election of a new chair) are ex officio voting members—that means that they hold Senate seats because of the offices they hold.
   
   C. The proposal ADDS lecturer faculty, one per academic college, as voting members of the Senate. Librarians, and coaches and counselors not assigned to Academic Colleges, and holding the rank of lecturer, will constitute a College. All lecturer senate seats are designated seats and cannot be filled by anyone other than temporary faculty.
   
   D. The proposal INCREASES the number of emeriti faculty to two.
   
   E. The proposal ADDS one more undergraduate student to the Senate.

   F. The proposal ADDS two staff persons as voting members of the Senate. These are designated seats and cannot be filled by anyone other than staff.
G. The academic college deans and the Dean of the Library remain members of the Senate. The Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost is an ADDED member of the Senate.

H. The university president, vice presidents, and CFA campus chapter president are all ex officio NON-voting members of the Senate. This is not changed, but the paragraph has been revised.

Section 3: Election or Appointment to the Senate
1. Tenured/tenure-track faculty are to be elected during the spring semester.
2. College representatives (tenured/tenure-track and lecturer faculty) are replaced by alternates, unless there are no alternates, in which case the College/Library will hold a special election to fill the seat until the next scheduled election.
3. The proposal specifies the length of term for the lecturer faculty elected to serve on the Senate. The term of office is the same for lecturer faculty as that of tenured/tenure-track faculty. The process for nominating and holding elections is NOT specified. That will be determined by the lecturer faculty.
4. The student members to the Senate are currently appointed by the ASI Board. The proposal codifies current appointment praxis, specifies the number of semester units that must have been earned prior to nomination and during service, and indicates that the students must be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA for undergraduate senators, 3.0 for graduate student senators).
5. The proposal calls for the election of two university staff members, but clarifies that no more than one can come from a single department. The proposal also sets term limits for staff senators. The Vice President for Administration and Finance will provide assistance and support for the staff in electing its representatives.

Section 4: Membership in the Academic Senate of the CSU
1. The proposal clarifies that all faculty members, as defined by the CBA, can serve as statewide senators.
2. Nominees can be made by Senators or through the petition process, just as we have recently. The number of petition signatures has been decreased.
3. The proposal requires nominees to have served on the Cal State LA Academic Senate.

Section 5: Tenure of Office—all changes are editorial

Section 6: Officers of the Academic Senate
1. The proposal clarifies that all faculty members elected to serve on the Senate, plus the immediate past senate chair, may be officers of the Senate.
2. The proposal also clarifies the duties of the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Secretary. These changes reflect current practice.
3. Succession has been moved and consolidated in a new sub-section.
4. The proposal clarifies what happens if an officer, after being elected in the Spring, will not serve the entire one-year term.

Section 7: Standing Committee
1. The term “Standing Committees” has a distinct meaning in the Senate, so the title of this section has been changed.
2. The proposal clarifies the membership of the past chair and the senior statewide senator (defining the latter).
3. The proposal also specifies the duties of the Chair and the Executive Committee. These changes represent current practice.

Section 8: Meetings
1. The proposal incorporates the footnotes in subsection F: Agenda. Previously, there was nothing in this subsection.
2. The proposal adds administrators to those who can visit Senate meetings. This reflects current practice.

Article V. No changes proposed

Article VI.
1. Voting to amend the constitution follows the same process of the voting that might result from a meeting of all the tenured and tenure-track faculty.
2. The same modernizations applied to Article III are applied to the process of amending the constitution.
Appendix C

Constitution of the Faculty AND ACADEMIC SENATE California State University, Los Angeles

(Faculty Council: 5/15/58; Senate: 5/4/67, 4/16/68, 11/4/69, 4/13/71, 1/11/72, 8/1/72, 10/31/72, 7/24/73, 8/14/73, 2/11/76, 1/24/78, 4/18/78, 11/18/80, 5/4/93, 5/11/93, 2/13/01)

(Faculty: 11/6/58, 6/16/67, 5/17/68, 4/7/70, 5/28/71, 2/11/72, 9/1/72, 12/6/72, 8/29/73, 10/26/73, 3/18/76, 3/1/78, 5/18/78, 1/23/81, 11/18/93, 12/3/93, 5/16/01)

(President: 5/15/58, 6/30/67, 5/23/68, 4/9/70, 6/2/71, 2/15/72, 9/6/72, 12/11/72, 9/14/73, 11/5/73, 4/13/76, 3/6/78, 5/24/78, 1/29/81, 1/27/94, 10/15/01)

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PREAMBLE

General Principle.

The orderly participation of faculty in policy making, and a clearly defined organizational structure designed to promote such participation contributes to a clearer understanding of the mutual problems and responsibilities of the faculty and the administration of California State University, Los Angeles.

Means of Promoting Orderly Participation.

Effective faculty participation in the formulation of policies requires the establishment of a representative body which acts for the faculty, provides for faculty planning and consideration in the development of policy, and ensures regular communication between faculty and administration in policy matters.

Faculty Constitution.

To meet this need, a constitution for the faculty of The California State University, Los Angeles is recommended. The following proposals are incorporated in this draft VERSION of a THE constitution:

1. There shall be established an Academic Senate elected by, and representative of, the faculty body.
2. The Academic Senate shall meet regularly with the President and other members of the administration to represent faculty viewpoints in the determination of policy.
3. There shall be established an Executive Committee composed of representatives of the Academic Senate.
4. The success of the program for faculty-administration relationships and the ultimate value of the contributions made by the faculty in policy areas depends on the assumption that Senate recommendations will be accepted whenever there is no compelling reason to reject them.
ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Faculty of California State University, Los Angeles.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization of the faculty is to provide procedures for the orderly cooperation of the academic administrative administration and academic faculty in the interests of the University as a whole. To achieve this purpose there are established herein the following recognized bodies: the Faculty; the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles, hereafter referred to as the Academic Senate; the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate; and such other bodies as are described below or as shall be designated from time to time. The Academic Senate is the representative body of the faculty of the University and speaks on behalf of the faculty on matters within the purview of the Senate.

ARTICLE III. THE FACULTY

Section 1. Membership

The faculty of California State University, Los Angeles is defined to include all members of the academic staff who hold academic rank in a department or division as designated by California State University personnel regulations, the current agreement between the Board of Trustees of the California State University and the California Faculty Association (The Agreement), The Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA), the President, and the Academic Senate.

Temporary LECTURER faculty (THIS INCLUDES COACHES, COUNSELORS, LIBRARIANS AND ANY OTHER FACULTY WHO ARE NOT TENURED OR IN A TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS) ARE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY, BUT are not eligible to vote in MEETINGS OF TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY, in faculty meetings, nor in faculty elections OR VOTES at any level EXCEPT THE ELECTION OF LECTURERS TO SERVE ON THE ACADEMIC SENATE.

Section 2. Presiding Officer MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

The President of the University shall preside over meetings of the faculty. In the absence of the President, a person appointed by the President shall preside.

A. CALLING MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Meetings of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK faculty may be called at the request of the President or at the request of the Chair of the Academic Senate, or by a petition signed by ten percent of the members of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK faculty currently in residence.

Section 3. Meetings B. THE PRESIDING OFFICER AT MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY SHALL PRESIDE OVER MEETINGS OF THE TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, A PERSON APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE.

General meetings of the faculty may be called at the request of the President or at the request of the Chair of the Academic Senate, or by a petition signed by ten percent of the members of the faculty currently in residence.
Section 4. C. THE Agenda FOR MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

THE Agenda for meetings of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK faculty shall be established by the President and the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. Items for the agenda may be submitted by the President, by the Chair of the Academic Senate, or by a petition signed by ten percent of the members of the faculty currently in residence. The agenda shall be in the hands of the faculty at least two days prior to the meetings.

Section 5. D. THE Quorum AT MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

A quorum shall consist of 25 percent of the members of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK faculty currently in residence, but in no event less than 150.

E. Rules of Procedure AT MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

In the absence of any provision to the contrary in this Constitution, all meetings of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK faculty shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order (Newly Revised).

Section 6.3. FACULTY Voting

A. VOTING AT MEETINGS OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

All matters put to a vote (except as provided in Article VI) at a meeting of all Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty will be decided by a majority of those present, provided that a quorum is present. The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate is responsible for submitting substantive matters to a vote of the entire faculty by mail ballot if a majority of those present at any faculty meeting, with or without a quorum, so directs. Such ballots shall be accompanied by arguments favoring and opposing the proposed action; the responsibility for preparing the favorable argument shall rest with the mover of the proposal; the responsibility for preparing the adverse argument shall be assigned by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate from among those who opposed the motion.

B. VOTING BY TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY AS DIRECTED BY A MAJORITY AT A MEETING OF ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate is responsible for submitting substantive matters to a vote of the entire faculty by mail ballot if a majority of those present at any meeting of all Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty meeting, with or without a quorum, so directs. Such ballots shall be accompanied by arguments favoring and opposing the proposed action; the responsibility for preparing the favorable argument shall rest with the mover of the proposal; the responsibility for preparing the adverse argument shall be assigned, nominated by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate from among those who opposed the motion and approved by the Senate.

Section 7. Rules of Procedure

In the absence of any provision to the contrary in this Constitution, all meetings of the faculty shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order (Newly Revised).

Section 8. Eligibility to Participate in Academic Governance and to Vote
a. All members of the faculty (as defined in Article III, Section I) are eligible to participate in academic governance, and to vote in faculty elections and on all matters put to a vote, either written or oral, of the faculty. Probationary faculty members may not vote on appointment, retention, tenure, and promotion of their colleagues. Tenured faculty members, in voting on matters of promotion, may not participate in the evaluation of anyone who holds a rank equal to or higher than their own.*

C. VOTING BY TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

1. CALLING FOR A VOTE BY ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

UNIVERSITY-WIDE VOTES of the TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY MAY BE CALLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE.

2. VOTING BY ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

A. ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE ACADEMIC SENATE.

b. Faculty members serving in positions in The Management Personnel Plan (MPP) who are tenured or probationary with rank in a department shall have the right to vote on all matters put to a vote of the faculty. They will cast their vote in the department or college in which they have academic rank.

c. Faculty members employed specifically on temporary appointments are not eligible to vote in meetings of all of the faculty elections or university-wide meetings, including the Academic Senate and its standing committees, or on personnel matters of any nature. The eligibility of temporary faculty members to vote in college or department meetings on other matters shall be determined by the college or department concerned.

Temporary faculty members shall not vote in that determination.

d. Part-time faculty are not eligible to vote in faculty meetings or in faculty elections at any level.

* C. Faculty members on leave are permitted to vote IN VOTES BY ALL TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY, in university-wide elections. Those faculty members wishing to vote during their absence must furnish the Office of the Academic Senate an address to which they wish ballots sent. A return addressed prestamped envelope will be provided by the Senate Office for the return of the ballot. Only ballots received by the time polls are closed will be counted in the election. (Academic Senate: 2/1/72)

ARTICLE IV. THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Section 1.

Function.

The Academic Senate is the official representative body of the faculty.

Section 2.

Membership.

a A. All probationary tenure-track and tenured members of the faculty are eligible for election to the Senate (with the exception noted in Article IV, section 3, item c) SUBSECTION 3 and shall be chosen on the proportionate basis as described in section 3 below.
In addition to elected senators, the Academic Senate shall include the deans of the colleges, the University Librarian, the immediate past chair* of the Academic Senate, and the faculty representatives to the Academic Senate of The California State University as ex officio members of the Senate. If a faculty representative to the Academic Senate CSU has been elected to the campus Academic Senate, the Senate seat shall be declared vacant and filled by the appropriate alternate. If the immediate past chair is not available, this position on the Senate shall not be filled.

1. Thirty-five tenure-track or tenured faculty shall serve as representatives of the academic colleges (an academic college is distinct from any other college that may exist in that academic colleges grant degrees) and the library and counseling services. The college faculty representatives shall serve as voting members of the academic senate.

2. Five at-large tenure-track or tenured faculty shall serve as representatives of the faculty. The at-large faculty shall be voting members of the academic senate.

b. In addition to the membership indicated in Article IV, section 2, subsection a, there shall be one voting emeritus faculty member of the Academic Senate elected as indicated in Article IV, section 3, subsection g, and five student voting members of the Academic Senate, elected as indicated in Article IV, section 3, subsection h.

B. The faculty representatives to the Academic Senate of the California State University shall serve as ex officio voting members of the Senate. If a faculty representative to the Academic Senate CSU has been elected to the campus Academic Senate, the Senate seat shall be declared temporarily vacant and filled by the appropriate alternate.

c. The President and the vice presidents of the University shall be honorary members. The presidents (or their designees) of the professional campus organizations open to all full-time faculty shall be extended the privilege of honorary membership. Honorary members shall have the right to participate in debate, but may not introduce motions or to vote.

c. For the year following service, the immediate past chair of the Academic Senate (the person who served as chair of the campus senate just prior to the current chair) shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the Senate. If the immediate past chair is not available, this position on the Senate shall not be filled.

d. Lecturer faculty representatives, one per academic college, shall serve as voting members of the Senate. For the purpose of serving on the Senate, coaches, counselors, and librarians holding lecturer rank shall be considered a college.

e. Two emeriti faculty members shall serve as voting members of the Academic Senate.

f. Six students, four undergraduates and two graduates, shall serve as voting members of the Academic Senate.

g. Two staff members shall serve as voting members of the Academic Senate.

h. The Academic College deans, the dean of the library, and the vice president for academic affairs/provost shall serve as voting members of the Academic Senate.
174 1. The President and the vice presidents of the University, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CAL STATE LA CHAPTER
175 OF THE CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION shall be honorary members OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND The
176 presidents (or their designees) of the professional campus organizations open to all full-time faculty shall be
177 extended the privilege of honorary membership. Honorary members shall have the right to participate in
178 debate, but may not introduce motions or vote.

*The immediate past chair is the person who served as chair of the campus Senate just prior to the current
chair.

Section 3.
Election OR APPOINTMENT to the Senate.

184 a A. IN THE SPRING SEMESTER, TENURED AND TENURE-TRACK FACULTY OF each ACADEMIC college AND THE
185 LIBRARY shall elect the proportion of 35 members which THAT shall represent the college's proportion of the
186 total TENURED, TENURE-TRACK faculty AT THE UNIVERSITY. No college shall have fewer than two members. The
187 proportions shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the Senate no later than eighth TEN weeks prior to
188 the end of the winter quarter SPRING SEMESTER. For the purpose of election to the Senate, faculty members in
189 COACHING, counseling and the library, (excepting those covered in subsection c 3 below), shall be construed to
190 be a college. The University Librarian shall conduct elections among the eligible COACHES, COUNSELORS, AND
191 LIBRARIANS, members in the Library and Student Affairs, as indicated in subsection d 4 below.

b 1. To provide replacements for elected members during vacation periods LEAVES or other absences of
193 one or more quarters SEMESTERS, each college shall also elect a number of alternates equal to at least
194 50 percent of the number of regularly elected members.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT A SENATOR'S OFFICE BECOMES VACANT, AND THERE ARE NO ALTERNATES, THE
197 COLLEGE SHALL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO ELECT A REPLACEMENT TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT
198 REGULAR ELECTION.

199 c 3. Faculty members serving in positions in The Management Personnel Plan (MPP) are not eligible for
199 election to the Senate either as are representative of a college or as a senator-at-large.

200 d 4. Upon approval of the proportions by the Senate, the Chair of the Senate OR DESIGNEE shall
201 promptly transmit this information to the appropriate colleges indicating the number of
202 representatives to be elected for the coming year. Not later than six FIVE weeks prior to the end of the
203 winter quarter SPRING SEMESTER, each college shall name from among its own members at least twice
204 as many nominees as there are positions allocated by the Senate. Nomination procedures must insure
205 ENSURE faculty participation in the selection of names for nomination. Not later than two weeks after
206 the nominations have been made, elections by secret written ballot for representatives to the Academic
207 Senate shall be held in each college. No candidate or alternate shall be declared elected unless that
208 person has received a majority of the votes cast.

209 e. Certification of election procedures and election of Senators shall be made to the Senate by the college
210 election committee.

f B. Five members-at-large and at least three alternates will be elected to the Senate by the entire faculty. Each
212 college will provide at least two nominees for each vacant position. All OF these nominees will be placed on a
213 ballot for a faculty-wide election to be conducted by the Executive Committee after the colleges have conducted
214 their elections of Senators. Additional nominations by petition may be made as indicated in section 4 below.
C. LECTURER FACULTY MEMBERS, ONE PER ACADEMIC COLLEGE, SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE BY THE LECTURER FACULTY WITHIN THEIR COLLEGE. IN ADDITION, ONE ADDITIONAL LECTURER SENATOR SHALL BE ELECTED BY THOSE LECTURER COACH, COUNSELOR, AND LIBRARIAN FACULTY WHO ARE NOT HOUSED IN ANY PARTICULAR ACADEMIC COLLEGE. LECTURER FACULTY MEMBERS SHALL SERVE STAGGERED THREE-YEAR TERMS. A LECTURER’S MEMBERSHIP ON THE SENATE IS VOLUNTARY. IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE EMPLOYMENT ENTITLEMENT. AN ALTERNATE SHALL ALSO BE ELECTED TO SERVE WHENEVER AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ABSENT FOR ONE OR MORE SEMESTERS. IN THE EVENT THAT A LECTURER FACULTY SENATOR’S OFFICE BECOMES VACANT, AND THERE ARE NO ALTERNATES, THE COLLEGE SHALL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO ELECT A REPLACEMENT TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

D. One TWO emeritus EMERITI faculty members shall be elected to the Academic Senate by the members of the CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES Emeriti Association for a term of one year. An alternate shall also be elected to serve whenever the AN elected representative will be absent one or more quarters SEMESTERS. In the event that an emeritus senator’s office becomes vacant, the officers of the Emeriti Association may appoint a replacement to serve until the next regular election of the Association.

E. Three FOUR undergraduate and two graduate students shall be elected BY THE STUDENT BODY, OR APPOINTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATE STUDENTS, INC., to the Academic Senate by the student body in a general election. Students elected OR APPOINTED to the Academic Senate shall serve one-year terms. IN THE EVENT THAT A STUDENT SENATOR’S OFFICE BECOMES VACANT, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATE STUDENTS, INC. MAY APPOINT A REPLACEMENT TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.

1. Undergraduate student senator. Undergraduate student candidates or nominees must have been enrolled at CSLA CAL STATE LA for two quarters prior to the election or nomination SEMESTER in which THEY ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED, and have earned no fewer than 9 quarter SIX SEMESTER units of academic credit AT CAL STATE LA during that year THE PREVIOUS SEMESTER, AND BE IN GOOD STANDING with a 2.0 or better grade point average during the 12 months immediately preceding the quarter in which the election or appointment occurs. Undergraduate candidates or nominees must also earn a minimum of 9 quarter SIX SEMESTER units of academic credit AT CAL STATE LA during the quarter SEMESTER(s) in which the election is held or nomination is made. THEY must maintain a 2.0 grade point average, or they will be automatically disqualified from holding office. Eligibility to hold office will be verified by the Registrar of the University at the time of filing for election, nomination or AND appointment.

2. Graduate student senator. Graduate candidates or nominees must HAVE been enrolled AT CAL STATE LA PRIOR TO THE SEMESTER IN WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED, AND have earned no fewer than SIX UNITS OF ACADEMIC CREDIT AT CAL STATE LA DURING THE PREVIOUS SEMESTER, AND HAVE ACHIEVED GOOD STANDING, a minimum of 8 units per quarter of continuous attendance as a new graduate student to be eligible. Graduate students who receive a bachelor’s degree or credential within the past three years from CSLA must have earned a total of 18 units during their last year as an undergraduate to be eligible. Graduate candidates or nominees must also earn a minimum of 4 quarter THREE SEMESTER units of academic credit AT CAL STATE LA during the quarter SEMESTER in which the election is held or nomination is made THEY must serve, AND RETAIN GOOD STANDING, maintaining a 3.0 grade point average, or they will be disqualified from holding office. Eligibility to hold office will be verified by the Registrar of the University at the time of filing for election nomination or AND appointment.

3. Incumbent. During the term of office or appointment, an undergraduate student senator must maintain a 2.0 or better grade point average and must complete a minimum of nine (9) units of academic credit each
quarter. A graduate student senator must maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average and must complete a minimum of four (4) units of credit each quarter.

In the event that a student Senator’s office becomes vacant, the Board of Directors of the Associated Students may appoint a replacement from the appropriate classification to serve until the next general election. Certification of election procedures and election of student Senators shall be made to the Senate by the Student Elections Committee Chair.

F. TWO STAFF MEMBERS SHALL BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE BY THE STAFF ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE STAFF. THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. STAFF MEMBERS SHALL SERVE STAGGERED TWO-YEAR TERMS. NO MORE THAN ONE STAFF MEMBER CAN BE ELECTED TO SERVE FROM THE SAME DEPARTMENT. STAFF SENATORS ARE LIMITED TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS, BUT MAY BE ELECTED AFTER TWO YEARS OF NOT SERVING. AN ALTERNATE SHALL ALSO BE ELECTED TO SERVE WHENEVER AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ABSENT ONE OR MORE SEMESTERS. IN THE EVENT THAT A STAFF FACULTY SENATOR’S OFFICE BECOMES VACANT, AND THERE ARE NO ALTERNATES, THE STAFF SHALL HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION TO ELECT A REPLACEMENT TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR ELECTION.


Section 4.

Membership in the Academic Senate of The California State University.

A. Faculty representatives to the Academic Senate of The California State University shall be nominated AND ELECTED by the Academic Senate of California State University, Los Angeles and elected by the faculty at large. ALL FACULTY MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (THE STATEWIDE SENATE). NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CAL STATE LA ACADEMIC SENATE OR THROUGH A PETITION PROCESS. Additional nominations may be made by petition of 25 members of the full-time faculty provided such petition is submitted to the Chair of the Academic Senate within five college WORKING days following the presentation to the faculty of the slate nominated by the Academic Senate. TO BE NOMINATED, A FACULTY MEMBER MUST HAVE PRIOR EXPERIENCE SERVING ON THE CAL STATE LA ACADEMIC SENATE.

B. Faculty members serving in positions in The Management Personnel Plan (MPP) are not eligible to serve as a representative of this campus to the Academic Senate of the California State University.

Section 5.

Tenure of Office.

A. Each elected member of the Senate or alternate shall take office at the first Senate meeting after the summer quarter of the fall semester. EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED BELOW (SEE ELECTION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIR), each elected member shall serve for three years except that terms of one year or two years may be assigned, by lot, to Senators when necessary to allow one third of the membership to be elected each year.

B. For replacement during the vacation leave or other absence of an elected member, that member shall notify the office of the dean concerned or the University librarian at least six weeks before such a leave an absence. The dean or librarian will notify the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate of the need for a replacement.
Section 6.
Officers of the Academic Senate.

The officers shall consist of a chair, vice chair, and secretary. Only the elected members of the following members of the Senate are eligible to hold these offices or to serve on the Executive Committee: Tenured and tenure-track faculty, lecturer faculty, the immediate past chair, the Emeritus Emeriti members, and the members of the Academic Senate CSU shall be considered elected members for the purpose of this section. After election of the faculty members to the following year’s new Senate in the winter quarter, but not before the first week following general student elections in the winter quarter, an organizational meeting of this new Senate shall be held during the spring quarter semester for the purpose of electing officers and other members of the Executive Committee to take office on the day following the close of the summer quarter session.

(a) Election of the Academic Senate Chair.

1. Election of the Academic Senate Chair
The Senate shall elect a chair from the entire Senate membership, who shall take office on the day following the close of the summer session. The chair shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by secret ballot.

(b) Duties of the Chair.
The chair shall preside at all meetings of the Senate. If the chair is unable to be present at a meeting, the vice-chair shall act in the chair’s behalf. The chair may appoint such committees as are deemed advisable to carry out the business of the Senate. The chair shall be the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Senate. The Chair may confer with the President, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and other members of the Administration and initiate such conferences whenever such action seems desirable. The Chair represents the faculty and serves as the voice of the faculty. The Chair serves on Cal State LA Boards as called upon and shall review administrative procedures on behalf of the faculty.

B. The Academic Senate Vice Chair

(c) Election of the Vice Chair.
The vice chair shall be elected in the same manner as the chair.

(d) Duties of the Vice Chair.
The vice chair shall act in the absence of the chair and shall perform other duties as assigned by the Chair or the Executive Committee. The vice chair shall become chair of the Senate in the event the office of the chair becomes vacant (see Article IV, Section 6, Item h). In the latter event, the secretary shall fill the office of vice chair for the remainder of that term of office.

C. The Academic Senate Secretary

(e) Election of the Secretary.
The secretary shall be elected in the same manner as the chair.

(f) Duties of the Secretary.
The secretary shall keep a permanent record of minutes of all meetings of the Senate and shall see that copies of such minutes are provided to the President of the University, the Senate members, the faculty, and the Board of Directors of the Associated Students as
soon as possible after each meeting. The secretary shall act in the absence of the vice chair AND SHALL PERFORM OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED BY THE CHAIR OR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The secretary shall become the vice chair in the event the office of the vice chair becomes vacant (see Article IV, section 6, item h). If the office of secretary becomes vacant, the Senate shall elect a secretary from among the other members of the Executive Committee for the remainder of that term of office.

(g). If any member-at-large of the Executive Committee is to be on leave or absent for a quarter, or becomes secretary of the Senate, the Senate at the last meeting in the quarter preceding such leave or absence shall elect an interim member-at-large of the Executive Committee.

(h). If any officer or member-at-large of the Executive Committee is to be on leave or absent for more than two quarters, the position shall be declared vacant.

D. FILLING SHORT-TERM OFFICER VACANCIES

1. FILLING THE POSITION OF ACADEMIC SENATE CHAIR

IF THE CHAIR POSITION BECOMES VACANT, the Vice Chair shall become Chair of the Senate in the event the office of the chair becomes vacant.

2. FILLING THE POSITION OF ACADEMIC SENATE VICE CHAIR

IF THE VICE CHAIR POSITION BECOMES VACANT, THE Secretary shall fill the office of vice chair for the remainder of that term of office.

3. FILLING THE POSITION OF SECRETARY

If the office of Secretary becomes vacant, the Senate shall elect a secretary from among the other AT-LARGE members of the Executive Committee for the REMAINDER OF THAT TERM OF OFFICE.

E. FILLING YEAR-LONG OFFICER VACANCIES

IF ANY OFFICER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS TO BE ON LEAVE OR ABSENT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR, THE POSITION SHALL BE DECLARED VACANT AND A NEW OFFICER ELECTED BY THE SENATE.

Section 7.
Standing THE EXECUTIVE AND UNIVERSITY-WIDE Committees.

A. Executive Committee.

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the chair, the vice chair, and the secretary of the Academic Senate, the immediate past chair as a nonvoting member (IF THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR IS NOT AVAILABLE, THIS POSITION SHALL NOT BE FILLED), the senior member of the Academic Senate CSU as a non-voting member (DEFINED AS THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE) and four other AT-LARGE members who are elected by secret ballot by the members of the Senate for a one-year term. No more than three voting members of the Executive Committee shall be from any one college.
2. The Executive Committee shall plan the actions of the Senate including the agenda AND MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES.

3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OR SPECIFIC ACTION NOT DEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR CURRENT STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES, AND IN ASSISTING IN THE APPOINTMENT OF ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE Ad HOC COMMITTEES FOR SUCH SPECIAL TASKS AS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL DESIGNATE.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIST THE CHAIR TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO RECOMMEND FACULTY TO SERVE ON UNIVERSITY-WIDE TASK FORCES AND COMMITTEES THAT ARE NOT PART OF THE ESTABLISHED SENATE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND TO WHICH THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT.


6. The Executive Committee is empowered to act in emergency situations for the Academic Senate and at such times as it is impossible to gather a quorum of the Senate. Any action taken by the Executive Committee in this instance must be reported to the Senate at its next meeting. No action may be taken by the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Academic Senate, without two-thirds of the voting membership of the Executive Committee being present.

7. The Executive Committee is empowered to refer any matters not requiring emergency action to appropriate committees. It may also make recommendations to the Senate on items which are not under the jurisdiction of any Senate committee.

**b B. University-wide Committees.** The President, the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC Senate, or the Faculty by majority vote may request the establishment of university-wide committees. Appropriate university-wide committees shall be established by the Senate to recommend policies and procedures necessary to the orderly functioning of the University. Each university-wide committee is an agent of the Senate and makes its recommendations to the Senate. As the first order of business after announcements, any member of the Senate may give notice of intent to raise questions concerning the actions of any committee. When reports and recommendations of university-wide and ad hoc committees are made to the Senate, committee members shall have the privilege of addressing the Senate throughout the period of the discussion of the report.

*If the immediate past chair is not available, this position shall not be filled.*

**The senior statewide Senator is that member of the statewide Academic Senate elected by the faculty of this campus who is in the third year of a three-year term.**
There shall be at least three meetings of the Senate in each quarter SEMESTER of the year except summer at a
time and place designated by the Senate EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. In the event that a regular meeting date falls
on a legal holiday, then the meeting shall be held on the same day of the following week at the same time and
place.

b. Special Meetings.

The chair shall call a special meeting on the request of the President or after petition by ten members of the
Senate or at the chair’s own discretion. Such a meeting shall be called ANNOUNCED within one week after the
request or petition, and written notice thereof shall be given to all members of the Senate by special delivery to
their homes at least two week days prior to the meeting. SUCH NOTICE SHALL containing a general statement of
the business to be brought before the meeting.

c. Visitors.

Meetings of the Academic Senate shall be open to interested members of the faculty, ADMINISTRATION, student
body, and staff. Upon request of the chair, visitors may be required to identify themselves. The chair of the
Senate may at his or her discretion recognize anyone wishing to address the Senate on any agenda item under
consideration.

d. Quorum.

A majority of the voting members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum.

e. Conduct of Meetings.

In the absence of any provision to the contrary in this Constitution, all meetings of the Academic Senate, its
standing committees and their subcommittees, its ad hoc committees, and other subsidiary bodies shall be
governed by the parliamentary rules and usages contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order
(Newly Revised).

f. Agenda.

1. THE AGENDA WILL BE PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR EACH REGULAR OR SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE SENATE. THE AGENDA WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE, THE
FACULTY, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO
THE MEETING.

2. MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY MAY SUBMIT AGENDA ITEMS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ANY TIME IN
WRITING.

3. MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AS ADOPTED SHALL NOT COME BEFORE THE MEETING UNTIL
ALL AGENDA MATTERS HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF, AT WHICH TIME NEW BUSINESS MAY BE PROPOSED FOR
CONSIDERATION, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NEW BUSINESS MAY BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING OUT
OF REGULAR ORDER OR MAY BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA AFTER ITS APPROVAL WITH THE CONSENT OF NOT
LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.
g G. Voting on Substantive Motions. Voting on substantive motions or amendments to such motions shall not take place until the meeting immediately following the introduction of the motion; except that the Academic Senate, by three-fourths vote of those present, may waive this requirement.

In the event that the President rejects a Senate recommendation, the President shall inform the Senate, in writing to the Chair of the Senate, of the compelling reasons for the rejection.

The agenda will be prepared by the Executive Committee for each regular or special meeting of the Senate. The agenda will be made available to the President, the Senate, the faculty, and the Board of Directors of the Associated Students at least two days prior to the meeting.

Members of the faculty may submit agenda items to the Executive Committee at any time in writing.

Matters not included on the agenda as adopted shall not come before the meeting until all agenda matters have been disposed of, at which time new business may be proposed for consideration, provided however, that new business may be brought before the meeting out of regular order or may be added to the agenda after its approval with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE V. RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to discourage members of the faculty from freely associating in other groups and organizations and through such associations independently presenting their views to the President of the University or the Academic Senate.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Constitutional amendments may be proposed by the Academic Senate in a majority vote, by the faculty at a general faculty meeting as described in Article III, section 6, or by the President. Petitions proposed for constitutional amendments signed by fifty full-time TENURED OR TENURE-TRACK faculty members shall be considered by the Academic Senate at its next regular meeting.

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to a vote of those persons eligible to vote in faculty elections (see Article III, section 8) by mail ballot, provided that faculty members are given notification of the proposed amendments at least ten college WORKING days in advance, and provided further that the deadline for the balloting is open for return of the ballot is not less than ten college WORKING days after its distribution. Such ballots shall be accompanied by arguments favoring and opposing the proposed action; the responsibility for preparing the favorable argument shall rest with the mover of the proposal; the responsibility for preparing the adverse argument shall be NOMINATED assigned by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate from among those who opposed the motion AND APPROVED BY THE SENATE. Approval of the proposed amendments requires a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the faculty and approval by the President.

Proposals shall be accompanied by a clause specifying the effective date of implementation.