

This proposed amendment derives from discussion and unanimous agreement of the District Academic Senate at our April 8, 2016 meeting. This amendment proposes to reorganize our constitution and bylaws so that their composition aligns with that of the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges (ASCCC). Entire articles (III, IV, V, VI, VII) struck by this proposed amendment will be moved into the bylaws and revised. A faculty-wide vote will be required to accept this amendment.

For your reference, the State Academic Senate Constitution is located at <http://www.asccc.org/about/constitution>

Constitution of the Skyline College Academic Senate

~~Adopted May 2001~~ Revised and adopted May 2016

Preamble

We, the faculty of Skyline College do hereby establish the Academic Senate, in order to promote the best interests of higher education at Skyline College and the San Mateo Community College District.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Skyline College Academic Senate (herein referred to as the Senate). ~~The Senate shall elect a Governing Council from its membership, herein referred to as the Council.~~

Article II: Purpose

~~The Academic Senate has been established in accordance with Education Code Section 70902(b)(7), which calls on the Board of Governors to enact regulations to ensure the right of faculty to participate effectively in district and college governance. It further ensures the right of Academic Senates to assume primary responsibility for "making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards."~~

It shall be the purpose of the Skyline College Academic Senate to make recommendations regarding academic and professional matters to District Academic Senate, the College and District administration, the Board of Trustees, and to other appropriate individuals and bodies. The Board of Trustees shall ensure the right of the Senate to assume primary responsibility with respect to academic and professional matters, including exercise of the authority to appoint faculty to committees or groups dealing with academic and professional matters as specified in Title 5, Section 53203(f), and full participation in collegial consultation processes. Academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5, Section 53200, include the following:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites

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2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for instructional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon

Article III : Membership and Dues

~~Section 1. "Member of the Academic Senate": The Academic Senate shall include any employee of Skyline College who is employed in academic positions that are not designated supervisory or management.~~

~~Section 2. Consistent with the California Education Code, the Academic Senate may call upon its members for the payment of professional dues. However, professional dues are not to be a condition for eligibility to membership in the Senate, and no sanctions are to be imposed upon those members who do not pay such professional dues. Collection of dues payments may be accomplished under the District's payroll deduction arrangements or through receipt from the members of personal checks made payable to Skyline College Academic Senate.~~

Comment [SLA1]: This section to be moved to the by-laws.

Article IV : Powers and Responsibilities

~~Consistent with this constitution, all All powers and responsibilities of the Senate are derived from Title 5 shall be exercised by and through the Council.~~

Comment [SLA2]: details of how powers are exercised by the senate to be moved to the by-laws

Article V : Governing Council of the Academic Senate

~~Section 1. The Governing Council shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, past president, Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Chair of the Educational Policy Committee, Chair of the Professional Personnel Committee, and Chair of the Research Committee elected from the entire membership. In addition, each Division of the College may elect from its members a Division Representative with the following exceptions:-~~

- ~~1. Divisions that include 6 or fewer full time faculty may join another by mutual choice for purposes of representation.~~
- ~~2. Faculty that are not members of a clearly defined division may join a Division by mutual choice for purposes of representation.~~

~~Section 2. The term of office for all the elected members of the Governing Council shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.~~

Comment [SLA3]: To be moved to by-laws

Article VI : Meetings

Comment [SLA4]: To be moved to by-laws

~~Section 1. A quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall be 20% of the members of the Senate.~~

~~Section 2. A quorum for a meeting of the Council and all Academic Senate Committees shall consist of a simple majority.~~

~~Section 3. All Council meetings and Senate meetings will be open meetings, consistent with applicable State laws.~~

Article VII: Amendments

~~Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a 60% affirmative vote of the Senate members who vote in the election, provided notice in writing of a proposed amendment has been filed with the Senate secretary and copies have been made available to the members of the Senate at least two weeks preceding the election.~~

~~Section 2. The By laws may be amended by a simple majority affirmative vote of those Senate members who vote in the election, provided notice in writing of a proposed amendment has been filed with the Senate secretary and copies have been made available to the members of the Senate at least two weeks preceding the election.~~

Comment [SLA5]: To be moved to by-laws