

CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

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ARTICLE I

NAME The name of this body shall be the Academic Senate of City College of San Francisco, hereinafter referred to as the Senate. The Senate shall elect an Executive Council from its membership, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

SENATE MEMBERSHIP All faculty in the College are members of the Senate with all rights and responsibilities thereunto. Administrators and classified staff are not members of the Senate.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE The purpose of the Council shall be, as the representative of the Senate, to make recommendations to the Administration, the Board of Trustees, and to other appropriate individuals and bodies regarding academic and professional matters; and, as provided by law and agreement, to make joint decisions with the Board of Trustees with respect to academic and professional matters; and to inform the Senate of current issues and hold meetings for discussion.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP The Council shall consist of 29 members elected at large, subject to the following provision: that no more than three Senate members from a department, as defined in the Bylaws, shall serve on the Council at one time, except ESL, which shall have no more than six.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS The election of Council members shall be by secret ballot, and shall be conducted each year by an Election Commission appointed by the Council.

A candidate for membership on the Council must be nominated by written petition of three Senate members and must accept the nomination in writing on the petition. For public information, petitions will be posted at the Academic Senate office on the day they are received. The balloting must be completed at least four weeks before the end of the semester.

If at the time for nominations to close, the number of candidates does not equal twice the number of vacancies to be filled, the Council or the Election Commission shall postpone

balloting one week, during which time additional candidates may be nominated upon the written petition of one Senate member and the written acceptance of the candidate. The postponed balloting shall then take place regardless of the number of candidates.

ARTICLE V

TERM OF OFFICE Council members shall serve for a two-year term beginning on the day of the last Council meeting of the semester in which the election was held.

Vacancies on the Council shall be filled at the time of the regular election, with the first 15 or 14 candidates, as the case may be, being elected for two-year terms, and the next runner ups filling positions for one year terms to complete the terms of those who have left the Council after one year or less of service. To be elected to fill an unexpired term, a candidate must satisfy the provisions of Article III. After serving two consecutive two-year terms on the Council, a member may not serve again until one year has elapsed. For the purpose of this article, a partial term of one year is regarded as a complete two-year term.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS The officers of the Council shall be the following: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot from within and by the membership of the Council immediately after the newly elected Council members are seated. The term of office shall be one year. These officers of the Council shall be the officers of the Senate.

In the event of a temporary absence of the President, the succession to the presidency shall be in the following order: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary. If any office of the Council is vacated, the Executive Council shall fill the office by election.

The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be designated by the President.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS Regular meetings of the Council shall be held at least once a month during the academic year. The time, date, and place of such meetings shall be published prior to each meeting. Members of the Senate may attend any meeting of the Council. They may speak on an issue with the consent of the President or with the consent of the majority of the Council members present.

The President must place an item on the agenda of the Council meeting (a) at the request of any Council member or (b) on receipt of a signed, written request to the President by at least 10 members of the Senate.

The agenda for each Council meeting shall be posted at each faculty mailbox location at least two school days prior to such a meeting, and mailed at the same time to all Council members and Senate committee chairpersons.

The Council may not take action on any matter not on the agenda unless by a two-thirds vote of members present it declares that matter to be an emergency matter. The minutes of the Council meetings shall be distributed to all members of the Senate as soon as possible after each meeting.

Regular plenary sessions of the Senate shall be held once during each semester. Any matter within the purview of the Senate may be discussed and acted upon at a regular plenary session.

Special meetings of the Senate or Council may be called in the following ways: (a) by the President, (b) on petition of a majority of the Council, or (c) on petition of 100 members of the Senate. No business other than that for which special meetings are called shall be transacted at such meetings.

ARTICLE VIII

RECOMMENDATIONS The Council is authorized to make recommendations on behalf of the Senate subject to the following provisions:

1. The Council may, on its own judgment and in its own initiative, refer to the Senate any matter affecting the welfare of the college community.
2. The Council may, on its own judgment and on its own initiative, forward recommendations to the Administration or the Board of Trustees, with respect to academic and professional matters.
3. If 100 members of the Senate so request in a petition delivered to the President of the Senate within three weeks of distribution of the official minutes in which any resolution has been passed by the Executive Council, that resolution shall be submitted to a referendum by secret ballot or to formal consideration at a meeting of the whole Senate.
4. On matters on which the Board of Trustees or the administration intends to act when the college is not in regular session, the Council, after a special meeting, may make recommendations to the Board of Trustees or the administration. The president of the Senate shall inform the Senate of all such recommendations at the next plenary session. If the president of the Senate receives within three weeks of the plenary session a petition signed by 100 members of the Senate objecting to any recommendation made to the Board of Trustees, the Council shall be required to submit the disputed recommendation(s) to the Senate for ratification.
5. Nothing herein shall prohibit the President of the Senate from addressing the Board of Trustees as a representative of the Senate on any matter within the purview of the Senate so long as the President does not make unauthorized recommendations on behalf of the Senate.
6. Outside of the regular school calendar, the President may act on behalf of the Council, provided the President is following established Senate policies and reporting regularly to the Council.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS Amendments to this constitution may be initiated by

1. two-thirds of the Council members, or
2. by petition of at least 150 members of the Senate. Amendments so initiated must be ratified by secret ballot by a two-thirds vote of the valid ballots cast. If less than 25 percent of the Senate members cast ballots, the amendment will be considered defeated.

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by the vote of two-thirds of the Council. These amendments must be submitted to the Senate members for their information at least ten instructional days before the Council votes.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES Committees may be created at the discretion of the Council. The Executive Council shall appoint the faculty members to any committee requiring Senate membership or representation.

At the beginning of each fall semester, the Council shall select four Council members who will serve with the President as a Committee on Committees. This five-member committee shall recommend to the Council the Senate members to serve on all committees.

The power to appoint Senate members to all committees shall reside with the Council as a whole.

Since personnel matters are discussed, the meetings of the Committee on Committees shall not be open to anyone who is not a member of that committee.

CAMPUS COMMITTEES Each campus of City College of San Francisco may establish a Faculty Campus Committee (as defined in the by-laws) to deal with local site issues. Members of these committees shall be selected by the local faculty.

ARTICLE XI

REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER Any officer of the Executive council may be removed from office by a motion made by a member of the Executive Council which is properly seconded and passed by a two-thirds vote of those members of the Executive Council casting votes in a secret ballot. A proposal to remove an officer must appear on the agenda established prior to the meeting in which it will be considered. Replacement of an officer will be made according to Article VI of this Constitution.

REMOVAL FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL A vote to recall any member(s) of the Executive Council may be initiated by a petition signed by 150 members of the faculty and presented to the Executive Council.

The recall vote will take place by secret ballot of the Senate within three weeks. A two-thirds vote of the valid ballots cast will be required to recall any member of the Executive Council. Replacement for a recalled member of the Executive Council will be made according to Article V, unless more than three vacancies are created, in which case a special election will be initiated within three weeks.