

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SENATE

2019/2020

Agenda

**April 20, 2020, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
via Zoom: sjsu.zoom.us/j/94104563005**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:**
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Senate Minutes of March 23, 2020
- III. **Communications and Questions:**
 - A. From the Chair of the Senate
 - B. From the President of the University
- IV. **Executive Committee Report:**
 - A. Minutes of the Executive Committee –
EC Minutes of March 16, 2020
EC Minutes of April 1, 2020
EC Minutes of April 6, 2020
 - B. Consent Calendar –
Consent Calendar of April 20, 2020
 - C. Executive Committee Action Items –
AS 1770, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Endorsing Senate Executive Committee Action on University Policy S20-4, Optional Exclusion of Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness Surveys (SOTEs) Administered During Spring 2020 (Final Reading)

AS 1771, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Endorsing Senate Executive Committee Action on University Policy S20-7, Temporary Modification to University Policies F18-5, Grading Policy, and S16-16, Probation and Disqualification due to Special Circumstances of COVID-19 (Final Reading)

AS 1777, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Condemnation of Ethnocentrism, Xenophobia, and Racism in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic (Final Reading)
- V. **Unfinished Business:**
- VI. **Policy Committee and University Library Board Action Items (In rotation)**
 - A. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):
AS 1765, Policy Recommendation, Instructor Drop Policy (Final Reading)

- B. Professional Standards Committee (PS):
AS 1772, Sense of the Senate Resolution, Expressing Support for The Report by the Professional Standard Committee: “Improving Implementation of San José State University’s Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policies” and Endorsing its Recommendations (Final Reading)

- C. Organization and Government Committee (O&G):
AS 1775, Senate Management Resolution, Rescinding Senate Management Resolutions Related to Bylaws and Standing Rules (Final Reading)

AS 1776, Senate Management Resolution, Update of Senate Bylaws (First Reading)

AS 1774, Policy Recommendation, Rescinding Policies related to Bylaws (First Reading)

AS 1773, Policy Recommendation, Amendment B to S13-9 Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units (First Reading)

- D. University Library Board (ULB):

- E. Curriculum and Research Committee (C&R):

- F. Instruction and Student Affairs Committee (I&SA):

VII. Special Committee Reports:
Information Technology Updates by Bob Lim, VP of Information Technology and CIO, Time Certain: 3:00 p.m.

VIII. New Business:

- IX. State of the University Announcements:**
- A. CSU Faculty Trustee (by standing invitation)
 - B. Statewide Academic Senators
 - C. Provost
 - D. Associated Students President
 - E. Vice President for Administration and Finance
 - F. Vice President for Student Affairs
 - G. Chief Diversity Officer

X. Adjournment

**Consent Calendar
SJSU Academic Senate
April 20, 2020**

Add to Committee:	Last/First Name	Zip	Term	Phone	Seat/College
Strategic Planning Committee	Kothari, Tanvi	0065	2021	43577	Seat H – Faculty-at-Large
Instruction and Student Affairs	Bellad, Nikhil	0128	2020	46242	Seat K – Graduate Student

Remove from Committee:	Last/First Name	Zip	Term	Phone	Seat/College
Budget Advisory Committee	Hirsh, Sandy	0029	2021	42491	Seat F – Department Chair
Strategic Planning Committee	Hirsh, Sandy	0029	2021	42491	Seat H – Faculty-at-Large
Instruction and Student Affairs	Martinez, Ernesto	0032	2020	46059	Seat P – General Unit

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AS 1770

7 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 **Endorsing Senate Executive Committee Action on University**
9 **Policy S20-4, Optional Exclusion of Student Opinion of**
10 **Teaching Effectiveness Surveys (SOTEs) Administered**
11 **During Spring 2020**

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13 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate endorse the actions of the Senate Executive
14 Committee and the President to develop and approve University Policy
15 S20-4, *Optional Exclusion of Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness*
16 *Surveys (SOTEs) Administered During Spring 2020.*

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18 **Rationale:** After the announcement on March 9, 2020 of the move to distributed or
19 fully online learning with little advance notice, the Senate Executive
20 Committee heard immediate concerns from faculty regarding the potential
21 impact of a changed teaching modality on Student Opinion of Teaching
22 Effectiveness surveys (SOTEs). In order to relieve the associated
23 tremendous faculty stress and to allow faculty to focus on course
24 conversion and on student support, there was a need to make a rapid
25 decision regarding our university's use of SOTEs from the Spring 2020
26 semester. Based on our Senate bylaw 4.1, the Senate Executive
27 Committee is able to act on behalf of the Senate when the full
28 membership is not available. The Senate Executive Committee made the
29 decision to act before the next scheduled full Senate meeting in order to
30 address faculty concerns about disrupted teaching pedagogy midway
31 through the semester and to minimize stress as quickly as possible.

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33 The Senate Executive Committee does not take such an executive
34 decision lightly. It values and upholds the tenets and tradition of shared
35 governance, and generally prefers that the Senate speak for itself in its
36 entirety. Under current exigent circumstances of mandated shifts in
37 teaching and learning modalities, however, we felt the need to act quickly,
38 thereby providing faculty the assurance they would have the option to take

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into consideration the potentially negative consequences associated with these transitions in their future reviews.

Approved: April 13, 2020.
Vote: 14-0-0.
Present: Mathur, McKee, Marachi, Frazier, Sullivan-Green, Peter, White, Curry, Shifflett, Del Casino, Faas, Day, Wong(Lau), Parent.
Absent: Papazian.
Financial Impact: None.
Workload Impact: None.

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AS 1771

7 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**

8 **Endorsing Senate Executive Committee Action on University**
9 **Policy S20-7, Temporary Modification to University Policies**
10 **F18-5, Grading Policy, and S16-16, Probation and**
11 **Disqualification due to Special Circumstances of COVID-19**
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14 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate endorse the actions of the Senate Executive
15 Committee and the President to develop and approve University Policy
16 S20-7, *Temporary Modification to University Policies F18-5, Grading*
17 *Policy, and S16-16, Probation and Disqualification due to Special*
18 *Circumstances of COVID-19.*
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20 **Rationale:** As a result of the exigent circumstances surrounding COVID-19, there has
21 been a need to make rapid decisions regarding our grading policies in
22 order to be responsive to our students' and faculty's concerns about the
23 potential impact of changed teaching modality on students' grades. Based
24 on our Senate bylaw 4.1, the Senate Executive Committee is able to act
25 on behalf of the Senate when the full membership is not available. The
26 Senate Executive Committee made the decision to act between our
27 regularly scheduled Senate meetings to address the pressing needs of
28 students and faculty and to provide time for processes to be implemented
29 at SJSU. We also wanted to ensure that students would have the
30 maximum time in the academic calendar to make critical decisions
31 regarding their grades.
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The Senate Executive Committee does not take such an executive decision lightly. It values and upholds the tenets and tradition of shared governance, and generally prefers that the Senate speak for itself in its entirety. Under the current circumstances of mandated shifts in teaching and learning modalities, however, we felt the need to act quickly, thereby providing students with the maximum flexibility in making decisions regarding their grading options.

Approved: April 13, 2020.
Vote: 14-0-0.
Present: Mathur, McKee, Marachi, Frazier, Sullivan-Green, Peter, White, Curry, Shifflett, Del Casino, Faas, Day, Wong(Lau), Parent.
Absent: Papazian.
Financial Impact: None.
Workload Impact: None.

6 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**
7 **Condemnation of Ethnocentrism, Xenophobia, and Racism**
8 **in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic**
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10 **Whereas:** Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 disease, there has been a large and
11 unfortunate uptick in racial discrimination, bigotry, assaults, and attacks
12 particularly against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders, at
13 SJSU and in other higher education settings, and indeed everywhere in
14 the United States and the world, blaming them for the pandemic and
15 essentializing race with disease; and
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17 **Whereas:** Ethnocentrism, xenophobia, and racism against these groups (or any) is
18 unacceptable anytime, but reactions to the COVID-19 pandemic have
19 exacerbated the problem; and
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21 **Whereas:** Such assaults on the bodies, dignity, and humanity of peoples can be
22 direct and violent, but they can also take subtler forms, such as
23 microaggressive jokes or offhand remarks; and
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25 **Whereas:** Since 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) has “called on
26 scientists, national authorities and the media to follow best practices in
27 naming new human infectious diseases to minimize unnecessary negative
28 effects on nations, economies and people”¹; and
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30 **Whereas:** The United States has a long, shameful history of Orientalism feeding
31 discrimination against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders (the
32 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act, the 1907 Gentlemen’s Agreement, and the
33 1942 Executive Order 9066 that authorized the internment of Japanese
34 Americans—including those who were born here—being just three among
35 an extensive list of official discriminatory actions) as well as a long history
36 of exploiting their labor, forcing segregation upon them, denying them
37 basic services and legal status, stereotyping them as unclean, and
38 labeling them as un-American “perpetual foreigners”; and

¹ “WHO issues best practices for naming new human infectious diseases” available at <https://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/notes/2015/naming-new-diseases/en/>

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Whereas: Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders as a group have the lowest utilization of mental health services and the highest reluctance to report hate incidents when victimized, so institutions may be unaware of the extent or scope of harm; and

Whereas: We recognize the horrific disparities in higher morbidity and infection rates for Black/African Americans and Latinx peoples from COVID-19 across the country in addition to issues faced by Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders; therefore be it

Resolved:

1. That the Academic Senate of San José State University strongly decry and denounce the rise in ethnocentric, xenophobic, and racist hate crimes committed against people of Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander descent, at SJSU, in the Bay Area, across the state and country, and around the world;
2. That the SJSU Senate also decry and denounce subtler forms of assault against these groups, including rhetorical ones like jokes or the use of terms specifically targeting them, as such words and phrases, when they become entrenched, do great harm;
3. That the SJSU Senate recognize that our community's faculty, staff, and students have a unique responsibility to stand in allyship with and report instances of xenophobia and racist/ethnic acts encountered by all peoples, but especially by Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islanders who are being targeted during the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. That the SJSU Senate stand in solidarity with Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders in urging all people to stop using language that foments hate or bigotry and hinders the public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
5. That the SJSU Senate stand in unified opposition to rhetoric and violence that associates COVID-19 with nationality, race, ethnicity, or country.

79 **Approved:** April 16, 2020
80 **Vote:** 11-0-0
81 **Present:** Curry, Frazier, Marachi, Mathur, McKee, Parent, Peter, Shifflett,
82 Sullivan-Green, White, Wong(Lau)
83 **Absent:** Day, Del Casino, Faas, Papazian
84 **Financial Impact:** None anticipated.
85 **Workload Impact:** None anticipated.
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1 **San José State University**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Instruction and Student Affairs**
4 **April 20, 2020**
5 **Final Reading**

AS 1765

6 **Policy Recommendation**
7 **Instructor Drop Policy**

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9 **Effective Date:** Immediately

10 **Legislative History:** A number of policies, dating back through the 1990s, was related
11 to dropping courses after Advanced Registration. Most recently, F04-2, which was
12 predated by F01-2, S99-12, S99-7, S93-13, and S93-10, focused mainly on the
13 administrative consequences, i.e. refunds, census calendar, and late drops, and not on
14 the circumstances leading to the instructor drop. Policy S93-5 made reference to the
15 rights of an instructor to drop students from a course, though did not clarify the
16 responsibilities of an instructor who does so.

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18 **Whereas:** Students should not be dropped from courses without their knowledge and
19 without clear rationale, and

20 **Whereas:** There exists no dedicated university policy regarding instructor drops,
21 therefore be it

22 **Resolved:** That the following be adopted.

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24 **Approved:** April 6, 2020

25 **Vote:** 14-0-0

26 **Present:** Delgadillo, Hill, Honda (non-voting), Jackson (non-voting), Khan,
27 Kim, Kitajima, Parent, Roque, Sen, Sorkhabi, Sullivan-Green,
28 Trang, Wilson, Wolcott, Yao (Sofish)

29 **Absent:** Rollerson, Walters

30 **Financial Impact:** None.

31 **Workload Impact:** A small increase in work for instructors to track their communication
32 with students.

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Policy Recommendation Instructor Drop

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41 While instructors are not required to drop students, they are permitted to do so if a
42 student:

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44 1. Does not establish a committed presence in the class, as per F15-3. This policy
45 defines committed presence as:

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- 47 • In-person classes. Attending the first class meeting or informing the
48 instructor of the intention to continue in the class within 48 hours after
49 the first official class meeting.
- 50 • Online classes. Logging on to the Learning Management System class
51 shell on the first scheduled day of class or informing the instructor of the
52 intention to continue in the class within 48 hours after the first day of
53 instruction.

54 Or,

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56 2. Does not meet the stated course prerequisites.

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58 All instructor drops must be communicated directly to the student in writing by the
59 instructor through MySJSU (student's email on record). Instructors must state the
60 reason for the drop, as defined above, and provide a timeline by which they will drop the
61 student that gives the student time to respond. Documentation of the written notification
62 to the student should be kept on file. All Instructor Drop Requests are due by the date
63 posted on the Registrar's Calendar, available at www.sjsu.edu/registrar/calendar.

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65 Students have the responsibility to ensure they establish a committed presence, as
66 defined above and in F15-3, and to meet the stated course prerequisites. If a student
67 does not drop prior to the drop deadline, they must petition to drop a course with a "W"
68 (Withdrawal). Otherwise, the student will receive either a "WU" (Withdrawal
69 Unauthorized) or a "F" at the end of the semester. See the Academic Advising and
70 Retention Services (AARS) website for details, available at: <http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/>.

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9 **SENSE OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION**
10 **Expressing Support for**
11 **The Report by the Professional Standard Committee:**
12 **“Improving Implementation of San José State University’s**
13 **Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Policies”**
14 **And Endorsing its Recommendations**
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17 **Resolved:** The Academic Senate of San José State University receives the attached
18 report by the Professional Standards Committee entitled “Improving
19 Implementation of San José State University’s Retention, Tenure, and
20 Promotion Policies;” be it further

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22 **Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of San José State University endorses this report
23 and calls upon the various faculty committees and administrative officers
24 named therein to implement its fifteen recommendations.
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27 *Approved: April 13, 2020.*

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29 *Vote: 9-0-1.*

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31 *Present: Birrer, He, Cargill, Peter, Monday, Kumar, Mahendra, Riley, Chin,*
32 *Kemnitz.*

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34 *Financial Impact: A number of the recommendations require additional resources,*
35 *some do not.*

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37 *Workload Impact: Some of the recommendations involve additional work, some do not.*

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7 **Senate Management Resolution**
8 **Rescinding Senate Management Resolutions Related to**
9 **Bylaws and Standing Rules**
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11 **Effective Date:** Immediately
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13 **Legislative History:** These Senate Management Resolutions pertaining to
14 modifications to Senate Bylaws and Standing Rules were previously implemented at the
15 time the resolutions were approved: SM-S19-6, SM-S19-5, SM-S19-3, SM-S19-2, SM-
16 S18-1, SM-F17-4, SM-S02-1, SM-S93-3, SM-S93-2.
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18 **Whereas:** The Organization and Government Committee has completed its
19 examination of Senate Management Resolutions referred to the
20 committee for review, and
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22 **Whereas:** With few exceptions, the resolutions were implemented and updates
23 incorporated into our current Standing Rules and Bylaws, and
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25 **Whereas:** A separate web page archiving dated Senate Management Resolutions
26 would preserve a record while keeping the existing Senate Management
27 Resolutions web page current, therefore be it
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29 **Resolved:** That the Senate create a web-based archive for rescinded Senate
30 Management Resolutions, and be it further
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32 **Resolved:** That the directions detailed on the following page be implemented in order
33 to rescind and subsequently archive the specific Senate Management
34 Resolutions listed.
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37 **Rationale:** The specific Senate Management Resolutions proposed for rescinding have
38 been incorporated into our current Bylaws and Standing Rules. Rather than lose them
39 from our public records, this proposal suggests archiving the resolutions on a new web
40 page for this purpose.
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46 Approved: 4/13/20
47 Vote: 11-0-0
48 Present: Altura, Grosvenor, Okamoto, Shifflett, McClory,
49 Higgins, French, Kao, Skinnell, Sasikumar, Millora
50 Absent: Gallo
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52 Financial Impact: None
53 Workload Impact: Minimal. Time initially needed to create the web page for archiving
54 Senate Management Resolutions.
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Senate Management Resolutions		
SMR	Topic	Recommendation
SM-S19-6	Amending Bylaw 5, Membership of the Committee on Committees; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S19-6.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S19-5	Amendment to Standing Rule 10 (Motions); https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S19-5.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S19-3	Amendment of Bylaw 1.10; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S19-3.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S19-2	Amendment of Bylaw 15a; Editorial Changes in documents; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S19-2.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S18-1	Rescinds SM-S95-2, Standing Rule 6 Amendment	Rescind and archive this item
SM-F17-4	Rescinds SM-F06-2, Related to Senate Standing Rule 7; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-F17-4.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S02-1	Amendment of Standing Rule 15 Sponsorship of Events; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S02-1.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S93-3	Amend Standing Rule 16—Procedure for Discussion Sessions; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S93-3.pdf	Rescind and archive this item
SM-S93-2	Amend Standing Rule 16—Discussion Items; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/SM-S93-2.pdf	Rescind and archive this item

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1 **San José State University**
2 **Academic Senate**
3 **Organization and Government Committee**
4 **April 20, 2020**
5 **First Reading**
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AS 1776

7 **Senate Management Resolution**
8 **Update of Senate Bylaws**
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11 **Whereas:** The Organization and Government Committee has completed its review of
12 all Senate Bylaws, and
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14 **Whereas:** Areas in need of update were found, therefore be it
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16 **Resolved:** That the attached updates be adopted once passed by the Senate.
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20 **Rationale:** The updates proposed address areas where the need for clarification had
21 been noted and where the work of the Senate could be facilitated.
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26 **Approved:** 4/13/20

27 **Vote:** 11-0-0

28 **Present:** Altura, Grosvenor, Okamoto, Shifflett, McClory,
29 Higgins, French, Kao, Skinnell, Sasikumar, Millora

30 **Absent:** Gallo
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32 **Financial Impact:** None.

33 **Workload Impact:** None.

34 **BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE**
35 **SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY**

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37 **1. Elections of and Faculty Representatives**
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39 1.1 a) Faculty representatives shall be elected to the Academic Senate of this
40 University from the following representative units: College of Health and Human
41 Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering,
42 College of Humanities and the Arts, College of Science, College of Social
43 Sciences, and the General Unit.
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45 1.1.1 Members of the General Unit
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47 a) Unit 3 faculty outside the above colleges (e.g., College of Professional
48 and Global Education faculty, librarians, counselors, Division of
49 Intercollegiate Athletics coaches [not-MPP]).
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51 b) Student Services Professional III or IV (e.g., staff advisors)
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53 1.1.2 A college, not presently represented in 1.1 would become a
54 representative unit when that college has at least 50 FTEF and at least
55 three departments.
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57 1.1.3 b) Members of the faculty electorate holding administrative
58 positions (Management Personnel Plan) are not eligible to serve as faculty
59 representatives while holding such positions.
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61 1.2 Pursuant to Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, the following positions
62 and classifications are declared to be directly related to the instructional program.
63 All employees serving in the following positions are qualified to vote (using
64 proportional voting based on assignment) and are eligible as faculty
65 representatives to the Senate with the exception of (i) administrators (covered by
66 the Management Personnel Plan), (ii) employees in clerical and technician
67 classifications, and (iii) volunteers.
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69 a) All members of Bargaining Unit III who are not members of or included in one
70 of the college representative units.
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72 b) Employees classified as Student Services Professional III or IV.
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74 1.2.1 Subject to approval of the Executive Committee, the Election
75 Committee is authorized to decide questions of interpretation of this bylaw
76 and may recommend amendments to it to the Organization and
77 Government Committee.
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79 1.3 a) ~~The number of faculty senators holding office under sections 3, 4 and 5 of~~
80 ~~Art. II of the Senate Constitution~~ must be twice the number of senators who are
81 not faculty members not holding office under these sections [currently 18: Deans
82 (4), AS President and students (7), the President and VPs (5), an Emeritus
83 Representative (1), and an Alumni Representative (1)].
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85 1.3.1 ~~b)~~ The number of faculty representatives to be apportioned among
86 the colleges and the General Unit is the total number of faculty senators
87 ~~holding office under these sections~~ minus the number of ex officio faculty
88 senators ~~holding office under sections 4 and 5 (ASCSU senators, SJSU~~
89 Senate Chair and Past Chair). The resulting difference is the number
90 ~~factor~~ to be used in part 1.3.2 b) to apportion faculty representatives
91 among the several colleges and the General Unit.
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93 1.3.2 ~~b)~~ Before each spring election, using the FTE/F of the preceding fall
94 semester provided by University Personnel, the Senate Administrator
95 Election Committee shall determine, and the Associate Vice Chair verify,
96 the number of representatives allotted to each representative unit (as
97 defined in Bylaw 1.1). ~~The That~~ number of representatives for each unit
98 shall be determined by first dividing the combined total FTE teaching
99 faculty of the college representative units plus the FTE faculty and staff in
100 the General Unit by the factor number as determined in part 1.3.1 above
101 a) and then dividing this value quotient into the FTE faculty of each of the
102 college units and the FTE faculty and staff in the General Unit.
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104 1.3.2.1 If the allotment of any representative unit is ~~thus~~
105 determined to be less than one, it shall be increased to one.
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107 1.3.2.2 If the total number of faculty representatives on the Senate
108 overall ~~thus determined~~ exceeds the ~~factor~~ number as determined
109 in section 1.3 above), the number ~~factor~~ as determined in section
110 1.3 a above shall be in-decreased until the total number of faculty
111 representatives allotted is equal to the number ~~factor~~ as determined
112 in 1.3 a) ~~or less~~ (i.e., maintains the 2/3 proportion of membership
113 being faculty representatives ~~as articulated in Article II sections 3,~~
114 ~~4, and 5 of the Constitution)~~.
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116 1.3.2.3 If the total number of faculty representatives on the Senate
117 overall allotted is less than the number factor as determined in
118 section 1.3 a) above, one additional representative shall be allotted
119 in turn to each of the units in order of greatest fractional
120 representation until the total number of faculty representatives
121 equals the number ~~factor~~ as determined in section 1.3 above a).
122 (i.e., twice the number of senators not in sections 3, 4, and 5 of
123 Article II of the Constitution).
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125 1.4 If it is determined by the above procedure that the number of representatives
126 allotted to any college will be changed from the previous year, the Senate
127 Administrator in collaboration with the Associate Vice Chair Election Committee
128 shall so report to the Academic Senate prior to the announcement of elections.
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130 1.4.1 If a representative unit is allotted an additional seat and there is no
131 vacancy in the representation of a unit losing a seat, the unit
132 gaining a seat shall nevertheless elect an additional representative
133 for a full term at the next general election. The next vacancy
134 occurring, by expiration of term, resignation or otherwise, in the unit
135 losing a seat shall not be filled.
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137 1.5 Representatives to the Academic Senate shall be nominated by a petition
138 signed by at least ten (10) members of the faculty electorate of the appropriate
139 election unit. The candidate shall indicate by ~~his/her~~ signature on the petition
140 their ~~his/her~~ willingness to serve if selected.
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142 1.5.1 If there is no candidate for an Academic Senate seat by the end of
143 the filing period, that seat shall be declared vacant and shall be filled
144 according to the procedures outlined in 1.6.2.4).
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146 1.6 When there is a vacancy of a faculty representative (excluding CSU
147 Senators) ~~his/her~~ the replacement for the remainder of the term shall be chosen
148 as follows:
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150 1.6.1 If a senator will be unable to perform their ~~his/her~~ duties as senator
151 for one semester or less, a temporary replacement will be selected in
152 accordance with the following procedures:
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154 1.6.1.1 a) The ~~D~~dean of the ~~C~~college from which the senator
155 serves shall call for nominations for a temporary replacement to be
156 chosen by chairs and directors of that college from those
157 nominated.
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159 1.6.1.2 b) For the General Unit, the Senate Administrator shall call
160 for nominations for a temporary replacement to be chosen by the
161 Executive Committee from those nominated.
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163 1.6.2 When there is a permanent vacancy of a senator, ~~his/her~~ the
164 replacement for the remainder of the term shall be chosen as follows: the
165 appropriate college dean (or Senate Administrator in the case of the
166 General Unit) shall hold a special election as soon as possible after the
167 determination of the vacancy.
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1.6.2.1 a) Vacancies are created by

- a) 4 resignation or recall from the Senate,
- b) 2 termination of employment,
- c) 3 removal from the Senate as a result of being absent from three Senate meetings in an academic year,
- d) 4 removal from a policy committee as a result of being absent from three regularly scheduled policy committee meetings,
- e) 5 removal from a policy committee due to failure to perform assigned policy committee duties as determined by the Executive Committee of the Senate in consultation with the policy committee chair, or
- f) 6 leave, with or without pay, which covers more than one semester,
- g) 7 appointment to a full-time administrative (Management Personnel Plan) position,
- h) 8 ~~assumption~~ election to ~~of~~ the role of Academic Senate Chair, or
- i) 9 no candidate files for a vacant seat

1.6.2.2 b) When a Senate seat is vacated, the associated seat on that senator's assigned policy committee would become vacant.

1.6.2.3 c) Faculty representatives who accept one semester leaves with or without pay may resign from the Senate or request the selection of a replacement for one semester following the procedures listed in 1.6.1 above.

1.6.2.4 d) If no candidate files for that vacancy, it shall be filled for one year by a person in that constituency selected by the Executive Committee after consultation with the Senators from that constituency. A permanent replacement shall be elected to fill out the remainder of the term as part of the next general election.

1.6.2.5 e) If only one candidate files a nominating petition for a vacancy, the dean (or Senate Administrator for the General Unit election) shall not conduct an election but shall so report to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall declare the single candidate elected.

1.6.2.6 f) If a vacancy occurs during the months of January or February, the seat shall be filled following the procedures listed in 1.6.1 above for temporary vacancies and the senator shall hold the seat for the remainder of the academic year. A permanent

216 replacement shall be elected to fill out the remainder of the term as
217 part of the general election.

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219 1.7 Faculty Voting Rights for Elections to the Senate

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221 1.7.1 a) Regular Tenured and tenure track faculty have full permanent
222 voting rights for college representatives in the department of their primary
223 assignment.

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225 1.7.2 b) Lecturer faculty have proportional voting rights for college
226 representatives in the department of their primary assignment. Temporary
227 Lecturer faculty assigned to more than one representative unit may vote in
228 each unit on a proportional basis determined by the percentage of their
229 appointment in each unit.

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231 1.7.3 c) Members of the general unit have voting rights proportional to
232 their appointment(s).

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234 1.8 No write-in votes are permitted.

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236 1.9 Procedures ~~and forms~~ for faculty elections shall be determined by the
237 Senate Election Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the
238 Academic Senate.

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240 **1.10** The phrase "academic deans" as used in Article II, Section 2 of the
241 constitution means deans, and associate deans (MPP) ~~vice presidents~~ in the
242 academic affairs division. Elections of representative deans shall be conducted
243 and reported by the Provost, and vacancies shall be filled by special elections for
244 the balance of unexpired terms.

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246 1.11 a) Whenever the phrase "faculty electorate" is used in the constitution,
247 bylaws, or standing rules of the Academic Senate, it refers to those faculty
248 members eligible to vote for representatives to the Senate (including members of
249 the General Unit), with proportional votes for lecturer ~~part-time~~ faculty, as
250 specified in Article II, Section 3, Part ~~b~~ c, of the Senate's constitution.

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252 1.12 b) Whenever the word "faculty" is used in connection with eligibility for or
253 service on any committee and no other definition is stated, it means a member of
254 the faculty electorate.

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256 1.13 c) Whenever the phrase "teaching faculty" is used in connection with
257 committee eligibility or service and no other definition is stated, it means
258 university personnel holding the title of professor, associate professor, assistant
259 professor, ~~instructor~~, or lecturer whose primary assignment is instruction and not
260 more than 50 percent of whose workload is administrative or other non-
261 instructional duties (other than as department chair or equivalent). ~~Released,~~

262 Reimbursed or re-assigned time for research, curriculum development,
263 committee service, etc., is instructional.

264 **2. Senate Officers**

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266 2.1 The following are officers of the Academic Senate:

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269 2.1.1 The Chair of the Senate (who must be a faculty member), who shall
270 be its presiding officer, as provided in the constitution, and shall also be
271 Chair of the Executive Committee, and general faculty meetings.

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273 2.1.2 The Vice Chair (who must be a faculty member), who shall
274 discharge the duties of the Chair during any temporary disability of the
275 Chair, shall serve as a CSU Senator during the temporary disability of one
276 of the SJSU representatives to the ASCSU, and shall succeed to the office
277 of Chair when the Chair's term or terms expire or if the Chair resigns or
278 that office becomes vacant for any other reason.

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280 2.1.3 The Associate Vice Chair (who must be a faculty member), who
281 shall be Chair of the Committee on Committees and the Election
282 Committee, shall act as Vice Chair during the temporary disability of the
283 Vice Chair, and shall act as Chair if both the Chair and the Vice Chair
284 become temporarily unable to perform their duties.

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286 2.1.4 The Past Chair ~~who~~ is the person who served as chair for the
287 preceding year, provided that the Past Chair s/he is not the same person
288 as the current chair and does not hold any other Senate office.

289 2.1.5 The Faculty-at-Large Representative. ~~provided that~~ There shall be
290 no Faculty-at-Large Representative when there is a Past Chair.

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292 2.1.6 A- ASCSU Senate Representative to the Executive Committee

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294 2.1.7 The chairs of the Senate Policy Committees.

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296 2.2 Election Procedures for Senate Officers

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298 2.2.1 Senate officers, other than the Chair, Past Chair and Faculty-at-
299 Large Representative, shall be elected from the faculty members of the
300 Senate annually for one-year terms. Nominees for Chair of Professional
301 Standards must be tenured full professors.

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303 2.2.2 Extension of Senate Chair's term

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305 2.2.2.1 a) If the Chair so requests, the agenda for the first regular
306 meeting of the Senate in spring semester shall include, as a special
307 order of business preceding policy committee reports, a proposal to

308 extend ~~that chair's~~ her/his term. When the special order item is
309 reached, the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate shall preside while
310 the Senate debates and votes on the proposal. The vote shall be by
311 secret ballot and approval of the extension shall require a two-thirds
312 affirmative vote.

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314 2.2.2.2 ~~b)~~ If the Senate approves the extension, the incumbent
315 Chair is re-elected for the following year. The term of office of the
316 Vice Chair is extended for one year. (If the term of the Vice Chair
317 as an elected faculty representative expires at the end of the spring
318 semester, ~~s/he~~ the Vice Chair shall take the place otherwise held
319 by the Past Chair as an ex officio member.) The term of the Past
320 Chair is not extended, and a Faculty-at-Large Representative shall
321 be elected at the end of spring semester to fill the Past Chair's
322 position on the Executive Committee for the following year.

323
324 2.2.2.3 ~~e)~~ If the Senate does not approve the extension of the
325 Chair's term, the Vice Chair shall automatically succeed to the
326 office of Chair at the adjournment of the last meeting of the current
327 Senate in spring semester.

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329 2.2.2.4 ~~d)~~ No chair shall serve for more than two full terms in
330 succession.

331
332 2.2.3 If the previous year's Chair is not the same person as the current
333 Chair, the previous year's Chair will be a Senate officer called the Past
334 Chair. However, if the Past Chair is elected to any other/Senate office,
335 there will be no Past Chair that year and a Faculty-at-Large
336 Representative shall be elected instead.

337
338 2.2.4 As soon as possible after the election of new Senate members in
339 the spring, the Chair of the Senate shall appoint a nominating committee
340 to prepare a slate of officers for the forthcoming academic year. This
341 committee should nominate at least two candidates for each open Senate
342 office. The committee shall also ascertain the willingness of the nominees
343 to serve if elected. The committee shall produce a brief written document
344 regarding the qualifications and goals of each candidate which shall be
345 distributed to the Senate prior to the day of election.

346
347 2.2.5 The slate of nominees proposed by the nominating committee shall
348 be communicated to the Senate prior to the last regular meeting of the
349 academic year. On that day, two consecutive meetings of the Senate
350 shall be held. The first meeting shall be the final meeting of the Senate of
351 the current academic year. Immediately following the adjournment of that
352 meeting, the first meeting of the Senate for the next academic year ~~next~~
353 ~~ensuing~~ shall be held. The nominating committee shall make its report in

354 the second meeting, further nominations from the floor shall be accepted,
355 and an election shall be held to fill all open Senate offices. Only the
356 continuing and newly elected members of the Senate, who will be
357 members in the next academic year ensuing, shall vote in the election.
358

359 2.2.6 Should a vacancy occur in the office of Senate Chair, the Vice
360 Chair shall automatically succeed to the position for the balance of the
361 vacant term. ~~S/he~~ The Vice Chair shall then serve for the full term of the
362 following year, and the full term shall be counted as that person's her/his
363 first year in office for purposes of 2.2.2.2 b). Should a vacancy occur in
364 any other Senate office, the Executive Committee shall nominate at least
365 two candidates to fill the vacancy and present its nominees to the Senate.
366 Additional nominations may be made from the floor. When nominations
367 have been closed, the Senate shall elect a replacement to serve for the
368 balance of the vacant position's term.
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370 **3. Senate Administrator**

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372 3.1 The Senate Administrative Analyst (an employee position in the Senate
373 Office) shall serve as the Senate Administrator.
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375 3.2 The Senate Administrator may participate in Senate proceedings on the
376 same basis as a member of the Senate but shall not vote.
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378 3.3 The Senate Administrator may speak at Senate and Executive Committee
379 meetings on matters relevant to Senate operations and on other matters
380 when requested by the Senate Chair.
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382 3.4 The Senate Administrator may be present at executive sessions of the
383 Senate and is subject to the same confidentiality requirements as are
384 applicable to Senate members.
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386 3.5 The Senate Administrator shall provide administrative support to the Senate
387 Chair and the Associate Vice Chair, shall attend and take minutes of the Senate
388 and Executive Committee meetings, shall have charge of the records and
389 archives of the Senate and its website, shall prepare committee appointment
390 letters and maintain and update committee membership lists, and shall assist in
391 the preparation of election materials and the administration of Senate elections.
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393 3.6 The Senate Administrator shall be a non-voting adviser on the Committee
394 on Committees and the Election Committees.
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396 **4. ~~6.~~ Standing Senate Committees.**

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398 4.1 Organization
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400 4.1.1 ~~6.4~~ The Academic Senate shall establish and appoint ~~such standing~~
401 committees as may be needed.

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403 4.1.2 ~~Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, university policy, or~~
404 Senate Management Resolutions, all committees prepare, and submit to
405 the Senate Chair, an annual report summarizing activities at the end of the
406 academic year. These reports will be made available on the Senate's
407 website.

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409 4.1.3 ~~6.2~~ Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, university
410 policy, or Senate Management Resolutions, appointments to policy
411 committees of the Academic Senate shall be recommended by the elected
412 members of the Executive Committee and approved by the Senate;
413 appointments to operating committees shall be recommended by the
414 Committee on Committees and approved by the Senate. When an
415 appointment is recommended more than one week before the next regular
416 meeting of the Senate, the recommending body may make its
417 recommendation effective at once as a temporary appointment. These
418 temporary appointments shall last until the next meeting of the Senate and
419 must receive Senate approval to become permanent. When appointments
420 have been approved by the Senate, the Senate Administrator shall notify
421 those appointed.

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423 4.1.4 ~~6.3~~ Committees concerned primarily with faculty affairs shall contain
424 a majority of teaching faculty with full-time appointments. Committees
425 concerned with student affairs shall contain a significant proportion, but
426 not a majority, of students.

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428 4.1.5 ~~6.4~~ For purposes of service on Senate committees, all university
429 ~~staff, academic or other,~~ faculty, full or part-time, active or retired, and all
430 students, staff and alumni shall be considered members of the university
431 community.

432 4.1.6 Vacancies

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435 4.1.6.1 ~~6.13 a)~~ Each year the Senate Executive Committee will
436 approve a calendar (referred to below as "appointment calendar")
437 for appointing faculty to operating committees, ~~and policy~~
438 committees, special agencies, and other committees. The calendar
439 will be structured such that colleges are given ample notification of
440 vacancies before the start of the fall semester and also allow for
441 faculty-at-large appointments to be confirmed at the first Senate
442 meeting of the semester.

443
444 4.1.6.2 ~~b)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of bylaw 4.5.2 ~~6.10.4,~~
445 college seats on ~~both policy~~ committees, and operating

446 committees, special agencies and other committees for which no
447 faculty from that college willing to serve have been found by the
448 date specified on the appointment calendar shall become faculty-at-
449 large seats for the balance of the academic year.

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451 4.1.6.3 e) By the date specified on the appointment calendar, the
452 Associate Vice Chair of the Senate shall inform each college
453 representative and college dean which of that college's ~~operating~~
454 committee seats are still vacant and invite them to recommend
455 faculty for those seats within one week's time. The college
456 representative(s) on the Senate and deans shall be reminded that
457 the seats will become faculty-at-large seats for the year if no
458 college faculty to fill them can be found. The dean's
459 recommendations shall be forwarded to the college's Committee on
460 Committees representatives who shall present one name to the
461 Associate Vice Chair of the Senate to be reported to the Senate or
462 to the Executive Committee, as appropriate under bylaw 4.1.3 6-2.

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464 4.1.6.4 e) By the date specified on the appointment calendar, all
465 vacant college seats on operating committees, special agencies
466 and other committees for which no faculty from the college have
467 been recommended under paragraph 4.1.6.3 (e) above (or
468 otherwise identified) shall become faculty-at-large seats for the
469 balance of the academic year and all members of the Committee
470 on Committees shall be requested to supply names of faculty from
471 any representative unit to fill these vacancies.

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473 4.1.6.5 e) By the date specified on the appointment calendar, all
474 vacant college seats on policy committees shall become faculty-at-
475 large seats for the balance of the year. First priority in filling these
476 vacancies shall be given to elected faculty representatives on the
477 Senate not assigned to other policy committees. If all elected
478 faculty representatives (other than Senate officers) have been
479 appointed to policy committees and there are policy committee
480 seats still remaining vacant, they shall be filled as provided in
481 4.1.6.3 6-13e for policy committees. ~~and 6-13d for operating~~
482 ~~committees.~~

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484 4.1.6.6 f) The Associate Vice Chair of the Senate shall coordinate
485 this selection process so as to maintain as far as possible a
486 representative balance across committees and shall report one
487 name for each vacancy to the Senate or the Executive Committee
488 as appropriate under bylaw 4.1.3 6-2.

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490 4.1.7 g) Elected faculty representatives (other than Senate officers) not
491 appointed to seats designated for representative units and also not

492 appointed to faculty-at-large seats as provided above shall be appointed
493 as additional members-at-large of policy committees. If there is only one
494 such member, that person s/he shall be appointed to the Organization and
495 Government Committee. If there is a second, ~~s/he~~ that person shall be
496 appointed to the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee. A third shall
497 be appointed to the Professional Standards Committee and a fourth to the
498 Curriculum and Research Committee. The provision shall be
499 implemented in a manner consistent with Academic Senate bylaw 4.5.2.1
500 ~~6.10.1~~.

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502 4.1.8 ~~6.12 a)~~ If a member (non-ex officio) of an Academic Senate
503 committee (policy, operating, 'other', special or special agency) cannot
504 complete the term for any reason, the chair of the committee may request,
505 through the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate, that a replacement be
506 appointed. The Associate Vice Chair, using the normal procedures of the
507 Committee on Committees, then solicits nominations for a replacement
508 and brings a recommendation to the Executive Committee and
509 subsequently to the Senate via the consent calendar.

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511 4.1.9 ~~b)~~ If a non-ex officio member (~~non-ex officio~~) of an Academic
512 Senate committee (policy, operating, 'other', special or special agency) is
513 absent from three regularly scheduled committee meetings in an
514 academic year or repeatedly does not perform assigned committee duties,
515 the chair of the committee may request, through the Associate Vice Chair
516 of the Senate, that the person be removed from the committee. The
517 Associate Vice Chair, following discussion with and approval from the
518 Executive Committee for removal of the committee member will then
519 solicit nominations for a replacement (or notify the relevant college if an
520 election is needed) and bring a recommendation to the Executive
521 Committee and subsequently to the Senate via the consent calendar.

522
523 4.1.10 ~~e)~~ Removal of a senator from their assigned policy committee will
524 result in removal from the Senate.

525
526 4.1.11 ~~6.5~~ Unless otherwise stipulated in university policy or Senate
527 Management Resolutions, Recommendation of students for membership
528 on policy committees, operating committees, special agencies, and other
529 committees shall be made according to the recommendation procedures
530 of the Associated Students, Inc. and should be transmitted to the
531 Associate Vice Chair by the second ~~first~~ meeting of the new Academic
532 Senate for final approval by the Senate. The Associated Students, Inc.
533 should give student appointments to the Student Fairness Committee a
534 high priority.

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536 ~~Recommendations for appointment to policy committees of student members of the~~
537 ~~Senate and student policy committee representatives shall be transmitted to the~~

538 ~~Associate Vice Chair by the Associated Student's, Inc. Board of Directors, acting in~~
539 ~~accordance with the appointment rules and nomination procedures of that organization.~~
540 ~~The recommendations should be transmitted to the Associate Vice Chair by the second~~
541 ~~meeting of the new Academic Senate.~~

542
543 ~~When appointments have been approved by the Senate, the Senate Administrator shall~~
544 ~~notify those appointed.~~

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546 4.1.11.1 ~~6.5.4~~ Should the Associated Students, Inc. Board of
547 Directors not transmit recommendations of students for
548 membership on Senate operating committees, ~~or~~ policy
549 committees, special agencies or other committees by the fourth
550 week of instruction, the following shall supersede the rules of the
551 Associated Students, Inc. for nomination of students to policy and
552 operating committees: student seats shall become university
553 student-at-large seats for the balance of the academic year. These
554 seats may be filled by any student in good standing at the university
555 who self-nominates, or who is nominated by a member of the
556 Academic Senate, and who is recommended by the elected
557 members of the Executive Committee and approved by the Senate
558 (subject to bylaw 4.1.3 ~~6.2~~). All student nominees shall submit a
559 statement of interest ~~purpose~~ to the Associate Vice Chair ~~Executive~~
560 ~~Committee.~~

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562 4.1.11.2 ~~6.5.2~~ Should a vacancy occur, the President of
563 Associated Students, Inc. shall select a replacement to fill out the
564 remainder of the term. This selection must be approved by a two-
565 thirds majority of the total membership of the Board of Directors of
566 the Associated Students, Inc. The name of the nominee should be
567 transmitted to the Associate Vice Chair within 30 days of the time
568 that the vacancy occurred for final approval by the Senate. When
569 the appointment has been approved by the Senate, the Senate
570 Administrator shall notify the appointee. If a nomination is not
571 received within 30 days, the seat will be declared a student-at-large
572 seat for the balance of the academic year and will be filled as per
573 4.1.11.1 ~~6.5.4~~.

574
575 4.1.11.3 ~~In the event a student holding an Associated Students ex~~
576 ~~officio position has a conflict and cannot make committee meetings,~~
577 ~~then the AS President may designate a replacement as needed.~~

579 4.2 Executive Committee

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581 4.2.1 ~~4.4~~ Charge: Acts as an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to the
582 President on request; acts for the Academic Senate at such times when
583 the members may not be available; formulates policy proposals; refers

584 matters of business to the appropriate agencies; develops and approves
585 the agenda for Senate meetings; handles external relations with elected
586 officials and their staff, as appropriate; prepares
587 nominations/appointments as needed to policy committees, operating
588 committees, special agencies, and other committees for Senate (or
589 administrator) approval.

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591 4.2.2 4-2 Membership:

- 592
- 593 a. Senate Chair (elected)
 - 594 b. Vice Chair (elected)
 - 595 c. Past Chair, or Faculty at Large in years when there is no Past Chair
596 (elected)
 - 597 d. President (EXO)
 - 598 e. Provost (EXO)
 - 599 f. VP, Administration & Finance (EXO)
 - 600 g. VP, Student Affairs (EXO)
 - 601 h. Chief Diversity Officer (EXO)
 - 602 i. Statewide Senator (elected)
 - 603 j. AS President (EXO)
 - 604 k. Chair, Committee on Committees/Assoc. Vice Chair (elected)
 - 605 l. Chair, Curriculum & Research (elected)
 - 606 m. Chair, Instruction & Student Affairs (elected)
 - 607 n. Chair, Organization & Government (elected)
 - 608 o. Chair, Professional Standards (elected)
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610 4.2.3 ~~4-3~~ Any action taken by the Executive Committee requires the
611 presence of a quorum of the elected members. When acting for the
612 Academic Senate, the Executive Committee shall distinguish whether it is
613 expressing the position adopted by the Senate as a whole or of the
614 Executive Committee alone. In handling relations with elected officials or
615 their staff, these shall be on matters of relevance to the well-being of the
616 university, and this duty shall be carried out in coordination with university
617 employees involved in government relations; the Executive Committee is
618 encouraged to recruit an appropriate number of university employees and
619 students to assist in its external relations efforts. In acting as an ad hoc
620 Presidential advisory committee, only the elected members of the
621 Executive Committee shall sit in this capacity. Normally, the President
622 should seek the advice of the full Senate on issues of policy, rather than
623 that of the Executive Committee or its elected members.

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625 4.3 5 Committee on Committees

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627 4.3.1 ~~5-4~~ Charge: Prepares nominations for policy committees, operating
628 committees, special agencies, and other committees as needed. In
629 cooperation with the Organization and Government Committee, makes

630 recommendations for the improvement of the Senate's committee
631 operations and structure. Maintains a record of faculty, staff, students,
632 and administrators currently serving on University-level committees. ~~and~~
633 At the request of the President, or other administrator making the
634 appointments, recruits nominees and suggests names of faculty, staff, and
635 students for service on ~~such~~ committees as needed. Acts as Election
636 Committee.

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638 4.3.2 ~~5.2~~ Membership:

639
640 The Senate's Associate Vice Chair serves as Chair for the Committee on
641 Committees. Additionally, one faculty member from each of the Senate's
642 representative units who shall not be members of the Senate. If a seat is
643 not filled and becomes an 'at large' seat, Senators from the college where
644 there is a vacancy, who are already serving on a policy committee, would
645 be eligible to serve on the Committee on Committees.

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647 a. The Associate Vice Chair of the Senate [EXO], who shall be chair
648 b. 1 faculty, College of Business
649 c. 1 faculty, College of Education
650 d. 1 faculty, College of Engineering
651 e. 1 member, General Unit
652 f. 1 faculty, College of Health and Human Sciences
653 g. 1 faculty, College of Humanities and the Arts
654 h. 1 faculty, College of Science
655 i. 1 faculty, College of Social Science
656 j. 1 Student Senator

657
658 4.3.3 ~~5.3~~ Appointments to the Committee on Committees shall be
659 recommended by the elected members of the Executive Committee and
660 approved by the Senate. Members (other than the Chair and the Student
661 Senator) shall serve for staggered two-year terms.

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663 4.4. ~~8~~ Election Committee

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665 4.4.1 ~~8-1~~ There shall be an standing Election Committee. Its members
666 shall be the members of the Committee on Committees. Its chair shall be
667 the Associate Vice Chair of the Senate.

668
669 4.4.2 ~~8-2~~ a) The Election Committee shall arrange for the election of
670 faculty representatives to this Senate and of the university's
671 representatives to the CSU Academic Senate, referenda under Articles V
672 and VI of the Academic Senate Constitution, and all other campus-wide
673 elections required by university policies.

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675 4.4.3 b) Elections shall be conducted by colleges and departments under
676 instructions of the Election Committee.

677
678 ~~8.3 The Election Committee shall determine the allotment of representation based on~~
679 ~~Article I of these bylaws. The determination of representation FTE is to be based on~~
680 ~~eligible faculty and staff as of the previous fall November 1 and will be reported to the~~
681 ~~Academic Senate.~~

682
683 4.4.4 ~~8.4~~The Election Committee shall be responsible for the
684 establishment of voting procedures and their supervision.

685
686 4.4.5 ~~8.5~~The Election Committee shall assure that the results of the
687 elections will be available for presentation to the Academic Senate ~~by not~~
688 ~~later than one week prior to the last spring Senate meeting. May 15th.~~

689
690 4.4.6 ~~8.6~~ In carrying out a referendum under Article V of the Constitution,
691 the Senate Administrator in consultation with the Election Committee shall
692 prepare an electronic ballot which indicates the specific action of the
693 Academic Senate which is being referred to the faculty electorate. The
694 question to be voted on will be stated as follows: "Shall the action of the
695 Academic Senate specified above be sustained?" The ballot in a
696 referendum may be accompanied by pro and con arguments of not more
697 than 300 words each. If such arguments are to be included, the Chair of
698 the Senate will designate one or more persons to write the pro argument;
699 the person(s) offering the motion or submitting the petition for a
700 referendum will designate one or more persons to write the con argument.
701 In the event that persons requesting the referendum are in support of the
702 Senate action which is the subject of the referendum, then the Chair of the
703 Senate will designate one or more persons opposed to the Senate action
704 to write the con argument. Failure to submit an argument on one side shall
705 not prevent distribution of an argument submitted by the other side.

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709 4.5. Policy Committees

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711 In general, these committees study policy issues and investigate policy problems
712 in their areas at the request of the Academic Senate and prepare policy
713 recommendations for official action. Current Policy committees:

- 714
715 Curriculum & Research (CR)
716 Instruction & Student Affairs (ISA)
717 Organization & Government (O&G)
718 Professional Standards (PS)

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720 4.5.1 ~~6.6~~ The establishment or elimination of any regular policy committee
721 shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Senate.

722
723 4.5.2 ~~6.10~~ Policy committees shall normally be composed so that at least
724 one half of the members of a policy committee are also members of the
725 Senate. ~~Thus, all Senators will normally be appointed to a policy~~
726 ~~committee prior to appointments of faculty who are not senators.~~
727 Generally, no person shall serve on more than one policy committee.
728 Exceptions may be made for the President of the Associated Students,
729 officers of the Senate, and university administrators.

730
731 4.5.2.1 ~~6.10.1~~ Normally, ~~one faculty member from each policy~~
732 ~~committee includes representation from~~ each of the units from
733 which faculty representatives are elected ~~is assigned to each policy~~
734 ~~committee.~~ In no instance shall more than two faculty members
735 from any of the units from which faculty representatives are elected
736 be assigned to one policy committee.

737
738 4.5.2.2 ~~6.10.2~~ The senators representing the Emeritus and Retired
739 Faculty Association and the Alumni Association are eligible for
740 appointment to policy committees with the exception of the
741 Professional Standards Committee. If they wish to serve, they shall,
742 at the beginning of the academic year, ~~make a request to the~~
743 Associate Vice Chair to be appointed to a policy committee
744 appointment. Although they may request a specific committee
745 assignment, they may be appointed to another committee where
746 representation is needed. ~~they may not serve on the same~~
747 ~~committee. Requests shall be made to the Executive Committee.~~
748 When appointed, these senators they shall have the status of ex
749 officio members.

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751 4.5.3 ~~6.9~~ a) All policy committee appointments shall be for one year,
752 commencing with the first meeting of the new Senate for the year, which
753 usually takes place in the last month of the Spring semester.

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755 4.5.3.1 b) Seniority shall not be the primary factor in selecting
756 members of policy committees.

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758 4.5.3.2 e) Tenured faculty should be given priority for appointment
759 to the Professional Standards Committee.

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761 4.5.4 ~~6.10~~ Members of Senate policy committees, including ex
762 officio members, can vote and be counted for quorum (defined in
763 Senate Standing Rule 13) only if present in person or via remote
764 attendance.

766 4.5.5 ~~6.8~~ Chairs of policy committees shall be elected annually by
767 the Senate from its faculty representatives.

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769 4.5.5.1 Nominees for the Chair of Professional Standards
770 must be tenured full professors.

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772 4.5.6 ~~6.7~~ Policy committees shall report to the Executive
773 Committee of the Academic Senate. ~~Committee recommendations~~
774 ~~within the report shall show the names of the committee members~~
775 ~~present and the vote totals. All operating committees shall report to~~
776 ~~the designated standing policy committees.~~

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778 4.5.7 ~~6.7.4~~ All policy committee recommendations for the Senate's
779 consideration ~~Committee recommendations within the report shall~~
780 show the names of the committee members present and absent;
781 the vote totals, and shall state: ~~include~~

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783 a) ~~A statement of t~~ The rationale for of the policy, including its
784 source, intent and claimed need; in language suitable for
785 communication to faculty, staff and students affected.

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787 b) ~~Either t~~ The policy committee's finding that the recommended
788 policy is not expected to have any significant estimated financial
789 impact, ~~or an estimate, obtained from~~ a named body or person
790 responsible for implementing the policy, ~~of the approximate direct~~
791 ~~cost or saving to the university if the recommended policy is~~
792 adopted.

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794 c) ~~A statement of the likely~~ The workload impact of the policy, that
795 is, whether and how much compliance will increase or decrease
796 required activity or expenditure of time by faculty, staff, or students.

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799 4.6 Operating Committees

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801 In the context of their charge, operating committees serve a range of functions
802 including the preparation of reports and making recommendations for changes in
803 policy to their designated policy committees. Current Operating Committees:

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805 Faculty Diversity (reporting to PS)
806 Graduate Studies & Research (reporting to CR)
807 Institutional Review Board (reporting to CR)
808 International Programs & Students (reporting to ISA)
809 Program Planning (reporting to CR)
810 Student Evaluation Review Board (reporting to PS)
811 Student Fairness (reporting to ISA)

812 Undergraduate Studies (reporting to CR)

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814 4.6.1 The establishment or elimination of any operating committee shall
815 require a simple majority of the Senate.

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817 4.6.2 ~~6.7~~ All operating committees shall report to their designated standing
818 policy committees.

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820 4.6.3 ~~6.8~~ Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, university policy,
821 or Senate Management Resolution, chairs of operating committees shall
822 be elected by the members of the operating committee. Any member of
823 the committee, except an ex officio member, is eligible to serve as chair.

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825 4.6.4 ~~6.11~~ Near the end of each spring semester, each operating
826 committee shall elect from among its membership, a chair for the following
827 academic year. The outgoing committee chair shall recommend, through
828 the appropriate policy committee, to the Organization and Government
829 Committee ~~Committee on Committees~~ any changes in committee
830 responsibility or organization.

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832 4.6.5 ~~6.11~~ Appointments of faculty to operating committees shall be for
833 staggered three-year terms unless otherwise specified. After service for a
834 full three-year term, members should be reappointed only in special
835 circumstances. Appropriate administrative officers or their officers or
836 designees shall be included on operating committees as ex officio
837 members.

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839 4.6.5.1 a) Faculty serving on a policy committee are ineligible to
840 serve on any operating committee reporting to that same policy
841 committee.

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843 4.6.5.2 b) The Committee on Committees chair will assure that,
844 when appointments are made, they take into consideration part
845 4.6.5.1 (a).

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847 4.6.5.3 c) To the extent possible, administrative designees to
848 operating committees and their parent policy committee should not
849 result in concurrent membership.

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851 4.6.6 Student membership on operating committees is normally for a one-
852 year term.

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854 4.7 10 Special Agencies and Other Senate Committees

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856 Special agencies and other committees are created as needed by the Senate.
857 Their charge, membership, and reporting responsibilities are specified in the

858 policy or Senate Management Resolution that established them. Current special
859 agencies and other committees:

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861 ~~4.1 Existing~~ Special Agencies are:

- 862 a) Accreditation Review Committee
- 863 b) Alcohol & Drug Abuse Committee
- 864 c) Athletics Board
- 865 d) Budget Advisory Committee
- 866 e) Campus Planning Board
- 867 f) Strategic Planning Steering Committee
- 868 g) Student Success
- 869 h) Sustainability Board
- 870 University Library Board
- 871 University Writing Committee (reporting to CR)

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874 Other Committees

- 875 Academic Disqualification and Reinstatement Review
- 876 Board of Academic Freedom and Professional Standards
- 877 Board of General Studies
- 878 Sustainability Board
- 879 Traffic, Transit, and Parking

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882 ~~7. Special Committees~~

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884 4.7.1 7.4 The Senate shall establish and appoint such special agencies
885 and other committees as may be needed. The establishment or
886 elimination of any special agency or other committee shall require a
887 simple majority of the Senate.

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889 4.7.2 Appointments of faculty to special agencies and other committees
890 shall be for staggered three-year terms unless otherwise specified. After
891 service for a full three-year term, members should be reappointed only in
892 special circumstances. Appropriate administrative officers or designees
893 shall be included on special agencies and other committees as ex officio
894 members.

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896 4.7.3 7.2 Unless otherwise specified in a provided by a the Senate
897 Management Resolution or university policy, a) Members of special
898 agencies, other committees, and task forces shall be nominated by the
899 elected members of the Executive Committee; and b) Special committees
900 and task forces shall report to the Senate; reporting requirements for
901 special agencies and other committees follow bylaw 4.1.2

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903 4.7.4 ~~e~~) Unless otherwise specified in a Senate Management Resolution
904 or university policy, chairs of special agencies, other committees, and task
905 forces may be designated by the elected members of the Executive
906 Committee.

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908 4.7.5 Student membership on special agencies, other committees, and
909 task forces is normally for a one-year term.

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911 4.7.6 ~~40-~~ Special Agencies

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913 4.7.6.1 ~~40-2~~ Special agencies are bodies created by policies or
914 Senate management resolutions recommended by the Academic
915 Senate which, because of functions or membership, are not
916 designated as Senate policy or operating committees. Subject to
917 the provisions of 4.7.6.2 ~~40-3~~, special agencies shall be appointed,
918 their officers selected and they shall report as provided in the
919 policies creating them.

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921 4.7.6.2 ~~40-3~~ The following shall apply to all special agencies.

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923 a) Unless otherwise provided in the policy creating the special
924 agency, at-large faculty members shall be nominated by the
925 Committee on Committees.

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927 ~~b) In addition to any reports required by its policy, each special~~
928 ~~agency shall make an information report annually to the Executive~~
929 ~~Committee. The Executive Committee shall, at its discretion, refer~~
930 ~~this report to appropriate policy committee(s). The report shall~~
931 ~~summarize the agency's activities for the preceding year.~~

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933 b) e A special agency and related ~~the designated~~ policy committee
934 may consult on any matter of common concern.

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936 c) d Special agency recommendations requiring changes in
937 university policy ~~recommended originally by the Senate~~ shall be
938 reported to the Executive Committee for referral to an appropriate
939 policy committee for consideration. ~~for recommendation to the~~
940 ~~Senate.~~

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942 d) e- The Executive Committee (or a designated policy committee
943 at the request of the Executive Committee) may, from time to time,
944 review the policy establishing a special agency and may require
945 reports from special agencies.

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947 e) f When filling faculty appointments, the Associate Vice Chair of
948 the Academic Senate shall have the responsibility to stagger the
949 terms, unless otherwise specified by policy.
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951 **5. 9- Procedure**

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953 5.1 9-1 Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall apply unless
954 superseded by the constitution, bylaws, or standing rules of the Academic
955 Senate.
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957 5.2 9-2 The meetings of the Academic Senate are open, but the number of non-
958 members present shall not exceed the room capacity number of seats available
959 for them, and preference shall be given to representatives of the press and other
960 media and guests officially invited by the Senate Chair. The Chair shall request
961 audio-visual coverage of meetings when necessary.
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963 5.3 9-3 Spectators at Senate meetings shall not take part in or attempt to
964 influence the proceedings of the Senate, except as may be authorized in the
965 standing rules. Violators shall be excluded. At the Chair's his/her discretion, the
966 Chair may recess the meeting.
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968 5.4 9-4 The Academic Senate shall be called into E executive S session by the
969 Chair upon approval of a majority of the members present. Only Academic
970 Senate members and the Senate Administrator may be present during E
971 executive S sessions. Normally, only personnel or fiscal matters may be
972 discussed in E executive S sessions, but final action on all matters shall be taken
973 in regular Academic Senate meetings. Proceedings in E executive S session are
974 confidential and are not published within the senate minutes.
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976 **6. 11 Senators as Representatives**

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978 6.1 11 It is the responsibility of each elected member of the Academic Senate to
979 assess the attitudes and viewpoints of their the constituency. ~~that elected~~
980 ~~him/her~~. However, each member represents and serves the entire university.
981 Thus, it is a policy that no member shall come instructed as to how to vote on
982 any item before the Senate or its committees. ~~and that, in voting, each member~~
983 ~~represents the entire university~~.
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985 6.2 11 Senators are to maintain ~~regular~~ communications with their constituency
986 regarding Senate activities and accomplishments as needed.
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988 **7. 12 Approval of Policies**

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990 7.1 12 Measures adopted by the Academic Senate intended to have binding effect
991 on the university generally or on persons or matters external to the Senate itself

992 are policy recommendations and are submitted to the President for approval
993 under Article IV, Section 2, of the Senate constitution.

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995 7.1.1 Bylaws adopted in accordance with standing rule 10.a.2 (Senate
996 Management Resolutions) under Article III, Section 5, of the constitution
997 are also submitted to the President for approval. Measures affecting only
998 the rules, procedures, committees or other internal affairs of the Senate,
999 or resolutions expressing only the opinion of the Senate, are not policy
1000 recommendations and do not require approval of the President.

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1002 **8. 13. Representation, Academic Senate, CSU**

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1004 8.1 13.4 The following are subject to applicable provisions of the constitution of
1005 the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU).

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1007 8.1.1 13.4.1 Candidates for the ASCSU from the SJSU that body from
1008 ~~this~~ campus shall be nominated by the faculty electorate from the faculty
1009 electorate-at-large, following procedures similar to those prescribed for
1010 nomination of candidates for the Academic Senate of San José State
1011 University.

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1013 8.1.2 13.4.2 Simultaneous candidacy of the same person for both the
1014 Academic Senate ASCSU and the Academic Senate SJSU at the same
1015 election is prohibited. ~~not permitted~~.

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1017 8.1.3 13.4.3 A faculty representative on the SJSU Senate who is elected
1018 to the ASCSU Senate vacates their ~~his/her~~ seat as an elected member of
1019 the SJSU Senate.

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1021 8.1.4 13.4.4 Temporary Vacancy

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1023 8.1.4.1 a) A temporary vacancy is defined as one in which a CSU
1024 Senator will be unable to perform his or her duties for a period of
1025 one semester or less. In such cases, the Vice Chair of the SJSU
1026 Academic Senate shall serve as temporary CSU Senator.

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1028 8.1.4.2 b) If the Vice Chair is unable to serve, the Chair of the
1029 SJSU Academic Senate may designate any elected faculty
1030 representative of the current SJSU Academic Senate to act as
1031 temporary CSU Senator.

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1033 8.1.4.3 c) ~~A temporary CSU Senator~~ An SJSU senator temporarily
1034 serving as an ASCSU Senator shall remain ~~be~~ an SJSU Senator for
1035 all purposes of the SJSU Senate.

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8.1.5 Permanent Vacancy

8.1.5.1 a) If a CSU Senator will be absent from the SJSU campus or unable to perform the duties of ~~Statewide~~ an ASCSU Senator for a period of longer than one semester, the seat held by that senator shall be deemed vacant.

8.1.5.2 b) When a permanent vacancy occurs, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. The election shall be held promptly after the determination is made that there is or will be such a vacancy. If there is no advance notice, the position will be filled temporarily as described in section 8.1.4 ~~13.1.4~~ above until an election can be held.

~~13.1.6 These terms become effective with any elections for CSU Senator held after enactment of this policy and do not affect any current CSU Senator during his or her current term of office.~~

9. 14 Faculty Appointments to Off-Campus and Presidential Bodies

9.1 ~~14.1~~ Occasionally Faculty (as defined in the Academic Senate Constitution) ~~occasionally are required or permitted to~~ serve as representatives on bodies not established by nor under the authority of SJSU (e.g., system-wide or other off-campus agencies or committees). In ~~these~~ instances in which no other procedure for their designation is prescribed, representatives shall be appointed by the Academic Senate on nomination of the Executive Committee.

9.2 ~~14.2~~ a) Where no other procedure has been approved by the Academic Senate, appointments of faculty to presidential task forces, and advisory committees, and commissions shall be made by the following process: ~~The~~ elected members of the Executive Committee shall consult with the President in regard to these appointments. Nominations shall be presented to the Senate for approval.

9.3 ~~14.2~~ b) Appointments of faculty to the boards of University auxiliary organizations shall be made by the President after consultation with the elected members of the Executive Committee.

9.4 e) Appointments of faculty to the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Advisory Committee shall be made by the President after consultation with the elected members of the Executive Committee.

1084 **10. 15 Editorial Changes - Senate Documents**

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1086 10.1 a) When identifiers such as the title related to a university official, agency,
1087 or course designations, or unit of the university appearing in Academic Senate
1088 documents (including the constitution, bylaws, university policies, and resolutions
1089 providing for committee membership) are changed, but the function,
1090 responsibilities, purpose, or content remain the same, the Senate Chair may
1091 approve replacement in the Senate documents of the old identifier by the new
1092 one, as an editorial change. Such changes shall be explained and reported to
1093 the Executive Committee of the Senate and recorded in the meeting minutes.
1094 Example identifiers include the title related to a university official, agency, or
1095 course designations, or unit of the university appearing in Academic Senate
1096 documents (including the constitution, bylaws, university policies, and resolutions
1097 providing for committee membership).

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1099 10.2 b) When the number, title or designation of a law, regulation, executive
1100 order, or policy, referred to in a Senate document, is changed or rescinded by
1101 competent authority, but no other change affecting university policy is involved,
1102 the Senate Chair may authorize replacement of the old number, title or
1103 designation by the new one in Senate documents, as an editorial change. a law,
1104 regulation, executive order, policy, or Senate document is referred to in a Senate
1105 document by number, title or other official abbreviated designation, and the
1106 number, title or designation is changed or rescinded by competent authority, but
1107 no other change affecting university policy is involved, the Senate Chair may
1108 authorize replacement of the old number, title or designation by the new one, as
1109 an editorial change. Such changes shall be reported to the Executive Committee
1110 of the Senate and recorded in the meeting minutes.

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1112 10.3 e) When a policy recommendation or Senate Management Resolution is
1113 found to contain editorial errors, that when corrected would not change the intent
1114 of the policy recommendation or resolution, the Senate Chair can correct the
1115 error(s) following consultation with and obtaining unanimous consent from, the
1116 Executive Committee ~~can correct the error(s)~~. The edited version of the policy
1117 recommendation approved by the Executive Committee will be submitted to the
1118 President for final review and signature. Approved editorial corrections shall be
1119 recorded in the Senate Executive Committee meeting minutes and changes will
1120 be made by Senate staff to the document being corrected. If the editorial
1121 changes are not approved by the Executive Committee or the President, the
1122 document will be returned to the appropriate policy committee for revision and
1123 brought to the Senate for debate and vote.

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1125 **11. 16 Specific Designation of Rescinded Policies**

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1127 Adoption and approval of a new policy resolution overrides all prior conflicting policies, whether
1128 or not the previous policies are specifically identified. However, it is best practice to ~~refer list~~
1129 specifically in a new policy to all prior superseded policies ~~superseded~~. If, subsequent to the
1130 adoption and approval of a policy resolution, the Senate Administrator finds that not all prior

1131 policies which should have been rescinded were specifically so listed in the subsequent policy,
1132 the Senate Administrator s/he shall notify the Senate Chair and the appropriate policy
1133 committee chair. The committee shall review the policies and, if satisfied that the older policies
1134 were superseded and should be specifically designated as rescinded, the Senate Chair shall
1135 authorize the Administrator to note their rescission in the Senate records. The Senate
1136 Administrator Chair shall report the committee's decision to the Executive Committee, and the
1137 Senate Administrator shall record the information in the minutes. Academic Senate.
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8 **Policy Recommendation**
9 **Rescinding Policies related to Senate Bylaws**

10 **Legislative History:** These policies pertaining to modifications to Senate Bylaws were
11 previously implemented at the time the recommendations were approved: F05-1, S06-2, F06-6,
12 S07-5, F07-1, S08-5, F08-3.
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15 **Whereas:** The Organization and Government Committee has completed its examination of
16 University Policies referred to the committee for review, and
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18 **Whereas:** The recommendations were implemented and updates incorporated into our
19 current Bylaws, therefore be it
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21 **Resolved:** That the directions detailed on the following page be implemented in order to
22 rescind and subsequently relocate the specified policies to the Senate's web
23 page archiving past/superseded Bylaws and Standing Rules, and be it further
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25 **Resolved:** That future proposals related to changes to Senate Bylaws be brought to the
26 Senate as Senate Management Resolutions rather than policy
27 recommendations.
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29 **Rationale:** The specific policies proposed for rescinding have been superseded and changes
30 incorporated into our current Bylaws. Updates to our Bylaws and Standing Rules are clearly
31 matters specific to the Senate and its operations. Thus, the appropriate vehicle for updates is a
32 Senate Management Resolution.
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35 **Approved:** 4/13/20

36 **Vote:** 11-0-0

37 **Present:** Altura, Grosvenor, Okamoto, Shifflett, McClory,
38 Higgins, French, Kao, Skinnell, Sasikumar, Millora

39 **Absent:** Gallo
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41 **Financial Impact:** None

42 **Workload Impact:** None
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Policies		
Policy	Topic	Recommendation
F05-1	Update of Senate By-Laws; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F05-1.pdf	Rescind and archive this item on wording and title/name changes and other clarifications.
S06-2	Update of Senate By-laws; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S06-2.pdf	Rescind and archive this item on senate representation for the college of social work (related to dissolution).
F06-6	Policy Recommendations to Include Rationale and Estimated Effect on Workload [amends bylaw 6.7.1]; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F06-6.pdf	Rescind and archive this item.
S07-5	Amendment of By-Law 10 (Special Agencies), Responsibility to Stagger Faculty-at-Large Terms; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S07-5.pdf	Rescind and archive this item.
F07-1	Senate Vacancies; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F07-1.pdf	Rescind and archive this item on vacancy of a faculty representatives (excluding ASCSU reps).
S08-5	Revision to By-Law 13, Representative, Academic Senate, CSU; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S08-5.pdf	Rescind and archive this item to clarify temporary and permanent vacancies in the Representation to the CSU Academic Senate.
F08-3	Changes to the Composition of the Professional Standards Committee, Senate bylaw changes; Amends bylaws 2.21, 6.8, and 6.9; https://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/F08-3.pdf	Rescind and archive this item regarding the need for the PS chair to be a tenured full professor and details related to policy committee appointments.

7 **Policy Recommendation**
8 **Amendment B to S13-9**
9 **Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units**
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11 Legislative History: Amendment A to S13-9 rescinded S06-7 (Merging, Dividing,
12 Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units). An earlier version of this recommendation
13 was passed by the Senate in Fall 2019 and subsequently vetoed by President Papazian
14 in Spring 2020. This proposal would amend S13-9 taking into consideration the
15 concerns of the President.
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17 Whereas: Issues related to implementation of S13-9 centered on the need for
18 proposals to merge, divide, transfer, or eliminate a unit to be in writing
19 to inform voting, and
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21 Whereas: Greater clarity on the minimal content to be included in proposals to
22 merge, divide, transfer, or eliminate a unit will facilitate discussions prior to
23 and subsequent to changes, and
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25 Whereas: A collaborative process with reasonable timelines would facilitate
26 implementation of S13-9, therefore be it
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28 Resolved: That S13-9 be replaced with the attached proposal, and be it further
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30 Resolved: That this policy, following approval by the President, be implemented with
31 the 20-21 Academic year and until that time, processes to merge, divide,
32 or eliminate Academic Departments in progress as of spring 2020
33 continue under the existing policy.-
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35 Rationale: The referral to the Organization and Government committee highlighted the
36 difficulties encountered in recent attempts to implement S13-9. For example, the policy
37 does not specify that a proposal to merge, divide, transfer, or eliminate a unit must be in
38 writing (though section 8 in S13-9 did mention a “copy” of the proposal). The serious
39 nature of proposals to merge, divide, transfer, or eliminate units makes clarity in policy
40 of particular importance. A clear understanding of implications for students, faculty, and
41 staff is important and facilitates informed discussion and subsequent decisions. The
42 updates proposed here would facilitate the effective implementation of S13-9 and
43 address concerns related to the need for greater precision, collaboration, reasonable
44 timelines, and discussion of issues.
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Approved: 4/6/20
Vote: 12-0-0
Present: Altura, Grosvenor, Okamoto, Shifflett, Gallo, McClory,
Higgins, French, Kao, Skinnell, Sasikumar, Millora
Absent:
Financial Impact: None
Workload Impact: Some additional work for faculty/administrators to prepare
documentation prior to voting.

Policy Recommendation

Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units

When a proposal is made by an academic unit, college dean or the Provost (or other university authority) to divide or eliminate an academic unit, to merge it with another academic unit or to transfer it to another college, the basic principle established by this policy is that there should be meaningful collaboration with all affected academic departments, faculty, staff, and students before any such proposal is approved or implemented. Any associated termination of degree programs shall comply with S99-4, Degree Termination.

Meaningful collaboration calls for all affected academic units and administrators to be engaged in discussions leading to the development, by the affected chair(s) and dean(s), of written documentation to be distributed to faculty to inform voting. Discussions and subsequent documentation must, at a minimum, provide a rationale for the proposed organizational change and identify anticipated impacts in each of the following areas.

- A. Resources
- B. Retention, tenure, and promotion
- C. Curriculum and accreditation
- D. Implications for students (e.g., degree completion, assistantships), lecturers, tenure track and tenured faculty (e.g., entitlements, academic assignments), and staff (e.g., positions/responsibilities)

The dean(s), in consultation with chair(s), should establish a reasonable timeline for (a) the evaluation of the written proposal prior to voting (e.g., 10 duty days) and (b) voting (e.g., allow between 5 and 10 duty days) in the fall or spring semester. Voting would be conducted in accordance with the policy on department voting rights (S17-6). The Provost will announce the timeline for voting on the proposal related to merging, dividing, transferring, or eliminating academic units.

The vote of the regular (tenured and tenure-track) faculty and the vote of the temporary faculty in the affected academic unit(s) shall be tallied and recorded separately. The vote of the faculty shall be advisory only. The results of the voting should be made public within 7 calendar days.

If any parties involved in the process believe that policy was not followed, they may request a hearing before the Organization and Government Committee (O&G) of the Academic Senate within 20 faculty duty days after the results of the vote are announced. For O&G to proceed with a hearing, the request must make a clear case that meaningful consultation among affected faculty did not occur. O&G will not evaluate the merits of the proposed reorganization, only whether the principle of meaningful consultation was followed. At the hearing, all such academic units and authorities may be heard, as well as all faculty of affected academic units. After the hearing, the Organization and Government Committee shall make a written report to the Provost, the

105 President, and the Academic Senate with its determination of whether meaningful
106 consultation among all affected parties was achieved.

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108 A copy of all approved proposals, as well as an account of the consultation process, will
109 be provided to the Academic Senate Office by the dean(s). The Academic Senate will
110 archive the information so it can serve as a resource to the University community.

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