

Spring 2008
Referendum on Amendments to the
Constitution and Bylaws of the University Faculty and the Academic Senate
California State University San Marcos

Wording and Explanation of the Proposed Amendments

Amendment 1: Chairs of the Standing Committees of the Senate

Article 6.1: Standing Committee Membership

Faculty voting members of the Standing Committees of the Senate will be drawn from the Faculty eligible for the Senate according to the Election Standing Rules Academic Senate. Faculty Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms except for the members of the Executive Committee, which draws its membership from current chairs of the standing committees. The chair of each standing committee shall be elected by the voting members of the committee from the ~~voting members of~~ eligible faculty on the committee. Student members and staff members shall serve one-year terms, with the exception of staff members of the Library and Academic Technology Advisory Committee, who will serve two-year terms.

Rationale: This amendment clarifies that only those defined as eligible faculty by Article 3 of the Constitution can be elected to be Chairs of Senate Standing Committees. This addresses the ambiguity of the current language in committees where temporary faculty or staff have voting rights. For reference, Article 3 states: "Voting members of the Faculty shall consist of tenured and tenure-track persons holding faculty rank, library faculty, counselor faculty, and full-time temporary faculty holding at least one-year appointments in academic departments. Faculty with the voting franchise shall be called eligible faculty."

Amendment 2: Composition of Academic Policy Committee (APC)

Article 6.5: Academic Policy Committee (APC)

The Academic Policy Committee shall consist of five faculty members drawn from the eligible faculty. The eligible faculty of each College/Library shall elect a representative from the eligible faculty of that College/Library to serve as a member of the committee. The eligible faculty shall elect at-large one additional faculty member. The membership of the Academic Policy Committee shall also include as non-voting members the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs--Academic Programs, the Dean of Graduate Studies, and the Executive Director of Enrollment Services. One student representative appointed by the Associated Students Incorporated shall also be a non-voting member of this committee.

Rationale: APC needs to work closely with the Graduate Studies Council headed by the Dean of Graduate Studies. The most efficient method is to require the Dean of Graduate Studies to attend APC meetings.

Amendment 3: Composition of Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee (BLP)

Article 6.6: Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee (BLP)

The Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee shall consist of five faculty members drawn from the eligible faculty. The eligible faculty of each College/Library shall elect a representative from the eligible faculty of that College/Library to serve as a member of the committee. The eligible faculty shall elect at-large one additional faculty member. One college Dean appointed by the Provost, an Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs appointed by the Provost, ~~the University Planning Officer~~, one Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) representative appointed by the Dean of IITS, and one student member appointed by the Associated Students Incorporated shall be non-voting members of the committee.

Rationale: The position of the University Planning Officer no longer exists.

Amendment 4: Composition of Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

Article 6.7: Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

The Faculty Affairs Committee shall consist of seven members drawn from the eligible faculty. The eligible faculty in each College/Library shall elect a representative from the eligible faculty of that College/Library to serve as a member of the Faculty Affairs Committee. Three (3) ~~Additional~~ faculty members of the Faculty Affairs Committee shall be elected at-large by the eligible faculty. The membership of the Faculty Affairs Committee shall also include as a voting member a representative of the temporary faculty elected by the temporary faculty; and as non-voting members the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, or the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs--Academic Resources, and a representative from the San Marcos Chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) elected by the membership of CFA.

Rationale: Clarifies the makeup of the committee.