

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2837-08/EX (Rev)  
March 6-7, 2008

**Priorities for Budget-Driven Reductions in Academic Senate California State  
University (ASCSU) Functionality**

- RESOLVED: That the purposes of the ASCSU are explicitly defined in *Article I Section 1* of the Constitution of the ASCSU; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU has experienced significant permanent budget cuts over the past several years and that there exists a funding level at which the ASCSU cannot meet its stated purposes adequately; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That in the event of further funding reductions, the ASCSU direct the Executive Committee to identify and preserve the most critical functions of the ASCSU by putting participation in activities that cannot be supported by the ASCSU budget in abeyance until such time as this support becomes available; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That reductions in ASCSU funding could impact initiatives from the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor's Office such as the Lower Division Transfer Patterns (LDTP) Project, as well as Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act (HEERA) defined roles for the ASCSU; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded to the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees of the California State University, and campus senate chairs.

*RATIONALE: This resolution argues that the ASCSU provides a critical function to the CSU and that further cuts to our budget will result in a commensurate reduction in our effectiveness. Further, this resolution directs the ASCSU Executive committee to attempt to preserve the most critical functions of the ASCSU in the face of inadequate funding.*

*The majority of the core functions of the ASCSU center on the roles played by the standing and Executive committees (as defined in the bylaws) in developing policy recommendations, the role of the plenary in providing advice to the system, and the central role of facilitating shared governance. This approach to budget reductions has been necessitated by the observation that the ASCSU has:*

- a. had its members take on many tasks for years in a crisis mode (with insufficient or nonexistent support), and*
- b. imperiled the effectiveness of its operations by reducing the number of its members, and*
- c. impaired its operations by cutting the amount of its necessary travel, and*
- d. minimized participation and growth of its members by failing to provide assigned time to allow first year Senators serve on committees, and*

- e. already worked diligently to increase efficiencies (e.g., by reducing travel and other costs), and*
- f. had the effectiveness of its operations impaired by cuts to support staff, and*
- g. had the effectiveness of many CSU academic-related initiatives impaired by insufficient support for faculty participation.*

*There are two attachments. The first is the Amendment to the Constitution of the ASCSU that reduced the size of the ASCSU (AS-2729-06/EX). The second is the Constitution of the ASCSU.*

**Approved Unanimously – May 8-9, 2008**

**ACADEMIC SENATE  
OF  
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2729-06/EX  
January 26-27, 2006

**Amendment to the Constitution**

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (CSU) recommend to the faculty of the CSU the following constitutional amendment regarding Senate membership.

Article II

Section 1. Membership

a) The elected members of the Academic Senate shall consist of ~~elected campus representatives apportioned as follows:~~ two senators per campus plus an additional senator from each of the seven largest campuses apportioned on the basis of FTEF. ~~a minimum of two senators from each campus plus one additional senator (for a total of 3) for each campus whose FTEF exceeds the average FTEF (determined by the  $1/n$  fraction of the systemwide FTEF, where  $n$  is the number of campuses), plus an additional senator (for a total of 4) for any campus whose FTEF exceeds twice the average FTEF (i.e.,  $2/n$  times the systemwide FTEF);~~

;and be it further

RESOLVED: That this change take effect on the allocation of seats expiring in June 2006; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU underscore to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees that though its duties and responsibilities have increased, its funding has remained constant; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate CSU underscore to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees that senators without additional support have done yeoman service in carrying forward the work created by LDTP, IMPAC, more FTES, EAP, developing campuses, joint doctoral programs, more faculty and the independent Ed.D.

*RATIONALE: At the present time, the Academic Senate CSU consists of 58 elected Senators and one Emeritus/Emerita Senator, designated by the Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association, for a total of 59 Senators. The change would reduce the number of **elected** Senators to 53 and would retain the Emeritus/Emerita Senator (who does not receive assigned time), for a **total** of 54 Senators. Five campuses received a third Senate seat in 2002 (Chico, Fresno, Los Angeles, Pomona, San Luis Obispo). These third seats would be those reduced under this change.*

*The number 53 was chosen as the size of the Senate to reflect a natural break-point in the number of full-time equivalent faculty (FTE/F) between the San Francisco and San Luis Obispo campuses. In Fall 2005, the most recent data available, the San Francisco campus had 1,156 FTE/F, and the San Luis Obispo campus had 929 FTE/F.*

*The other provisions adopted in 2002 are not affected. They include:*

- *A provision that added an Emeritus Senator,*
- *A provision that stated explicitly that the immediate past chair is not counted as part of a campus delegation if he or she does not otherwise hold a seat, and*
- *A provision allowing the Executive Committee to "...resolve issues concerning the implementation of this section." The latter include, according to AS-2546-01/EX (November 1, 2001), "the timing for the creation of new seats, determination of annual reapportionment procedures, establishing staggered elections for new campuses, assuring that any reallocation of a seat occurs at the conclusion of a term of office, etc."*

*If this resolution passes, the constitutional change, as per our constitution in Article VII, Section 2, will require "...a majority of the total vote cast in a system wide referendum and a majority of the votes cast at each of a majority of the campuses." Amendments, according to Section 3, "...become effective upon ratification by the faculties of the campuses and approval of the Trustees."*

*The history of the Senate's budget problem and its expansion is detailed in the report sent to Senators before the January ASCSU meetings from the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Senate Budget, made up of Senators Anagnoson (Chair), Buck, Cook, Edelman, and Hood. A majority of the committee recommended that the Senate return to its size of 2001.*

*The Senate's structural shortfall is approximately \$100,000 of the \$1 million total budget for 2005-06. The Senate's budget has been roughly constant since 2002. Once the new Senators added received assigned time in 2003-04, the Senate has operated with a substantial shortfall.*

*Of critical importance is the promise the Senate made when the Senate expanded in 2002. The item presented to the Board of Trustees on July 16-17 states in part as follows:*

*"The Academic Senate understands that the expansion of campus representative and the emerita/emeritus member would be accomplished without an increase in budgeted resources. The Academic Senate Executive Committee intends to accommodate the proposed amendments through reductions in member travel and/or release time assignments."*

*The language stating that the extra Senators are apportioned "on the basis of the highest FTEF" is the old language from prior to 2002. This language places*

*a cap on the size of the Senate, reducing its size from the present 59 to 53 elected Senators, plus the Emeritus representative, or 54 total. The reduction of five Senators should provide the Senate with the funds needed to close most of the structural budget gap.*

*The provision, stating that two seats for every new campus brought into the system raise the cap, is designed to expand the Senate as new campuses are developed. The provision is also designed to prevent the cap from causing two of the larger campuses to lose their third seat when a new campus is added to the system.*

*The provision requiring that the change be effective on the seats expiring in June 2006 is designed to make the provisions effective for the 2006-07 academic year.*

**Approved – March 9-10, 2006**

**Apportionment, 2002 Rules, 2005 Rules, and Exec's Proposal**

01/25/06

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Bakersfield	401	2	2	2
Humboldt	414	2	2	2
Dominguez Hills	445	2	2	2
East Bay	544	2	2	2
San Bernardino	650	2	2	2
Chico	747	2	3	2
Pomona	842	2	3	2
Los Angeles	849	2	3	2
Fresno	886	2	3	2
San Luis Obispo	929	2	3	2
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Sacramento	1,157	3	3	3
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San Diego	1,336	3	3	3
Long Beach	1,430	3	3	3
Emeriti			1	1
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**The Constitution of the  
Academic Senate  
The California State University**

**Preamble**

The faculty of the California State University adopts this constitution in order to exercise its rights and fulfill its responsibilities in the shared governance of the University. As the official voice of the faculty in matters of systemwide concern, the Academic Senate of the California State University provides the means for the faculty to participate in the collegial form of governance which is based on historic academic traditions as recognized by California law.

**Article I**

**Section 1. Purposes**

- (a) It shall be the purpose of the Academic Senate of the California State University to promote academic excellence in the California State University; to serve as the official voice of the faculties of the California State University in matters of systemwide concern; to be the formal policy-recommending body on systemwide academic, professional and academic personnel matters; to ensure the joint responsibility of the Academic Senate and the Trustees in criteria and standards to be used for the appointment, promotion, evaluation, and tenure of academic employees; to be the primary consultative body on the academic implications of systemwide fiscal decisions; and to assume such other authority and other responsibilities and to perform such functions as may be delegated to it by the Chancellor or the Trustees of the California State University.
- (b) The Academic Senate shall be consulted on the creation of systemwide and intersegmental committees, conferences, or task forces designed to deal with educational, professional, or academically related fiscal matters, including the charge and composition of such bodies. The Academic Senate shall be responsible for the selection of representatives of the faculty to serve on or participate in such bodies.

**Section 2. Relation to Campus Senates**

- (a) The term campus senate shall mean the elected representative body established at each campus by its faculty.
- (b) The Academic Senate of the California State University shall have no authority over those matters delegated to the individual campuses by the Chancellor or the Trustees; and nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to impair the right of campus senates to communicate with the Chancellor and the Trustees.
- (c) The campus senates may suggest items for consideration by the Academic Senate and may make recommendations on matters before the Academic Senate, either through the campus representatives or directly to the Academic Senate.
- (d) To provide adequate communications with the faculties of the several campuses, the Academic Senate shall circulate to the senate and the president of each campus such materials as agendas for and minutes of its meetings, committee reports, and information on pending matters .

**Article II**

**Section 1. Membership**

- (a) The elected members of the Academic Senate shall consist of two senators per campus plus an additional senator from each of the seven largest campuses apportioned on the basis of FTEF.

- (b) The Academic Senate shall also include:
  - 1) the immediate past chair of the Academic Senate if not an elected member (who shall not be counted as a campus representative if not an elected member);
  - 2) the Chancellor or representative as an ex-officio non-voting member;
  - 3) one emerita/emeritus selected by the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.
- (c) The Academic Senate shall have the power, through its by-laws, to resolve issues concerning the implementation of this section (Article II, Section 1.) of the Constitution (membership).

## **Section 2. Representation of New Campuses**

The faculty of each new campus shall elect its first voting representatives in the spring of the first year of instruction. At any time after the establishment of the campus and prior to the time voting representatives take office, the faculty of the campus may send a non-voting representative.

## **Section 3. Eligibility to Serve as a Campus Representative**

Only those persons eligible to vote for campus representatives shall be able to serve as campus representatives, provided that the faculty of the campus may, at its discretion, establish additional requirements for service as a campus representative.

## **Section 4. Eligibility to Vote for Campus Representatives**

All members of the faculty at each campus shall be eligible to vote for campus representatives to serve in the Academic Senate. Each campus shall determine which members of the campus community are considered to be faculty.

## **Section 5. Elections of Campus Representatives**

Campus representatives represent the entire faculty of a campus, and not the campus academic senate and shall be elected at each campus in a campus-wide election. In any year in which such an election is held, the election results shall be certified to a designated officer of the Academic Senate by the principal elected officer of the faculty of that campus on or before May 1; representatives so elected shall take office on or before June 15.

## **Section 6. Terms of Office**

Campus representatives shall serve a term of three years. The immediate past chair of the Academic Senate shall serve for one year.

## **Section 7. Substitute Members**

In the event that an elected member will be absent for one or more semesters or quarters, the faculty of the affected campus shall replace this member in such manner as may be determined by the faculty of that campus. In the event that an elected representative is unable to attend a meeting of the Academic Senate, the senate of that campus may name a substitute who shall have the right to attend and vote at that meeting.

## **Section 8. Recall of Representatives**

A representative may be recalled by majority vote of those voting within the constituency, which elected this representative under procedures established by the constituency.

## **Article III**

### **Names and Duties of Officers**

There shall be a chair of the Academic Senate, and such other officers as shall be specified in the Bylaws; and the time and manner of election, the length of terms and the duties and responsibilities of officers shall be specified in the Bylaws.

## **Article IV**

### **Section 1. Meetings**

The Academic Senate shall meet at least twice during each academic year. Additional meetings as needed shall be convened by procedures specified in the Bylaws.

### **Section 2. Voting**

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the membership. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

## **Article V**

### **Referendum**

Any recommendation adopted by the Academic Senate shall be referred to the faculties of the California State University when resolutions requesting such a referendum are adopted by the senates of at least one-third of the campuses. Approval of recommendations so referred shall require a majority of the votes cast at a balloting held for the purposes.

## **Article VI**

### **Section 1. Bylaws**

The Academic Senate may adopt Bylaws not inconsistent with this Constitution, provide for committees, and establish its own rules of procedure.

### **Section 2. Rules of Order**

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

## **Article VII**

### **Section 1. Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a resolution adopted by majority vote of one-third of the campus senates or by a majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Academic Senate.

### **Section 2. Ratification of Amendment**

Ratification shall require a majority of the total vote cast in a systemwide referendum and a majority of the votes cast at each of a majority of the campuses.

### **Section 3. Adoption of Amendments**

Amendments shall become effective upon ratification by the faculties of the campuses and approval of the Trustees.