

Constitution of the Faculty of Palomar College

PREAMBLE

In order to promote the effective exercise of the rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities that are placed in their trust by their profession, their society, their state, and their local district, and conscious of the high nature of that trust as it is shared by all other institutions of higher learning in the State of California and in the United States, and in order that they or the instruments of their creation may perform such academic duties as are appropriate to teaching faculties of community colleges, the academic faculty members of Palomar College, as defined below, have adopted this Constitution.

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC FACULTY

A member of the faculty of Palomar College is an academic employee who is employed in a position that is not designated as administrative, managerial, or classified and falls under one of the following categories:

FULL-TIME FACULTY are those faculty members who are employed in regular tenured positions.

PROBATIONARY FACULTY are those faculty members who are employed in tenure track faculty positions and who have not yet been granted tenure by the college.

TEMPORARY FACULTY are non-tenure track faculty with an assignment greater than 67% and who are employed for a designated period of time. For voting purposes, temporary faculty are included with full-time, tenured and probationary faculty.

EMERITUS FACULTY are those faculty members who, upon retirement, were granted Emeritus status by virtue of their years of service. Emeritus faculty may vote with part-time faculty during any semester in which they teach part-time after retiring.

PART-TIME FACULTY are those non-tenure track faculty members whose assignments are no more than 67% of a full-time load.

ARTICLE 2: RIGHT OF PETITION OF THE FACULTY BODY

Ten percent of the Full-Time, Probationary and Temporary Faculty may, upon the presentation of a signed petition to the Faculty Council, call for proceedings of review, referendum, initiative, censure, or recall in the context of any issue, policy, question, or person elected by the Full-Time, Probationary and Temporary Faculty.

Ten percent of the Part-Time and Emeritus Faculty may, upon the presentation of a signed petition to the Faculty Council, call for proceedings of review, referendum,

initiative, censure, or recall in the context of any issue, policy, question, or person elected by the Part-Time and Emeritus Faculty.

If the determination is made that such proceedings are necessary, a request for such proceedings must be included on the agenda of the next regular meeting or special meeting of the Senate and shall precede other new business. The Senate shall appoint a task force of three faculty members (two Senators and one non-Senator) to conduct proceedings in an open meeting to address the matter stated in the petition. Any action taken as a result of the proceedings shall require a simple majority of the appropriate faculty group on matters of review, referendum, or initiative, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority in matters of censure or recall.

ARTICLE 3: CODE OF ETHICS

Faculty members have an obligation to the college, their students, colleagues, profession, the public and themselves to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct. In recognition of this obligation, faculty members adopt the following standards of ethical conduct (Adapted from the "American Association of University Professors (AAUP) Ethics Statement"):

1. Professors, recognizing their social responsibility:
 - Develop and improve scholarly competence,
 - Exercise critical self-discipline and judgment in transmitting knowledge,
 - Practice intellectual honesty.
2. Professors, as teachers:
 - Encourage the free pursuit of learning in their students,
 - Demonstrate respect for students as individuals,
 - Keep to their proper roles as intellectual guides and counselors,
 - Evaluate students in an unbiased manner,
 - Respect the confidentiality of students,
 - Acknowledge significant or scholarly assistance from students,
 - Do not exploit, harass, or discriminate against their students.
3. Professors, as colleagues:
 - Do not discriminate against or harass colleagues,
 - Respect and defend the free inquiry of associates,
 - Exchange criticism and ideas,
 - Acknowledge academic debt,
 - Strive to be objective in their professional judgment of colleagues,
 - Accept their share of faculty responsibilities for the governance of their institution.
4. Professors, as members of an academic institution:
 - Seek to be effective teachers and scholars,
 - Uphold academic freedom,
 - Maintain their right to criticize and seek revision,

- Give due regard to their responsibilities within the institution,
 - When considering termination of their employment, give due notice of their intentions.
5. Professors, as members of their community:
- When they speak or act as private persons avoid creating the impression of speaking or acting for their college,
 - Promote free inquiry and further public understanding of academic freedom.

ARTICLE 4: THE FACULTY SENATE OF PALOMAR COLLEGE

SECTION 1: NATURE AND POWER

The faculty members of Palomar College hereby establish the Faculty Senate as the primary legislative and executive body representing the faculty on all Academic and Professional Matters, which include the governance and committee structure at Palomar College. By legislation, the Faculty Senate is represented on the Statewide Academic Senate and, through it, on the California Community College Board of Governors. Regular meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be held every teaching Monday at 2:30 p.m. during the academic year. All other meetings shall be considered special meetings.

- I. Senators shall retain all the rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities normal to faculty membership.
- II. Actions taken at an official meeting of the Senate shall be deemed to be “approved action” and shall be effective for immediate implementation. All such approved action shall be published and distributed to the faculty within three school days. The official minutes of the meeting in which they are approved shall follow within ten school days.
- III. Approved actions are actions which have been approved by a majority of members present at an official regular or special meeting of the Senate; or,
- IV. A majority of votes cast by full-time and probationary faculty in an official electronic or mail ballot.
- V. Members of the faculty reserve the right to protest any approved action of the Senate. Protest shall be submitted in writing to the Senate President and shall bear the signature(s) of the protester(s).
- VI. If, within ten teaching days after publication and distribution of any approved action, protests are received from at least twenty percent of the full-time and probationary faculty, a special meeting of The Faculty Senate shall be called for the purpose of reviewing said approved action. The meeting shall be scheduled no later than ten teaching days after receipt of the minimum required number of

protests and shall be set for a time and a place convenient to the membership. Two separate notices of the meeting shall be distributed to the membership.

- VII. Following reasonable and adequate discussion of the issue(s), the full-time and probationary faculty shall have an opportunity to vote either to reaffirm the approved action or to rescind it. Voting shall be conducted by electronic or mail ballot beginning within five teaching days after the special meeting. Notice of the results shall be published and distributed to the Governing Board and all academic employees within fifteen teaching days after the special meeting.

SECTION 2: SENATE DUTIES

The Faculty Senate:

- I. Shall formulate policies on Academic and Professional Matters as specified in state legislation and supported by Governing Board policy.
- II. The term “Academic and Professional Matters” refers to the following twelve matters:
 1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines;
 2. Degree and certificate requirements;
 3. Grading policies;
 4. Educational program development;
 5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success;
 6. Governance structures, as related to faculty roles;
 7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports;
 8. Policies for faculty professional development activities;
 9. Processes for program review;
 10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development;
 11. Faculty hiring policy, faculty hiring criteria, and faculty hiring procedures; and
 12. Other academic matters as mutually agreed upon between the Governing Board and the Faculty Senate.
- III. May also function in an advisory capacity to the College Council in such matters.
- IV. Shall promote the understanding and practice of professional standards and conduct and of democratic policies and procedures.
- V. Shall concern itself especially with the consideration of any policy or procedure that affects the status and morale of the faculty of the college.
- VI. Shall advise the Superintendent/President of the College and/or the Governing Board in the selection of administrative personnel. The Senate shall be responsible for the

appointment of all faculty members to selection committees other than those faculty appointed by the bargaining unit.

- VII. Shall maintain a continuing study of proposed legislation affecting schools and the faculty, and shall keep the faculty informed regarding such proposed legislation and its progress.
- VIII. Shall obtain information and inform the faculty regarding the records and opinions of candidates for public office where such records and opinions clearly affect the welfare of schools and faculty.
- IX. Shall, through its Committee on Committees, nominate the faculty personnel who serve on college committees other than those appointed by the bargaining unit. Unless the committee position requires a ballot of the full-time or probationary faculty, or some portion thereof, the Senate may confirm the nominees at any regular Senate meeting.
- X. May serve the President of the College as an Advisory Council, and may meet with him/her upon request.

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION

The Senate shall consist of the immediate past president of the Senate, the faculty co-chair of the Curriculum Committee, and 23 full-time Faculty, tenured or probationary, and four are part-time. All are elected from their respective Faculty body. Ex-officio members, the past president and Curriculum co-chair, have voting privileges and act as Senators, but are not individually elected. President, Vice-President, and Secretary are always elected from within the existing Senate body at the time of election for officers. In the event that a sitting Senator is elected to a two-year term as Faculty Senate President with one year remaining in his/her Senate term, the Senate membership will consist of 30 members for one year. In addition, the ASG has a named position with an advisory vote.

The elected members are subject to the following provisions:

1. That no more than two full-time or probationary faculty members shall be elected from a single department with the exception of ex-officio members and any faculty member holding one position under Appendix F of the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with 100% release time (ex: Articulation Officer).
2. That no more than one part-time faculty member shall be elected from a single department of the faculty. In situations where a part-time faculty member represents more than one department, that part-time faculty member will be considered eligible to serve so long as at least one of their departments is not yet represented by another part-time faculty member.
3. That no more than five members shall be probationary faculty.

4. That terms shall be staggered so that not all Senators are new at any one time.

SECTION 4: ELIGIBILITY

All Senators shall be faculty members as defined in Article 1 of this Constitution, excluding faculty who hold administrative, managerial, or classified assignments.

SECTION 5: TERMS OF OFFICE AND METHOD OF ELECTION

I. Terms of Office:

Senators

- A. Shall serve for a term of three years.
- B. Shall be eligible for re-election, and normal Senate vacancies shall be filled at the spring election.
- C. Shall attend the first regular meeting in May following their election and shall take office at the subsequent meeting.

II. Method of Election:

- A. One-third of the Senate positions shall be open for election each year.
- B. During the spring semester for a two-week period, the Senate Elections Committee shall send out nominating forms to all faculty members for the Senate positions on the Faculty Senate.
- C. During the Spring semester for a two-week period, the Senate Elections Committee shall send ballots to faculty to elect Senators. The ballots may include a twenty-five word or less description of each candidate's qualifications.
- D. If the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of seats available, then no election shall be held and all qualified candidates shall become Senators.
- E. Full-time and probationary faculty senators shall be elected by a vote of full-time and probationary faculty; part-time faculty senators shall be elected by a vote of part-time faculty.
- F. The Senate will ratify the votes of any election.

III. A Permanent Vacancy shall occur when:

- A. A Senator misses more than three consecutive meetings of the Senate or a total of four regular meetings in one semester. In the case of newly elected Senators, absences occurring in May caused by conflicts resulting from instructional or institutional responsibilities shall not be counted under this provision.
- B. A Senator takes a leave (sabbatical or other type). A Senate position shall be vacated the last teaching day before this leave starts.

IV. Filling Permanent Vacancies:

- A. The provisions of Article 4, Section 5 shall apply to the election of Senators.

- B. If a permanent vacancy occurs within the Faculty Senate within one (1) month of a previous election, the next highest vote-getter in the just-concluded election shall be awarded the seat. In the event the previous election was uncontested, the position shall be filled by a special election (see Article 4, Section 5). Positions elected in this case shall complete that vacant term.
- C. Permanent vacancies that occur after one month following the spring election can be filled by a special election at the discretion of the Faculty Senate. Positions elected in this case shall complete that vacated term.
- D. In the event that the Senate has fewer than 2/3 of its membership as stipulated in Section 3, a special election will be held as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs. Senators elected in this case shall complete that vacated term.

V. Special Election Provisions

- A. Should the Senate choose to fill any permanent Senator vacancies, the Senate shall send a call for nominations to the applicable faculty group for these positions; this nomination period shall be open not fewer than four business days. All nominations received will be considered by the Senate. The Senate shall conduct an electronic vote from the requisite faculty group if there are more eligible nominations than permanent vacancies; this voting window shall be open for not fewer than four business days. In the event that the number of eligible nominations is equal to the number of permanent vacancies, the Senate shall vote to confirm. In the event a permanent vacancy occurs in a Senator position with one semester or less of its term remaining, the Senate may choose to not fill the position.
- B. In the event that a permanent vacancy occurs in the role of Secretary or Vice President and a special election is warranted, the Senate shall entertain nominations of Senators and shall conduct a vote of the Senate membership to fill the position(s) for the remainder of that vacated term. In the event the vacancy occurs in March or later, the Senate may choose to not fill the position.

V. Senator Expectations:

- A. To attend Senate meetings regularly;
- B. To stay informed about state and local policies relating to the welfare of the College;
- C. To serve on at least one academic, Senate, ASCCC, or governance committee throughout their tenure on Senate.

SECTION 6: OFFICERS

- I. Shall be elected from among the Senators.

- II. The Senate shall elect its own Vice-President and Secretary as the first item of business on the day that newly-elected Senators are seated in the Senate or at the next regular meeting after a permanent vacancy shall occur in any office.
- III. The Senate shall elect its own President-Elect at the second regular meeting of the spring semester during the last year of the active President's term. The individual elected shall be expected to serve through the remainder of the spring semester as the President-Elect, then shall take office as President for the subsequent two academic years.
- IV. Nominations for each position (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) shall be solicited from the floor. Current officers may be nominated for subsequent terms as defined below for each position.
- V. Newly elected officers (Vice President and Secretary) shall take office immediately following their election.
- VI. President and Vice-President positions must be held by permanent, tenured faculty.

President

- I. Shall serve a two-year term and may not be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms.
- II. Shall not publicly vote on any issue before the Senate unless a tie vote exists, or to create a tie.
- III. Shall function as Faculty Senate liaison with the Administration and the Governing Board in relation to college policy.
- IV. Shall serve as the representative of the Senate to the College Council and shall attend all regular meetings of the Governing Board. In emergency situations, a designee can serve in the President's place for no more than one consecutive council or committee meeting and no more than three per school year. The preference of the Senate is for the President to attend all Governing Board meetings, but in the event of special meetings of the Governing Board, the President may elect to send a designee. When there is no scheduled open session, the President may use their discretion about whether to attend. The Senate President shall also serve as Tri-Chair of the Equity, Education, and Student Success Council (EESSC), a member of the Guided Pathways Task Force, and a member of the Budget Committee.
- V. Shall, with the approval of the Senate, together with the Superintendent/President and in accordance with Academic Standards and Practices, identify issues as they relate to Academic and Professional Matters, designate the appropriate committee or task force, and establish the membership

of that committee or task force.

- VI. Shall further preside at all regular and special meetings of the Senate and meetings of the Faculty Council.
- VII. Shall ensure that all meetings are conducted in accordance with rules formulated by the Senate, except that no Senate rules shall violate any provision of this Constitution or the Brown Act, nor shall any revision in the Senate rules take effect until the meeting following its approval. For the regular conduct of meetings, *Robert's Rules of Order, Revised*, shall be employed.

Vice President

- I. Shall serve a one-year term. May not be elected to serve more than four consecutive terms.
- II. Shall serve as Assistant to the President and fulfill the duties of the President in the President's absence or when that office shall fall vacant.
- III. Shall require that the President-Elect be elevated to President by the Senate at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate should a vacancy occur in the office of President of the Faculty Senate.
- IV. Shall require that a new President-Elect be elected by the Senate at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate should a vacancy occur in the office of President-Elect of the Faculty Senate.
- V. Shall serve as liaison to the Administrative Association, the Council of Classified Employees (CCE), the Confidential and Supervisory Team (CAST), the Palomar Faculty Federation (PFF), and the Associated Student Government (ASG).
- VI. Shall serve as a member on the Budget Committee.
- VII. Shall require that a new President be elected by the Senate at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate should a vacancy occur in the office of President of the Faculty Senate and if the President-Elect office is not held.

Secretary

- I. Shall serve a one-year term. May not be elected to serve more than four consecutive terms.
- II. Shall see that a permanent record of the proceedings of minutes is maintained.
- III. Shall provide for distribution of the minutes to members of the faculty.
- IV. Shall verify that a quorum is present at all meetings.

- V. Shall verify attendance of Senators and notify Senators if they are approaching the limitations in Article 4, Section 5, subsection III.
- VI. Shall conduct correspondence as directed by the President.
- VII. Shall bring to each meeting a complete record of the proceedings of the current academic year, a copy of the Constitution, a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, a copy of the Brown Act, and a copy of the Senate's formal actions.
- VIII. Shall keep a record of the term of office of each Senator and when it expires.
- IX. Shall keep a separate up-to-date list of all formal actions approved by the Senate.
- X. Shall keep a voting roster.
- XI. Shall keep a record of those faculty granted emeritus status.
- XII. Shall serve as a member on the Budget Committee.

Past President

- I. Shall serve on the Faculty Council, and as a member of the Faculty Senate, for the term of the succeeding president.
- II. Shall serve to help the President transition into their position.
- III. May serve as a designee for the President when mutually agreeable.
- IV. If the Past-President is unable or unwilling to continue in that role, the Faculty Senate shall elect a replacement from among the Senators who shall serve as the Past-President Designee to the Faculty Council. In the event that one-third or less of the term is remaining, the Senate may choose to not fill the vacated position.
- V. Shall serve as a member on the Budget Committee.

President-Elect

- I. Shall be elected from the Senators.
- II. Shall maintain all regular rights and privileges as a regular member of the Senate.
- III. Shall work with the current Senate President to train for the position of President and establish working relationships with other constituent bodies.

- IV. If the President-Elect is unable or unwilling to continue in that role, the Faculty Senate shall elect a replacement from among the Senators who shall serve the remainder of the term and subsequently assume the role of President.

SECTION 7: MEETINGS

The Senate shall meet at 2:30 p.m. each teaching Monday during the academic year, and at such special times as may be called by the Faculty Council or by written request of twenty-five percent of the Senate membership, or ten percent of the full-time, tenured and probationary faculty, or by ten percent of the Part-Time and Emeritus faculty.

All meetings of the Senate are open to all members of the Palomar community and to the public. No vote or motion shall be accepted after 3:50 p.m. unless a motion is passed to extend the time limit.

- A. A quorum consists of one more than one-half of the elected Senate membership.
- B. The Senate shall hold adjourned meetings at the discretion of the Senate President.
- C. During the summer, a quorum of the Senate shall consist of one more than one-half the number of Senators who state their summer availability at the last regular meeting of the Senate.
- D. Meetings of the Senate during the summer may be called at the discretion of the Senate President or by petition of a majority of available Senators.
- E. Agenda: Agenda items must be submitted to the Senate President by noon the Wednesday prior to each Senate meeting. The Senate President in consultation with the Council shall be responsible for the agenda.
- F. Voting: A simple majority of those present at any meeting having a quorum shall be accepted for passing a proposed agenda item. (This rule shall be subject to exception by a vote of those present.)
- G. Executive Session: Any Senator, any member of an involved committee, or any party to a personnel question may request an Executive Session. The Senate shall go into Executive Session unless such a session is opposed by a majority of those present. Executive Sessions are subject to requirements imposed by the Brown Act.
- H. Recusal: As a matter of professional practice, a Senator or a member of the faculty appointed by the Senate to a reassigned faculty position should voluntarily recuse themselves from any committee or situation in which a bias may exist as a result of personal or professional interest. Recusal by any Senator or faculty member on a particular matter because of concerns about impartiality

or conflict of interest does not reflect adversely on the Senator or faculty member. It is simply an acknowledgement that, in a complex and interconnected society such conflicts of interest may occur. Any conflict of opinion with regard to the appropriateness of the recusal of a Senator or faculty member shall be referred to the Professional Procedures Committee, which shall determine whether recusal is necessary and report back to the Senate.

- I. Minutes: The minutes shall come to the Senate for approval prior to distribution to the faculty at large.

SECTION 8: COMMITTEES

The Senate shall establish those standing and/or special committees that are necessary for the efficient conduct of its business.

- A. Membership on committees shall include both Senate and non-Senate faculty members. All Senate committee chairs must be Senators. All Senate sub-committees must meet at least once each semester with established meeting days/times published.
- B. The Committee on Committees shall solicit nominations for committee membership for Senate appointed representation.
- C. Faculty membership on all college committees shall be confirmed by the Senate except those designated to be appointed by the bargaining unit.
- D. Committee reports may be requested at the discretion of the Senate President. Senate Committee Chairs shall submit an end-of-year report to the Senate.
- E. When any committee report is being considered by the Senate, non-Senate members of the committee may be invited to be present during said discussion.
- F. The Senate shall have the power to dissolve a Senate committee by a vote of the Senate when it is believed that a committee is no longer needed.

SECTION 9: CODE OF ETHICS AS APPLIED TO THE FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senators have an obligation to the college and to their colleagues to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct. In recognition of this obligation, the Faculty Senate has promulgated the standards of ethical conduct for all faculty members as defined in Article 3 of this Constitution. Any alleged violation of the Ethics Code by a Senator or faculty member in their capacity as a Senator or as a faculty member appointed by the Senate to a reassigned faculty position shall be referred to the Professional Procedures Committee, which shall determine whether a violation has occurred. This determination shall be reported to the Senate in an open meeting. Any further action shall be initiated as defined in Article 2 of this Constitution.

SECTION 10: OPINION POLLING

- I. Whenever in the course of its business the Senate shall decide that a reasonable doubt exists as to the wishes of the faculty, it may direct its Committee on Elections to conduct a poll of all full-time and probationary faculty. Unless otherwise designated, those eligible to vote shall be full-time and probationary faculty.
- II. Further, a poll of all faculty or full-time and probationary faculty shall be taken on any subject, regardless of whether said subject has been considered by the Senate in the course of its deliberations, when requested by an appropriate petition as outlined in Article 2 and submitted to the President of the Senate.

SECTION 11: RIGHT OF PETITION OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Twenty-five percent of the Faculty Senate's current membership may, upon presentation of a signed petition to the Faculty Council, call for review, referendum, initiative, censure, or recall in the context of any issue, policy, question, or person elected by the Faculty Senate or appointed by the Senate to a reassigned faculty position.

If the Senate votes to proceed, such proceedings must be included on the agenda of the next regular meeting or special meeting and shall precede other new business. The proceedings shall be convened and conducted by the Senate's Professional Procedures Committee within ten days of the agenda announcement.

Action taken by the Faculty Senate under these proceedings shall require a simple majority in matters of review, referendum, or initiative, and a two-thirds (2/3) majority in matters of censure or recall.

SECTION 12: GRANTING OF EMERITUS STATUS

Emeritus Status shall be granted by formal action of the Faculty Senate to full-time faculty retiring from the District who served for at least twenty years as members of the faculty at Palomar College, with at least ten years of service as a full-time faculty member.

Emeritus Status may be granted to full-time faculty with at least fifteen years' service to Palomar College provided they receive a majority of the votes cast by the Faculty Senate of Palomar College and meet one or more of the criteria listed below:

- I. Served on the Faculty Senate for at least two years.
- II. Served for a total of four years on one or more Faculty Senate Committees.
- III. Served for a total of six years on any other active (meets at least four times per academic year) college committee.
- IV. Has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to students and the discipline as evidenced by nomination by five faculty members and a review by an ad hoc

committee of the Faculty Senate.

- V. Five years of service as a Part-Time faculty member at Palomar College.

For the purpose of Emeritus Policy, sabbatical leaves and other leaves of absence are not counted as a break in service when determining eligibility. An individual who has been granted Emeritus Status at Palomar College shall be honored at the graduation ceremonies following the granting of this status and listed by name as Faculty Emeritus in the College Catalog.

ARTICLE 5: THE FACULTY COUNCIL

- I. The Faculty Council consists of five members: the Faculty Senate President, the Faculty Senate Vice President, the Faculty Senate Secretary, the Past President of the Senate, and one Senator who is appointed by the Senate body for a term of one year on Council.
- II. The Faculty Council shall have weekly meetings during the academic year at a time determined by the Council and shall meet with Senate and Governance Committees as it sees fit or as directed by the Senate or the governance structure.
- III. The Faculty Council duties include:
 - a. Advising the Faculty Senate President on matters coming before the Senate and reviewing the agenda prior to each meeting.
 - b. Planning for the presentation and selection of Faculty Senate Awards (Faculty Service Award, Margie Ruzich Gift of Time Award, Scholarly and Professional Achievement Award, etc.)
 - c. Planning a Faculty Senate retreat each year.
 - d. Planning for faculty social events (examples include the Faculty Achievement Celebration of Excellence, joint events with PFF, new faculty orientations, etc.)
 - e. Reviewing release time available to the Senate under the CBA and bringing suggestions for distribution to the Senate. Decisions about release time will be discussed in the spring of each year to be effective for the following school year. No one Senator can make unilateral decisions about distribution or allocation of release time.
 - f. Reviewing petitions for review, referendum, initiative, censure or recall (see Article 2).
 - g. Calling for additional meetings of the Senate (see Article 4, Section 7).

- h. Polling the faculty and gathering information on issues relevant to Senate (see Article 4, Section 10).

ARTICLE 6: CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

I. COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

The Faculty Council shall appoint a Committee on Constitutional Review, consisting of three members of the Senate. The committee shall conduct, with the advice of the membership of Senate, a continuing examination of this Constitution and report from time to time any recommendation for the improvement of the document.

II. AMENDING PROCESS

Changes to the Constitution are recommended by the Committee on Constitutional Review to the Senate, and then distributed to the faculty for a vote. The provisions of this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of full-time and probationary faculty in an electronic or mail ballot. Reviews to update names of committees and/or councils, to address grammar issues, or to correct inconsistencies and/or factual errors require the Senate to be informed but do not need to be ratified by a vote of the Faculty.

III. DISCUSSION OF CHANGES

The Faculty Council shall provide adequate discussion opportunities on proposed Constitutional changes before an electronic or mail ballot is sent out to full-time and probationary faculty for ratification.

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