

Resolution 2025.11.3: Proposed Changes – San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution: Duckles

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Whereas, Duties of the Academic Senate Executive Committee include proposing amendments to the Senate Constitution, Bylaws, or the Senate Rules in accordance with state and local governance as appropriate; and

Whereas, Amendments to Senate Constitution may be adopted during regular Senate meetings, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Senators present at the regular meeting, given that the proposed amendments have been previously presented; and be it therefore

Resolved that the following amendments to the Academic Senate Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules be ratified:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - OFFICERS:

A. The officers of the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee shall be:

1. President
2. President Elect or Immediate Past President
3. Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Senator-at-Large (Two Positions)
7. Adjunct Senator-at-Large
8. Faculty Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
9. Faculty Chair of the Committee of Chairs (COC)
10. Faculty Chair of the Professional Advancement Committee (PAC)
11. Faculty Co-Chair of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Committee
12. Faculty Co-Chair of the Curriculum Review Committee (CRC)
13. Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee (PRC)

SECTION 3 - ELECTIONS:

F. Eligibility:

1. President Elect:
 - a. Any member of the Faculty who would be tenured at the beginning of the term and is eligible for election to the Senate shall be eligible for nomination for the office of President.
 - One-year term as President Elect
 - Two-year term as President
 - One-year term as Immediate Past President
2. Vice President:
 - a. Any member of the Faculty who would be tenured at the beginning of the term and is eligible for election to the Senate shall be eligible for nomination to the office of Vice President.

3. Secretary/Treasurer/Senator at Large:
 - a. Any active tenured/tenure-track member of the Faculty eligible for election to the Senate shall be eligible for nomination to the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Senator at Large.
4. Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee (PRC)
 - a. Any member of the Faculty who would be tenured at the beginning of the term and is eligible for election to the Senate shall be eligible to serve as Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee

SECTION 4 – TERMS OF SERVICE:

- A. The President shall serve a two-year term:
 1. The President shall serve as Immediate Past President for an additional year after his/her term ends.
 - a. The Immediate Past President shall not be eligible for another elective office during his/her term.
- B. The President Elect shall be elected in the spring semester and serve a one-year term at the start of the following fall semester before taking office as President.
- C. The Vice President shall be elected the year before the President Elect becomes President and serve a two-year term coinciding with that of the President.
- D. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for two year terms and continue to serve as long as they are re- elected, without any term limits.
- E. The two Senators- at -Large shall be elected for two-year terms in alternating years.
- F. The Adjunct Senator at Large will serve the same term of service, under the same conditions, as the Senators Representing Adjunct Faculty/Adjunct Faculty Representatives on the Senate.
- G. The Faculty Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty members of the committee.
- H. The Faculty Chair of the Committee of Chairs (COC) shall be elected for a two- year term by committee members from the pool of outgoing, continuing and newly elected Department Chairs.
 1. No person shall serve in this position for more than two consecutive terms.
 2. Anyone completing their first term as Chair of Chairs is eligible to run for a second term.
- I. The Faculty Chair of the Professional Advancement Committee (PAC) shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty members of the committee
- J. The Faculty Co-Chair of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Committee shall be elected for a three-year term by the Faculty members of the committee.
- K. The Faculty Co-Chair of the Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty members of the committee.
- L. The Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee (PRC) shall be elected for a two-year term by the Faculty members of the committee.

ARTICLE V – SENATORS

SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY:

- A. All Senators who represent departments shall be Faculty members with at least one year teaching or other experience at Mesa College.
- B. All Faculty members are eligible to serve as Senators with the exception of Faculty with special temporary assignments.

- C. Faculty members on Sabbatical Leave or a Leave of Absence are not eligible.
- D. **Only adjunct faculty may serve as Adjunct Faculty Representatives in the Senate**

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 8 – ADJUNCT SENATOR-AT-LARGE:

It shall be the duty of the Adjunct Senator-at-Large to:

- A. Represent Adjunct Faculty as a whole on the Senate Executive Committee.**
- B. Investigate and report on issues and items that do not fall under the purview of the Senate’s Standing Committees, particularly as they relate to adjunct faculty.**
- C. Serve on the Committee on Committees.**

SECTION 9 – FACULTY CHAIR OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

It shall be the duty of the Faculty Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee to:

- A. Chair the Academic Affairs Committee.
- B. Represent the Senate on all appropriate district-level committees dealing with Instruction.
- C. Serve as a representative of the Senate at President’s Cabinet meetings.
- D. Serve as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

SECTION 10 – FACULTY CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE OF CHAIRS (COC):

It shall be the duty of the Faculty Chair of the Committee of Chairs to:

- A. Represent all Department Chairs at Academic Senate meetings, the District Governance Council and any other District or College meetings deemed appropriate or as assigned by the Senate President.
- B. Schedule and chair one or two meetings each month throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- C. Keep the Senate informed about inter-departmental and cross-disciplinary issues.
- D. Serve as a representative of the Senate at President’s Cabinet meetings.
- E. Serve on the Committee on Committees.

SECTION 11 - FACULTY CHAIR OF THE PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE (PAC):

It shall be the duty of the Chair of the Professional Development Committee to:

- A. Chair Professional Development Committee meetings throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- B. Serve as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

SECTION 12 – FACULTY CO-CHAIR OF THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) COMMITTEE:

It shall be the duty of the Faculty Co-Chair of the CTE Committee to:

- A. Serve as the CTE Liaison representing San Diego Mesa College at the Academic Senate for CA Community Colleges (ASCCC) Level (attend the CTE Leadership Institute)
- B. Attend the Region 10 CTE Meetings
- C. Serve as a Member of the Academic Senate - CTE Representative
- D. Serve as a Member of the Senate Executive Committee
- E. Serve as the link between the CTE Committee and the SWF Committee

SECTION 13 – FACULTY CO-CHAIR OF THE CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE:

It shall be the duty of the Co-Chair of the Curriculum Review Committee to:

- A. Co-Chair the Curriculum Review Committee with the Vice President of Instruction.
- B. Serve as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

SECTION 14 – FACULTY CO-CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE:

It shall be the duty of the Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee to:

- A. Co-Chair the Program Review Committee with the Administrative and Classified Co-Chairs.
- B. Serve as a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

SECTION 15 – FACULTY CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS:

It shall be the duty of the Chair of the Committee on Elections to:

- A. Chair the Committee on Elections and serve a two-year rotation term as outlined by Article I, Section 5. Subsection D.
- B. Provide assistance in the recruitment of faculty to serve on the Committee on Elections
- C. Report election results to the Senate Executive Committee in a timely manner
- D. Report opinion poll results to the Senate Executive Committee as outlined by Article VI, Section 8. Subsection C

ARTICLE II - SENATE COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Composition:

- A. The Composition of the Senate Executive Committee shall be:
 - 1. President
 - 2. President Elect (Alternating Years)
 - 3. Vice President
 - 4. Immediate Past President (Alternating Years)
 - 5. Secretary
 - 6. Treasurer
 - 7. Senators at Large (Two Positions)
 - 8. Adjunct Senator at Large
 - 9. Faculty Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee
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 - 13. Faculty Co-Chair of the Curriculum Review Committee (CRC)
 - 14. Faculty Co-Chair of the Program Review Committee

SECTION 6 - COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

Composition:

- 1. The Academic Senate Vice President serving as the committee Chair.
- 2. The Senate Secretary
- 3. The Two (2) Senators at Large
- 4. The Adjunct Senator at Large
- 5. The Faculty Chair of the Committee of Chairs

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