



Resolution 2021.2.1 – Proposed Constitutional Changes (Committee Assignments): Academic Affairs Committee

Move: Allbee

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Amendments to the Academic Senate Constitution Spring 2021

During the Fall Semester the Senate Executive Committee asked the Academic Affairs Committee to review the Constitution in regard to committee assignments and appointments with the intention of clarifying the process. In response to this request the Academic Affairs recommends the following five (5) changes:

1. Proposed Changes to Article 1: Section 3 of Academic Senate Constitution

Proposal: Amend the Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution to clarify committee appointment process by changing the text in I.3.D as indicated below and by adding 1.3.E and 1.3.F as indicated below

Original Text:

ARTICLE I - COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

SECTION 3 - FACULTY APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES:

- A. Faculty serving on District, College or any other committees shall be appointed by the Academic Senate under Title 5, Section 53203 (f) of the Education Code.
- B. The Committee on Committees shall maintain continuous and permanent records of all participatory governance committees, Academic Senate standing committees, subcommittees, ad hoc committees and District committee services by all Faculty members.
- C. Department and Program Chairs shall maintain records of departmental and/or program committees including hiring committees.
- D. All committee appointments should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee on Committees.

Proposed Changes

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- D. All committee *assignments by the Senate, the Senate Executive Committee or the Senate's Committee on Committees* should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee on Committees *in reference to Article II, Section 6, Subsection B, 2.*
- E. *Senate committees with unresolved appointment disputes or conflicts should forward the concern to the Senate Executive Committee.*
- F. *The Senate Executive Committee may overrule a committee's appointment by majority vote after deliberation.*

2. Proposed Changes to Article I: Section 5.C.

Proposal: Amend Article I, Section 5.C of the Academic Senate Constitution to clarify committee appointment process by including text in I.5.C.2 as indicated below; and add I.5.C.5 as indicated below

Original Text:

ARTICLE I – COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

SECTION 5 – OPERATION OF SENATE COMMITTEES:

- C. It is the intention of the Academic Senate is to have as many Faculty members involved in the work of the Academic Senate as possible:
3. The Chair of the Committee on Committees shall circulate a list of the current committee vacancies among the Faculty, as they occur.
 4. Faculty members may request an appointment to serve on a College or District committee, taskforce, or any other group dealing with Academic and Professional matters by notifying the Chair of the Committee on Committees.
 5. Terms of service for committee membership will be three-years unless otherwise indicated in the directive of the committee.
 - a. The Chair of the Committee on Committees may appoint committee members to additional three-year terms.
 - b. No more than one-half (1/2) of a committee's membership should be changed during any academic year in order to maintain continuity of the committee's work.
 - 4 Faculty members who wish to serve on Departmental committees must obtain permission from their Department Chairs.
 - a. The Department Chairs will forward the requests to the Committee on Committees.
 - b. Appointments to serve on Departmental Committees are not governed by the three-year term limit stated in Article I, Section 5, Subsection C, item 3 of the Senate Rules.

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1. The Chair of the Committee on Committees shall circulate a list of the current committee vacancies among the Faculty, as they occur.
 2. Faculty members may request an appointment to serve on a College or District committee, taskforce, or any other group dealing with Academic and Professional matters by notifying the Chair of the Committee on Committees. *The Committee on Committees shall vote to confirm or deny the appointment; or delegate the assignment to the Senate or the Senate Executive Committee in reference to Article I, Section 4, Subsection A, 2.*
 3. Terms of service for committee membership will be three-years unless otherwise indicated in the directive of the committee.
 - a. The Chair of the Committee on Committees may appoint committee members to additional three-year terms.
 - b. No more than one-half (1/2) of a committee's membership should be changed during any academic year in order to maintain continuity of the committee's work.
 4. Faculty members who wish to serve on Departmental committees must obtain permission from their Department Chairs.
 - a. The Department Chairs will forward the requests to the Committee on Committees.
 - b. Appointments to serve on Departmental Committees are not governed by the three-year term limit stated in Article I, Section 5, Subsection C, item 3 of the Senate Rules.
 - 5. Committee re-assignments and approvals may be granted by the Academic Senate Executive Committee in reference to Article I, Section 3, Subsections E and F.*

3. Proposed Changes to Article I. Section 5.D

Proposal: Amend the Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution Article I.5.D in the following way:

Original Text:

ARTICLE I – COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE

SECTION 5 – OPERATION OF SENATE COMMITTEES:

D. Selection of Committee Chairs:

1. Selection and rotation of the Chair of a given committee shall be voted on by the committee and ratified by the Senate Executive Committee.
 - a. The Chair will serve a two-year term.
 - b. No Faculty member can serve more than two consecutive terms as Chair without a vote equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the current committee membership.
 - c. In the event that a committee does not currently have a Chair, the President Elect or Vice President of the Senate will act as Chair pro tem until a new Chair is selected.
 - d. A committee may remove its Chair by a simple majority vote of its active members.
2. The Senate will advise the committee if further actions need to be taken.
3. When a Chair resigns or is removed by a committee:
 - a. The committee may elect a Chair pro tem prior to notifying the Senate of the action taken.
 - The Senate will advise the committee if further actions need to be taken

Proposed Changes:

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 - a. The Chair will serve a two-year term.
 - b. No Faculty member can serve more than two consecutive terms as Chair without a vote equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the current committee membership.
 - c. Chairs shall be current members of the committee for at least one semester immediately prior to being elected to the positions.*
 - d. In the event that a committee does not currently have a Chair, the President Elect or Vice President of the Senate will act as Chair pro tem until a new Chair is selected.

4. Proposed Changes to Article II. Section 1.B

Proposal: Amend the Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution Article II. Section 1.B by adding the following item:

13. Address inconsistencies, disagreements, or special considerations relating to committee appointments as brought forward by the Senators at Large on behalf of their constituents.

5. Proposed Changes to Article IV. Section 3

Proposal: Amend the Mesa College Academic Senate Constitution Article IV.3.F.12 in the following way:

Original Text

12. Elected officers may not serve while on a Leave of Absence or Sabbatical

Proposed Change

12. Elected officers *may not serve* while *in non-faculty administrative roles*, on a Leave of Absence, or on Sabbatical.

Presented to the Academic Senate: February 8, 2021

Approved by the Academic Senate: March 15, 2021

The votes are delineated on the following page:

Approve:

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