

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE  
CLASSIFIED SENATE

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the Classified Senate of San Diego Mesa College (“Senate”).

Article II: Purpose

- 2.1 The Classified Senate shall represent all classified professionals of San Diego Mesa College within the shared governance structure and decision-making process of the College. The purpose includes, but is not limited to the following:
- A. Provide the classified professionals with a participatory voice in shared governance supporting the Mesa’s mission, vision and core values, and participation in the initiation, development, and evaluation of District policy, and procedures
  - B. To represent the issues and concerns of classified professionals in all aspects of governance and decision-making on matters that are not related to collective bargaining and contract negotiations.
  - C. To support the professionalism of classified professionals.
  - D. To encourage individual leadership, contribution, and development among the members of classified professionals.
  - E. To make informed classified professionals available for decision-making within the democratic processes of Mesa College and the San Diego Community College District.
  - F. To provide a centralized method of communicating between classified professionals and other areas of the College.
  - G. To collect and disseminate information of interest to classified professionals.
  - H. To represent the interest of the classified staff in all matters before any policy making committee or governing body of the College.

Article III: Memberships

- 3.1 The San Diego Mesa College Classified Senate shall consist of all classified professionals. For the purpose of this constitution, the term “Classified Professionals” shall mean employees designated by the district to be contract-classified employees including positions that have been designated confidential and supervisory.
- 3.2 The Classified Senate shall consist of:
- A. Voting Members
    - 1. The Executive Council
      - a. President

- b. Vice President
- c. Senate Manager
- d. Treasurer
- e. Member at Large

2. Senators

- a. Administrative Services (2)
- b. Instruction (2)
- c. Student Services (2)
- d. Executive Offices (1)

B. Non-Voting Members

- 1. Immediate Past President
- 2. AFT Liaison
- 3. Ad Hoc Positions (e.g., Outreach, Evening, Communications, Social Media, Elections)

- 3.3 Elections for these offices shall be held in accordance with the specific provisions of the bylaws of this constitution.
- 3.4 Appointment to office must follow the procedures set forth in the bylaws of this constitution and current policies and procedures of the Classified Senate.
- 3.5 Vacancies in office must follow the procedures set forth in the bylaws of this constitution and current policies and procedures of the Classified Senate.
- 3.6 President Elect position will expire June 30, 2019.

Article IV: Bylaws

- 4.1 All matters not covered in this Constitution and those matters requiring further interpretation or elaboration shall be referred to the By-Laws.

Article V: Parliamentary Procedure

- 5.1 Unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws , Robert’s Rules of Order or Consensus Vote shall apply at all Senate meetings as proposed by the incoming President and ratified by a super majority of the voting membership

Article VI: Amendments

- 6.1 Amendments to this constitution shall be approved only at a regular Senate meeting of the Classified Senate and by a two-third’s vote of the members present.
- 6.2 Amendments to the bylaws may be enacted, rescinded, or amended only at a regular meeting of the Classified Senate and by a two-thirds vote of the members present.