

San José State University
Academic Senate
Organization and Government Committee
November 21, 2016
Final Reading

AS 1634

Constitutional Amendment

Modification of Senate Constitution Related to Membership

Legislative History: Modifies article II, section 2 of the constitution of the Academic Senate. The amendment would remove from the representatives of the administration the position of Vice President for Advancement and add the Chief Diversity Officer.

Whereas: Periodic examination of the needs of the senate for robust collaboration and communication with the administration along with the changing roles and responsibilities of administrative positions over time are important, and

Whereas: A new Chief Diversity Officer for SJSU has been appointed, and

Whereas: Opportunities to connect with and receive information from the Vice President for Advancement can be achieved without the necessity of a designated seat on the Senate, therefore be it

Resolved That article II, section 2 of the Senate's constitution be modified as follows:

Article II, Section 2. Administration representatives shall consist of the President, the Provost, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, ~~Vice President for Advancement~~, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and Chief Diversity Officer, ex officio; and four (4) academic deans, at least two of whom shall be deans of colleges, elected by the academic deans for staggered two-year terms.

Rationale: This modification is recommended in light of the demands on the time of the Vice President for Advancement being predominantly external. The linkage for the Senate to the person in this position may be best achieved through targeted communication and reporting to the Senate and Executive Committee. In addition, the Senate and the new Chief Diversity Officer will benefit significantly from direct participation of the person in this role with the Senate.

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Present: Laker, Curry, Shifflett, Rajkovic, Higgins, Ormsbee,
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Absent: None

Financial Impact: None expected

Workload Impact: No change from current situation.