Policy Recommendation
Amendment to Senate Constitution Regarding Administrative Representatives

Legislative History: This proposal, if subsequently approved by the full faculty, would modify the Senate’s constitution related to administrative representatives by adding the Senior Director, Faculty Affairs, a staff member, and Vice President for Research and Innovation.

Whereas: Administrative and structural changes at SJSU call for a reconsideration of administrative representatives to the Senate; and

Whereas: Representation from the office of research and innovation is important; and

Whereas: Update of the constitution is needed so the membership section is focused on representatives, leaving procedural matters to Senate Bylaws; therefore be it

Resolved: That Article II, section 2 of the Senate Constitution pertaining to administrative representatives be amended as follows:

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Administration representatives shall consist of the President, the Provost, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the Chief Diversity Officer, the Senior Director of Faculty Affairs, the Vice President for Research and Innovation, all ex officio; and two four (4) academic college deans. at least two of whom shall be deans of colleges, elected by the academic deans for staggered two-year terms.

Rationale: This modification allows for the appointment of administrators to the Senate whose expertise would be particularly valuable in the context of the University’s changing needs over time without increasing the number of administrative representatives. Historically, substantive benefits to the Senate have been realized due to the fact that our Senate is an Academic Senate inclusive of administrative representatives who can be engaged in discussions at the starting point regarding the formulation of university policy proposals. Adding the Vice President for Research and Innovation


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and Senior Director of Faculty Affairs, as well as removing the constraint of ‘academic’ deans, highlights the Senate’s need for collaboration with individuals engaged in a wide range of leadership responsibilities.

The change also keeps this section of the constitution focused on membership.

Approved: 10/21/19
Vote: 9-0-0
Present: Altura, French, Gallo, Grosvenor, Higgins, Jackson, McClory, Okamoto, Shifflett
Absent: Millora, Korani

Financial Impact: None
Workload Impact: None