F16-5, University Policy, Modification of The Senate Constitution Related to Membership

Amends: Senate Constitution Article II, Section 2

Legislative History: At its meeting of November 21, 2016, the Academic Senate passed the following constitutional amendment presented by Senator Shifflett for the Organization and Government Committee (39-0-0). This amendment was then sent to the faculty for ratification. On December 12, 2016, the faculty of the SJSU campus approved this constitutional amendment (108-8-1). This amendment modifies article II, section 2 of the constitution of the Academic Senate. The amendment removes from the representatives of the administration on the Senate the position of Vice President for University Advancement, and adds the Chief Diversity Officer.

Approved and signed by President Mary A. Papazian on January 10, 2017.

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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.

Approved: 12-0-0
Date: 10-7-16
Present: Laker, Curry, Shifflett, Rajkovic, Higgins, Ormsbee, Boekema, Bailey, Grosvenor, Hart, Tran, Bailey
Absent: None
Financial Impact: None expected
Workload Impact: No change from current situation.

Campus-wide Faculty Vote:
Date: 12-12-16
Approved: 108-8-1