

1 San Jose State University  
2 Academic Senate  
3 Organization and Government Committee  
4 March 7, 2016  
5 Final Reading  
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AS 1599

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8 **Policy Recommendation**  
9 **Committee Obligations & Senate Membership**  
10 **(modification of bylaw 1.6.2)**

11 Legislative History: Modification of existing By-law 1.6.2  
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13 Whereas: The full engagement of senators in committee assignments is  
14 inextricably linked to their participation on the senate, and  
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16 Whereas: Senate by-laws clearly establish expectations and standards for  
17 attendance, and  
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19 Whereas: The primary responsibilities of the senate have been and remain  
20 the development of policy recommendations which requires the  
21 participation of senators on assigned committees, and  
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23 Whereas: Clarification regarding the connection between committee  
24 responsibilities and senate service is needed, therefore be it  
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26 Resolved: That Senate bylaw 1.6.2 be modified as noted in this policy  
27 recommendation.  
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30 Rationale: Upon election to the senate, each senator is assigned to a policy  
31 committee. In fact, by senate bylaws (6.10) the senate seeks to make  
32 appointments so that at least half of the members are members of the Senate.  
33 Without the full participation of senators on senate-assigned committees, the  
34 senate cannot effectively fulfill its primary responsibility which is the consideration  
35 and development of policy recommendations. Senators not meeting their  
36 committee obligations are neglecting their Senate responsibilities and  
37 replacement of a senator in such circumstances is in the best interests of the  
38 Senate.  
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41 Approved: 3/1/16

42 Vote: 9-0-0

43 Present: Mathur, Shifflett, Beyersdorf, Becker, Laker, Curry,  
44 Grosvenor, Romero, Gleixner

45 Absent: None

46 Financial Impact: None expected

47 Workload Impact: No changes

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49 Recommended changes:

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51 1.6.2

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53 a) Vacancies are created by

54 1) resignation or recall from the Senate,

55 2) termination of employment,

56 3) removal from the senate as a result of being absent from 3 Senate

57 meetings in an academic year,

58 4) removal from a policy committee as a result of being absent from 3

59 regularly scheduled policy committee meetings,

60 5) removal from a policy committee due to failure to perform assigned

61 policy committee duties as determined by the Executive Committee of the

62 Senate in consultation with the policy committee chair,

63 6) leave, with or without pay, which covers more than one semester,

64 7) appointment to a full-time administrative (Management Personnel Plan)

65 position,

66 8) assumption of the role of Academic Senate Chair, or

67 9) no candidate files for a vacant seat

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69 b) When a Senate seat is vacated, the associated seat on that senator's

70 assigned policy committee would become vacant.

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