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7 **Policy Recommendation**  
8 **Modification of Bylaw 2.2 Pertaining to the Term Length for**  
9 **Senate Chair**

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11 Legislative History: Modifies bylaw 2.22 sections a, b, c, and d which pertain to the term  
12 of the Academic Senate Chair.

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14 Whereas: The Senate Chair regularly puts forth a proposal to extend her/his term at  
15 the first regular meeting of the Senate in spring semester preceding the  
16 policy committee reports, and

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18 Whereas: The Senate regularly agrees to the proposal for extension and has done  
19 so for nearly two decades, therefore be it

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21 Resolved That sections a, b, c, and d of bylaw 2.22 be modified as provided in this  
22 policy recommendation, and be it further

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24 Resolved: That implementation would commence with the next election of a Vice  
25 Chair of the Senate.

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28 Rationale: This modification updates current bylaws in a way that recognizes the  
29 historical record of actions in the Senate with respect to extending the term of the Chair  
30 to two years. This modification furthers effective leadership through providing stability at  
31 the outset with regard to the length of service of the Senate Chair. A Senate chair who  
32 is incoming for two years can potentially engage in more effective long-term planning,  
33 provide more stability, and also contribute from a more stable position to the success of  
34 the SJSU campus.

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37 Approved: 12/7/16

38 Vote: 9-0-1

39 Present: Hart, Grosvenor, Laker, Shifflett, Curry, Boylan-Ashraf,  
40 Higgins, Rajkovic, Ormsbee, Boekema

41 Absent: Tran, Bailey

42 Financial Impact: None expected

43 Workload Impact: No change from current situation.

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47 Modification to bylaw 2.22

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49 2.2 Election Procedures for Senate Officers

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51 2.21 Senate officers, other than the Chair, Past Chair and Faculty-at-Large  
52 Representative, shall be elected from the faculty members of the Senate annually for  
53 one-year terms. Nominees for Chair of Professional Standards must be tenured full  
54 professors.

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56 a) The Chair will serve for a term of two years.

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58 b) The Vice Chair will be elected for a term of two years and automatically succeed to  
59 the office of Chair at the adjournment of the last Senate meeting of the spring semester  
60 in which the Chair's term ends. If the Chair serves for one year, the vice chair will  
61 succeed the chair at that time and begin his/her two-year term. In such a case an  
62 election will be held to elect a new vice chair, and the term of the new vice chair will be  
63 two years. If a Chair leaves their position mid-year, the vice chair will assume the duties  
64 of the chair and begin their term as chair at the conclusion of that academic year. In  
65 this case an election in the spring semester will be needed to select a new vice chair  
66 whose term will be two years.

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68 c) The Chair, at the conclusion of their term will serve for one year as Past Chair. In  
69 alternate years, as needed, when there will be no past chair, a faculty-at-large  
70 representative shall be elected at the end of spring semester to fill the Past Chair's  
71 position on the Executive Committee for the following year. The Past Chair (or faculty-  
72 at-large) representative on the Executive Committee will serve as the Senate's  
73 representative on the Library Board.

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75 d) No chair shall serve for more than two years in succession.

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