

1 San José State University
2 Academic Senate
3 Organization and Government Committee
4 November 18, 2019
5 Final Reading

AS 1750

6 **Policy Recommendation**
7 **Amendment to Senate Constitution Regarding Administrative**
8 **Representatives**
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10 Legislative History: This proposal, if subsequently approved by the full faculty, would
11 modify the Senate's constitution related to administrative representatives by adding the
12 Senior Director, Faculty Affairs, a staff member, and Vice President for Research and
13 Innovation.

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

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18 Whereas: Representation from the office of research and innovation is important;
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21 Whereas: Update of the constitution is needed so the membership section is focused
22 on representatives, leaving procedural matters to Senate Bylaws;
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25 Resolved: That Article II, section 2 of the Senate Constitution pertaining to
26 administrative representatives be amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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53 Approved: 10/21/19

54 Vote: 9-0-0

55 Present: Altura, French, Gallo, Grosvenor, Higgins, Jackson, McClory,
56 Okamoto, Shifflett

57 Absent: Millora, Korani

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59 Financial Impact: None

60 Workload Impact: None

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