

1 **SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY**  
2 **Academic Senate**  
3 **Organization and Government Committee**  
4 **May 9, 2022**  
5 **Final Reading**  
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**AS 1832**

7 **SENATE MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION**  
8 **Update of the Standing Rules of the Academic Senate**  
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10 **Amends: Senate Standing Rules**  
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12 **Rationale:**

13 The SJSU community is now emerging from the disruption caused by the global  
14 COVID-19 pandemic. For the last two years the Academic Senate, like many SJSU  
15 units, suspended its in-person activities and, with the ongoing support of its members,  
16 conducted its business remotely. Now, however, we anticipate the resumption of our  
17 community's post-pandemic operations.  
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19 The topic of meeting modality, which was discussed at the Spring 2022 Senate Retreat  
20 (a brief summary of which is included on the final page of this document), was helpful in  
21 surfacing two main tenets of Senators' experiences: that it is important to honor  
22 cherished and impactful traditions of the Senate; likewise, that it is important that the  
23 Senate as an organization be responsive and adaptable to the times. In considering  
24 how the Senate Standing Rules handle meeting modality, we recognize the implications  
25 not simply for attendance but also, more importantly, on Senators' active participation in  
26 and deep engagement with the work of the Senate as carried out through its meetings.  
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28 In careful consideration of our current and future Senators' experiences and needs, and  
29 in keeping with the Senate's mission to provide for effective participation and  
30 deliberation by the academic community in the formulation of governing policies for our  
31 university, we therefore recommend that Item 17 Section g of the Standing Rules be  
32 updated and that the updates contained herein be adopted once passed by the Senate.  
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36 **Senate Management Resolution**  
37 **Recommended Updates to Senate Standing Rules**  
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39 **Item 17 Committee Meetings and Minutes, Section g Remote Attendance**  
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41 1) Academic Senate:

42 Any action taken by the Academic Senate requires a quorum of members in  
43 attendance. The Senate Chair shall determine the modality (including remote attendance  
44 where appropriate) utilizing an advisory poll of the Senate members at large, and  
45 seeking consensus among the members of the Executive Committee of the Senate.  
46 Such decisions shall be guided by current conditions; available resources; the needs of  
47 Academic Senate members; and the efficacy of the meeting modality for facilitating the  
48 Academic Senate's work.  
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50 2) Executive Committee of the Senate:

51 Any action taken by the Executive Committee requires a quorum of members in  
52 attendance. The Senate Chair shall determine the modality (including remote  
53 attendance where appropriate) after seeking consensus among the members of the  
54 Executive Committee of the Senate. Such decisions shall be guided by current  
55 conditions; available resources; the needs of Academic Senate members; and the  
56 efficacy of the meeting modality for facilitating the Academic Senate's work.  
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58 3) Policy Committees:

59 Any action taken by the Policy Committee requires a quorum of members in attendance.  
60 The Policy Committee Chair shall confirm the modality (including remote attendance  
61 where appropriate) after achieving consensus among the members of that policy  
62 committee. Such decisions shall be guided by current conditions; available resources;  
63 the needs of Academic Senate members; and the efficacy of the meeting modality for  
64 facilitating the Academic Senate's work.  
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66 4) All Other Committees:

67 Any action taken by the committee requires a quorum of members in attendance.  
68 The Committee Chair shall confirm the modality (including remote attendance where  
69 appropriate) after achieving consensus among the members of that committee. Such  
70 decisions shall be guided by current conditions; available resources; the needs of  
71 Academic Senate members; and the efficacy of the meeting modality for facilitating the  
72 Academic Senate's work.  
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75 **Approved:** DATE

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77 **Vote:** 10-0-0

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79 **Present:** Andreopoulos, Baur, Hart, Higgins, Jochim, Kataoka, Millora, Muñoz-  
80 Muñoz, Tian, Zhao  
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82 **Absent:** Sandoval-Rios

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84 **Financial impact:** None anticipated.

85 **Workload impact:** None anticipated.

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**Senators' input on modality, collected at 2022 Senate Retreat**

<b>Modality</b>	<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
<b>in person</b>	Sense of community, togetherness Ability to have in-person side conversations Can see how others vote	Reduced body language Difficult to have side convos Seating hierarchy of the physical room Not all seats are good Accessibility & barriers to attendance
<b>online synchronous (via Zoom)</b>	Easy to see each speaker Can clearly hear speakers Ease of participation More equal participation Enhancement of chat feature	Votes have become secret Less personal Technology & equity issues
<b>hybrid</b>	Allows for choice Maximally accessible	Concern about differential treatment Difficult to facilitate