

**POLICY RECOMMENDATION**  
**Modification of the Senate Constitution Related to Powers  
and Responsibilities (Timely Responses to Senate  
Resolutions and Policies)**

**RATIONALE**

At the [January 2023 plenary of the Academic Senate of the California State University \(ASCSU\)](#), policy AS-3584-22/FA “Establishing Timely Responses to Campus Senate Resolutions and Policies” was presented for a second reading and subsequently approved (i.e. passed) by that body.

The intention of AS-3584-22/FA, as stated in its preamble, is to “recognize and reaffirm the rights and responsibilities of CSU faculty via their campus senates;” improve faculty “cooperation with the campus administration;” and ensure “timely communication from the President regarding resolutions and policies passed by the campus senate.”

Specifically, AS-3584-22/FA calls on all senates of the CSU to clarify the processes by which resolutions and policies passed by those senates are handled once they have been sent on for presidential review. To this end, AS-3584-22/FA recommends that,

“where a presidential signature is required on resolutions or policies, to establish within [the senate’s] constitution or bylaws, *a timely deadline not to exceed sixty calendar days* for presidential responses to curricular and academic policy related resolutions and policies passed by the campus senate, beyond which deadline such legislative resolutions and policies shall be considered enacted and in force;” and that

“each campus senate [should] require all presidential vetoes to include a rationale that is reported to the Senate and accessible to the campus community.”

Considering this, and given that the Constitution of SJSU’s Academic Senate is not sufficiently clear on these points, O&G therefore recommends that Article IV (Powers and Responsibilities) Section 2 of our senate’s [Constitution](#) be amended as described herein.

## ARTICLE IV -- POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Section 2.** Upon passage by the Academic Senate, proposed policies and procedures shall be submitted to the President of the University for consideration and action **to be taken within a deadline of sixty calendar days after receipt.** Those **policies and procedures that are** approved by the President **within this deadline** become official University Policy and will be implemented as soon as ~~practicable~~ **feasible.** ~~The President will report to the Senate promptly on those proposed measures of which he or she does not approve.~~ **Policies and procedures that are vetoed by the President shall include a rationale that is reported back to the Senate in writing and made accessible to the larger campus community within this deadline. In the absence of any presidential response within this deadline, the proposed policies and procedures will be considered automatically approved and will go into effect as soon as feasible.**

**Approved:** March 6, 2023

**Vote:** 8-0-0

**Present:** Andreopoulos, Baur, Hart, Herrlin, Higgins, Jochim, Lee, Tan

**Absent:** Han, Muñoz-Muñoz

**Financial impact:** None anticipated.

**Workload impact:** The changes proposed here require that presidential vetoes be accompanied by a written rationale within the given deadline. This would disambiguate expectations that were already in place, and formalize processes that were already being followed, albeit in an informal manner. For these reasons, no significant impact to workload is anticipated.