

Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws Revision Task Force

Purpose:

In light of Cal Poly's transition to the semester system and the integration of Cal Poly, SLO with the Cal Poly Solano Campus, the Academic Senate is establishing a task force to conduct a targeted review and revision of the *Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws*. The task force will ensure that these governing documents accurately reflect the university's new academic structure and uphold principles of shared governance.

Timeline for completion: End of AY 2026

Charges:

1. Review the current *Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws* to identify provisions requiring revision considering the campus transition from quarters to semesters. Ensure all references to academic terms, calendars, and timelines are term neutral.
2. Identify and recommend revisions necessary to incorporate representation, governance processes, and organizational structures related to the integration of the Cal Poly, Solano campus general faculty into Cal Poly's academic and administrative systems. Ensure equitable representation and participation of Cal Poly, Solano campus faculty within the Academic Senate's structure and committees.
 - a) Review the constitutions and bylaws of comparable CSU campuses, particularly those that have undergone recent semester transitions or mergers, to identify best practices and model language.
 - b) Consult with relevant senate constituencies, including the Academic Senate Executive Committee, Senate Committees, and any relevant ad hoc senate committees/task forces on these changes.
 - c) Prepare a comprehensive draft of the revised *Constitution and Bylaws*, clearly indicating substantive versus editorial changes for review by the Executive Committee and Senate with a resolution introducing those changes attached.
 - d) Develop a proposed timeline for adoption of the revised documents.
3. Propose a plan for recommended substantive changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that should be considered by senate committees or the executive committee in future academic years.

Membership

- Two past senate chairs, one from the Solano campus and one from the SLO campus.

- General Faculty members with demonstrated Academic Senate experience (at least one term on the Senate): three faculty from Cal Poly, SLO; one faculty representative from Cal Poly, Solano; one member of PCS.
- An ASI representative with experience on the ASI Board of Directors or other experience in student government.
- A representative from the Office of the President (EO).
- A representative from the Office of the Provost (EO).
- A current Academic Senate Executive Committee voting member.
- A current Academic Senate committee chair.
- A representative from Academic Programs and Planning (EO).
- A Registrar's Office rep (ex officio, non-voting).