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CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY

Preamble

We, the faculty of the California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and Solano Campuses (Cal Poly), in order to meet our academic responsibilities, hereby establish this *Constitution of the Faculty* for our governance. The responsibilities of the faculty, the powers necessary to fulfill those responsibilities, and the collegial form of shared governance are based on historic academic traditions that have been recognized by the people of the State of California through their legislature.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Voting members of the General Faculty of Cal Poly shall consist of those persons who are employed at Cal Poly and belong to at least one of the following entities: (1) full-time academic employees holding faculty rank whose principal duty is within an academic department, unit, or program; (2) faculty members in the Pre-Retirement Reduction in Time Base Program and Faculty Early Retirement Program; (3) full-time probationary and/or permanent employees in Professional Consultative Services as defined in Article III.1.b of this constitution; (4) full-time coaches holding a current faculty appointment of at least one year; (5) lecturers holding full-time appointments of at least one year in one or more academic departments, units, or programs; or (6) lecturers with a current assignment of 15 WTUs for at least two consecutive academic terms.

Members of the General Faculty, including department chairs/heads, shall not cease to be members because of any assigned time allotted to them for the carrying out of duties consistent with their employment at Cal Poly. "Visiting Personnel" shall not be members of the General Faculty. Members of the General Faculty who are on leave for at least one year shall not be voting members during their leave.

Non-voting membership in the General Faculty shall consist of all academic personnel not included in the voting membership.

ARTICLE II. RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND POWERS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

Section 1. Rights of the General Faculty

The right of academic freedom is necessary for the pursuit and dissemination of truth and the maintenance of a free society. It is the obligation of the General Faculty to ensure the preservation of an academic community with full freedom of inquiry and expression and insulation from political influence.

Voting members of the General Faculty have the right to nominate, elect, and recall members of the Academic Senate and the right to call for, participate in, and vote at meetings of the General Faculty.

Section 2. Responsibilities of the General Faculty

The primary responsibility of members of the General Faculty is to seek truth and to encourage the free pursuit of learning in their peers and students. To this end, they devote their energies to developing and improving their scholarly competence. They

make every reasonable effort to foster honest academic conduct and to ensure that their evaluation of students and peers reflects true merit. They respect the confidential nature of the relationship between professor and student. They avoid any exploitation of students for their private advantage, acknowledge significant assistance from them, and protect their freedom of inquiry.

Section 3. Powers of the General Faculty: Meetings, Initiatives, Referenda, and Recall

No regularly scheduled meetings of the General Faculty are provided for, but meetings of the General Faculty may be called by the University President or the Academic Senate Chair. Meetings of the General Faculty will be scheduled by the Academic Senate Chair upon receipt of a meeting request petition bearing the signatures of 10% of the voting membership of the General Faculty. The Academic Senate Chair presides at meetings of the General Faculty, and parliamentary procedure is in effect. Positions developed at meetings of the General Faculty must be ratified by initiative.

A majority of the voting members of the General Faculty in attendance at duly called General Faculty meetings is needed to propose an initiative to be put before the entire voting membership of the General Faculty. A majority of those voting in a mail or electronic ballot is needed to pass an initiative. Initiatives to amend this constitution shall be governed by Article IV.

Actions of the Academic Senate are subject to nullification by the voting membership of the General Faculty. Upon receipt of a referendum petition bearing the signatures of 15% of the voting faculty constituency, the Academic Senate Chair will conduct a mail or electronic ballot of the voting members of the General Faculty. A majority of those voting on a referendum is required to nullify the Academic Senate action in question. Recall of academic senators shall be provided for in the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*.

ARTICLE III. THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Section 1. Membership

- (a) Colleges with fewer than 30 faculty members shall elect two senators. All other colleges shall elect three senators, plus one senator for each 30 faculty members or major fraction thereof.
- (b) Designated personnel in Professional Consultative Services (except directors) shall be represented in the Academic Senate by the formula of one senator per each fifteen members or major fraction thereof:
 - (1) Full-time probationary or permanent Librarians; and
 - (2) Full-time probationary or permanent (a) counselors; (b) student services professionals [SSP]: SSP I-academically related, SSP II-academically related, and SSP III-academically related; (c) SSPs III and IV; (d) Cooperative Education lecturers; and (e) physicians.
 - (3) Full-time coaches holding a current faculty appointment of at least one year.
- (c) Part-time lecturers in an academic department/teaching area and part-time employees in Professional Consultative Services, other than those who are

members of the General Faculty as defined in Article I, will be represented by up to seven voting members in the Senate, of which no more than one will be from any college or from Professional Consultative Services.

- (d) Senators acting in an at-large capacity are the current Academic Senate Chair, the immediate Past Academic Senate Chair, and the CSU academic senators. All at-large positions shall be voting positions except for the Academic Senate Chair which is a nonvoting position except when the Chair's vote is needed to break a tie.
- (e) Ex officio, nonvoting members are (1) the President of the University or designee, (2) the Provost or designee, (3) one representative from among the academic deans, (4) the ASI President, (5) the Chair of ASI Board of Directors, and (6) the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management/Student Affairs.

Section 2. Powers and Responsibilities of the Academic Senate

Joint decision-making and consultation between the administration and the General Faculty have been recognized by the legislature of the State of California as the long-accepted manner of governing institutions of higher learning and are essential to the educational missions of such institutions. In order to participate fully in the process of joint decision-making and consultation with the administration, the Academic Senate is empowered to exercise all legislative and advisory powers on behalf of the General Faculty. These legislative powers shall include all educational matters that affect the General Faculty (e.g., curricula, academic personnel policies, and academic standards). Advisory powers shall include, but not be limited to consultation on budget policy, administrative appointments, determination of campus administrative policy, university organization, and facilities use and planning.

It is the responsibility of the Academic Senate to respond to requests for legislative action or advice from the President within sixty days of the receipt of such requests. On those occasions when the President disapproves Senate legislation, they shall inform the Senate in writing within sixty days from the date of transmittal of the compelling reasons for disapproval. The President shall inform the Senate of the disposition of such matters upon which the Academic Senate has performed in its advisory capacity.

The Academic Senate has the right to present to the Chancellor or the Board of Trustees of the CSU any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of the University. The Academic Senate, through its Chair, is empowered to express the sentiments of the General Faculty.

The Academic Senate is empowered to adopt bylaws for its governance.

Section 3. Officers

The officers of the Academic Senate are a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary as provided for in the bylaws.

Section 4. Organization

The Academic Senate shall function through its standing and ad hoc committees as well as through floor discussion and debate. Enumeration of the committees and their responsibilities is specified in the bylaws. Meetings of the Academic Senate and its

committees shall be called and conducted as specified in the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*. Fifty percent (50%) plus one member of the Academic Senate membership constitutes a quorum.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by initiative in a meeting of the General Faculty (Article II, Section 3) or by resolution of the Academic Senate by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

Amendments to this constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the voting members of the General Faculty. A referendum to amend this constitution shall be administered by the Academic Senate Chair within 45 days of the receipt of a duly submitted proposal.

BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

I. INTRODUCTION

A. CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES

1. Consultative procedures to be used by the Academic Senate must guarantee full participation by the faculty in the formulation of policies and procedures affecting academic governance.
2. The consultative process must provide adequate time for collection and dissemination of information, discussion, and formulation of recommendations.
3. Recommendations from the Senate shall normally be submitted to the President. Actions taken by the President in response shall be reported to the Senate.
4. In accordance with procedures specified for particular committees in these bylaws, committee recommendations shall be reported to the Academic Senate.
5. Any appointee of the Executive Committee, or of the Academic Senate Chair, to any committee not specified in these bylaws, shall report from such committee to the Academic Senate or to one of its committees.
6. Any senator who believes that consultative procedures on any recommendation of the Senate or of any department or of a college have not been adequate may submit evidence in writing to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate in support of this belief and request an investigation. The Executive Committee will make a determination as to the merit of the written evidence and then assign this matter to an appropriate committee for investigation. The committee may then make recommendations for improvement of these consultative procedures to the Academic Senate.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. Title Change

When there is a change in the title of an individual listed as an ex officio member of an Academic Senate committee, without any substantial changes in the duties of this individual, this title shall be changed in the bylaws as an editorial change and need not go through the normal procedures for amending bylaws.

2. ASI Representatives

Unless otherwise specifically stated in these bylaws, ASI representatives on committees shall be students carrying at least five semester units, who have completed two terms within the previous academic year, at least 16 semester units at Cal Poly, and who have a Cal Poly grade point average of at least 2.3.

3. Full-time Academic Employees

Full-time faculty members holding rank and occupying positions in academic departments/teaching areas in the University, full-time personnel in Professional Consultative Services (as defined in Article III.1.b of the *Constitution*

of the Faculty), and full-time lecturers holding one-year appointments in academic departments/teaching areas shall be considered full-time academic employees. This status shall not lapse because of a temporary part-time appointment to duties outside the department/teaching area.

4. Part-time Academic Employees

Part-time lecturers in academic departments/teaching areas in the University and part-time employees in Professional Consultative Services (Professional Consultative Services classifications: librarians, counselors, student service professionals I-, II-, III-academically related, student service professionals III and IV, physicians, and coaches) who are not members of the General Faculty as defined in Article I of the *Constitution of the Faculty*.

5. College Caucus

All of the senators from each college and Professional Consultative Services shall constitute the caucus for that college or Professional Consultative Services. At-large members of the Academic Senate shall not be part of any college caucus.

6. Temporary Vacancy

A vacancy caused by illness, death, resignation, retirement, sabbatical leave, jury duty, temporary administrative appointment, or other compelling reason which will last generally less than one academic year.

7. Vacant Position

A vacancy resulting from the criteria for membership specified in Article III, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the Faculty*. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Article III of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*.

8. Voter Eligibility

Voting members of the General Faculty as specified in Article I of the constitution are eligible to vote for:

- (a) senators from colleges or Professional Consultative Services.
- (b) CSU academic senators.
- (c) consultative committees as needed.

II. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Elected Members

Elected members shall be full-time members of the General Faculty who have been nominated and elected in accordance with Article III of these bylaws.

2. Ex Officio Members

Ex officio members are specified in Article III.1.e of the constitution.

3. Representative of Part-time Academic Employees

The voting members of the Academic Senate representing part-time academic employees shall be elected by vote of all university part-time academic employees at the same time as election of other senators each academic year. Such representatives must have an academic year appointment in the year they are elected, and they must maintain a part-time academic year appointment in the following year in order to serve in this position.

B. TERMS OF OFFICE

1. Terms of office for senators: the elected term of office for senators shall be a two-year term or one-year term when the caucus membership changes by more than two representatives. An elected senator (according to Article III of the bylaws), can serve a maximum of four consecutive years and shall not again be eligible for election until one year has elapsed with the exception of ex officio members (e.g., past Senate Chair and Statewide Senators). A senator appointed to serve in a vacant position, unfilled after elections, shall serve until the completion of that term. A senator appointed to fill a temporary vacancy for an elected position shall serve until the senator being replaced returns for the completion of the term. If this temporary appointment is for one year or less, or if the senator is serving a one-year elected term, it shall not be counted as part of the four years maximum for elected senators. The term of the representatives for part-time academic employees shall start immediately after the election and last until elections are held the following academic year. The representatives for part-time academic employees shall serve a one-year term with a maximum of four consecutive one-year terms
2. Terms of office for Academic Senate Chair: once a senator is elected to serve as Academic Senate chair, that senator becomes an at-large member of the Academic Senate, and the position vacated becomes a college vacancy to be filled by the college caucus. The elected term of office for Academic Senate Chair shall be a maximum of three one-year consecutive terms.

C. REPRESENTATION

1. Colleges and Professional Consultative Services with an even number of senators shall elect one-half of their senators each year. Those with an odd number of senators shall not deviate from electing one-half of their senators each year by more than one senator. All of the senators from each college and Professional Consultative Services shall constitute the appropriate caucus.
2. When a college or Professional Consultative Services with an uneven number of senators gains a new senator due to an increase in faculty in a year when more than one-half of their senators are to be elected, the new Senate position shall be for one year for the first year, then two years thereafter.
3. There shall be no more than one senator per department/teaching area elected by any college where applicable until all departments/teaching areas within that college are represented. A department/teaching area shall waive its right to representation by failure to nominate. This bylaw shall have precedence over

Article III.B of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*.

D. SUBSTITUTES

When a senator must miss Senate meetings over an extended period of time (two or three consecutive meetings), the senator must notify the appropriate caucus chair of the planned absences. The caucus chair will solicit nominations for a substitute who is eligible for election to the Senate from the senator's college/Professional Consultative Services. The caucus will then hold an election to decide who will act as a substitute. Substitutes shall be counted in the determination of a quorum and shall have voting rights. The caucus chair will transmit to the Academic Senate office, in writing, the name of the substitute and the dates that substitute will be in attendance at Academic Senate meetings.

E. PROXIES

When a senator must miss a Senate meeting or a portion of a meeting, the senator may select a member in the same college/Professional Consultative Services who is eligible for election to the Senate or another senator who is a member of the college/Professional Consultative Services to serve as proxy. The senator shall transmit to the Academic Senate office, in writing, the name of the person to serve as proxy. Proxies shall be counted in the determination of a quorum and will have the same right to vote as the senator who is absent.

F. AUTOMATIC RESIGNATIONS

Any senator missing more than two consecutive Senate meetings without a substitute or proxy shall be automatically resigned from the Senate at its regular meeting and shall be reinstated if an appeal for reinstatement is upheld by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

III. VOTING AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

Elections shall be held for membership to the Academic Senate, Senate officers, Academic Senate CSU, appropriate recall elections for the preceding as per Section IX of these bylaws, and ad hoc committees created to search for such university positions as president, provost, vice presidents, college deans, and similar type administrative positions.

The balloting procedures described in "Section III.A: General Procedures" will be used when voting on amendments to the *Constitution of the Faculty* and all campus or statewide measures requiring a vote by the General Faculty.

A. GENERAL PROCEDURES

Balloting procedures shall use either an electronic voting system or a "double envelope system" (outside envelope signed, inside envelope sealed and containing the voted ballot), whichever is more appropriate to the nature of the election, and which ensures that only eligible persons will vote and ballots remain secret.

1. Time and manner of nominations and elections will be announced in a timely fashion to facilitate maximum faculty participation.
2. Voter and candidate eligibility shall be verified.

3. The Executive Committee will rule on questions as they arise and serve as an appeals body to rule on any allegations of irregularities in the nomination and election process.
4. Votes will be publicly tallied at an announced time and place, and results of the election will be published.
5. Ballots will be counted electronically if electronic voting is used. If the “double envelope system” is used, ballots will be counted only if they are properly signed and received by the announced closing date. Individual voting information will be retained for ten working days.
6. For elections, those candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.
7. Department/teaching area representation shall have precedence in elections according to Article II.C.3 of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*.
8. For other matters and issues requiring faculty votes, measures are approved when they receive a majority of faculty voting on the matter, unless documents governing a measure specify a different formula for approval.

B. ELECTION CALENDAR

1. Within the month of February, the Academic Senate office shall solicit nominations to fill vacancies for the next academic year. At the same time, each caucus chair shall be notified, in writing, of such vacancies. Accepted nominations shall include a signed statement of intent to serve from the candidate. Eligibility to serve shall be determined for each college and Professional Consultative Services.
2. Election of senators shall be concluded five weeks prior to the initiation of the proofing phase for the following fall term course schedule, as listed on the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar. Runoff elections, if needed, shall be conducted the week following the conclusion of the election, but no later than initiation of the Production Calendar proofing phase for the following fall term.
3. Election results shall be announced to the campus and the Senate.
4. Whenever the normal election process fails to provide full membership or when a vacancy occurs:
 - (a) the caucus chair for the underrepresented college/Professional Consultative Services shall solicit nominations through direct or electronic mail contact to each faculty member in the college/Professional Consultative Services. (See department/teaching area representation requirement in Article II.C.3 of these bylaws.)
 - (b) from the list of accepted nominations, the caucus shall select the nominees of its choice and recommend the names of the selected nominees to the Executive Committee for its appointment.
 - (c) the appointed member shall serve until the end of the term of the position being filled.

5. The procedures and timetable for election of CSU academic senators shall be the same as that for the campus Academic Senate, except that nomination shall be by petition of not less than ten members of the faculty and shall include a consent to serve statement signed by the nominee. [Reference VII.B.5 of these bylaws for filling of temporary vacancy for a CSU academic senator.]
6. Election of Academic Senate Officers
 - (a) Three weeks prior to the initiation of the proofing phase of the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar, eligible nominees of the Senate shall be solicited for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.
 - (b) A petition of nomination signed by three senators, which includes a consent to serve statement signed by the nominee, shall be received by the Senate office. Such petitions shall be due at the Senate office prior to the initiation of the proofing phase of the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar. The names of the eligible nominees shall be announced at the last regularly scheduled meeting before the end of the proofing phase of the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar.
 - (c) Nominations for other eligible candidates will be received from the floor of the Senate provided that (1) at least two senators second the nominations, and (2) the nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected.
 - (d) The Academic Senate Vice Chair shall conduct the election of Senate officers at the last regularly scheduled meeting before the end of the proofing phase of the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar. Officers shall be elected one at a time: first the Chair, then the Vice Chair, and finally the Secretary.
 - (e) In the event of a vacancy in the offices of the Senate, an election will be conducted at the next meeting of the Senate to fill the unexpired term. Nominations shall be made from the floor of the Senate in compliance with subsection (c) above.
7. Election of representatives for part-time academic employees
 - (a) Following the timing stated in the *Bylaws*, Section III, part B, section 1, the Academic Senate office shall solicit nominations for the position of Academic Senate representative for part-time academic employees for the following academic year.
 - (b) After nominations have been received, election to these positions shall be conducted. A runoff election, if needed, shall be conducted the week following the conclusion of the election. Said positions shall be elected by vote of all university part-time academic employees at the time of the vote.

IV. OFFICERS

A. POSITIONS

The officers shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, as specified in Article III, Section 3 of the constitution. The duties shall be as follows:

1. Chair

- (a) The Chair shall set agendas and conduct all meetings of the Academic Senate and Executive Committee.
- (b) The Chair shall serve as a representative of the Academic Senate upon call by the President of the University.
- (c) The Chair shall meet with the President and Provost on a regular basis and brief them on Academic Senate business. The Chair shall perform a similar function at the Deans Council.
- (d) The Chair shall prepare, in consultation with committee chairs and the Provost, an annual list of charges for Academic Senate committees for approval by the Executive Committee. The Chair shall meet with each committee or committee chair before the end of fall term to review these charges as well as applicable bylaws and procedures [Reference: VIII.C.5 & 7].
- (e) The Chair shall serve as an alternate for the Academic Senate California State University and shall attend when an elected statewide senator must miss a given meeting.

2. Vice Chair

In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall succeed to the office, and a replacement Vice Chair shall be elected to complete the term of office. The Vice Chair shall serve in the capacity of the Chair during their absence or upon the request of the Chair.

3. Secretary

The Secretary or designee shall record the minutes of all Senate and Executive Committee meetings and shall provide copies of these minutes to all senators in the case of Senate meetings and to all Executive Committee members in the case of Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary or designee shall provide written notice of meetings to the appropriate faculty and shall handle correspondence of the Academic Senate. The Secretary or designee shall create a paper copy of the minutes of all meetings to be filed in the Academic Senate office and a digital copy to be filed with DigitalCommons (or appropriate digital archive administered by the Cal Poly Library) and posted on the Academic Senate website. The Secretary shall have available at each Senate meeting a current file of the actions of the Senate and a copy of the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

4. Immediate Past Chair

The immediate Past Chair, if available, shall serve as parliamentarian for Executive Committee and Senate meetings.

B. ELIGIBILITY

Each officer shall be an elected member of the Academic Senate. Every candidate for Academic Senate officer shall have at least one more year to serve as an elected senator. A college is permitted to provide only one officer at a time.

C. TERMS OF OFFICE

Each officer shall be elected by the voting members of the Academic Senate for a one-year term. These elections shall be held at the last regularly scheduled meeting before the end of the proofing phase of the Cal Poly University Scheduling Production Calendar, and term of office shall begin with the start of summer term. The only limitations to the number of terms a senator may hold office as Vice Chair or Secretary are the eligibility requirements in Article II.A of these bylaws and the terms of office restrictions in Article II.B.1 of these bylaws. The number of terms a senator may hold office as Academic Senate Chair is set forth in Article II.B.2 of these bylaws.

D. REPLACEMENT

The filling of temporary vacancies shall be accomplished as specified in Article III of these bylaws.

V. MEETINGS

A. REGULAR MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Academic Senate shall be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, as needed, except in the months of June and July.
2. The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate shall not schedule Academic Senate meetings:
 - (a) on an academic holiday.
 - (b) after the last regular day of classes during the term.
 - (c) during final examinations.

B. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be held on call by the Academic Senate Chair or by petition of 25% of the membership of the Academic Senate.

C. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Except as otherwise specified in these *Constitution and Bylaws*, the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall serve as the parliamentary authority for Academic Senate and Senate committee meetings.

D. FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

First reading: First reading is a time for suggestions to be made to a resolution for its improvement. The resolution still belongs to its author and is not yet amendable. Voting on substantive resolutions (i.e., those involving university policy or those in which the Senate takes a position on an issue) takes place in two stages: first reading and second reading. In first reading, the resolution is introduced and suggestions for improvement or clarification are in order in first reading, but not amendments. The first reading of a resolution is concluded if (1) there is no one remaining who wishes to speak on the

resolution, (2) a motion to close debate is passed (requires a two-thirds vote), or (3) a motion is approved to move the resolution to second reading (requires a two-thirds vote, is debatable, and requires a compelling reason [determined by the Senate Chair, can be overruled by the body]). If a matter is noncontroversial, rather than a motion to suspend the rules, unanimous consent can be given by the body.

Second reading: The motion to adopt a resolution must be moved and seconded before debate ensues. It then belongs to the body and may be amended. Documents attached to a resolution are not amendable and cannot be removed or added to a resolution. Voting on substantive resolutions shall take place only after a second reading of the resolution at a meeting subsequent to the meeting at which it was first introduced, except that the Academic Senate, by two-thirds vote of the senators present, may waive this requirement. After the motion has been moved and seconded, amendments may be presented for action by the Senate.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Items appearing on the Consent Agenda are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. Common uses include, but are not limited to, modifications to departments, courses, programs, degrees; new courses; and editorial revisions to personnel policies. (New departments, programs, and degrees must include a resolution and follow the regular approval path for resolutions.) The Consent Agenda will be distributed at least two weeks before the Academic Senate meeting for which it is agendaized.

Any item on the Consent Agenda may be moved to the regular agenda at the request of a Senator at least one week before the Academic Senate meeting for which it is agendaized. If an item is so moved, it shall be placed on the Business Items of the agenda as a First Reading item. Certain Consent Agenda items, such as recommendations from the Curriculum Committee or Faculty Affairs Committee, may require special procedures.

Items not removed shall be approved by general consent without debate. Clarification questions regarding the items are permitted.

B. RETIRING RESOLUTIONS

When an Academic Senate resolution is suspected of being out of date or no longer pertinent, at the Chair's discretion, the resolution may be submitted for review as to its current relevance by the Academic Senate committee that originally sponsored it or by an ad hoc committee. The Chair shall inform the full Senate via Chair's Report of the intention to place a resolution under such review. The committee's opinion regarding the resolution shall be forwarded to the Academic Senate Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee finds that the resolution in question should be retired, a proposal to this effect shall be placed on the Academic Senate's Consent Agenda. If no senator pulls the resolution from the Consent Agenda, the resolution shall be considered retired. If pulled from the Consent Agenda, the proposal will appear as a Business Item for debate at the next meeting of the Academic Senate. The President shall be informed of any such action, and the Academic Senate shall update its records.

VI. SUMMER OPERATION

A. MEETINGS

During summer term the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate shall meet as needed and shall act in place of the full Senate.

1. If any member of the Executive Committee other than the officers of the Senate will not be available during summer term, then the appropriate caucus shall elect an alternate to fill the vacancy during the absence. Such alternates shall be elected from the other senators of the same college or Professional Consultative Services as the person being replaced. If no such candidates are available, the caucus shall designate another person from the same college or Professional Consultative Services that qualifies for Senate membership to serve as an alternate.
2. If the Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary will not be available during the summer term, the Senate shall, at the meeting scheduled closest to when that unavailability is known, elect an alternate officer from the Senate membership to fill the vacancy during their absence.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Executive Committee shall act on behalf of the full Academic Senate during the summer term.
2. The usual Academic Senate representation on the President's Council and other administrative bodies shall be maintained throughout the summer term by the regular representative or an alternate named by the Academic Senate Chair.
3. At the first regular meeting of the Academic Senate in the fall term, the Executive Committee shall give a full report of its action during the summer term.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. MEMBERSHIP

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Senate who serve the Executive Committee in like capacity, plus a caucus chair from each college and Professional Consultative Services elected by the appropriate caucus, as well as the chair of the Cal Poly Maritime Academy Senate Council¹, elected by that group. The CSU academic senators, the immediate Past Academic Senate Chair, the ASI President, the Chair of ASI Board of Directors, and the Provost or designee are ex officio members. The Provost, the ASI President, and the Chair of ASI Board of Directors are nonvoting members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members. If a member is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, that member may not designate another person as proxy. If an Executive Committee member must miss two or more consecutive meetings, then the college caucus will designate a substitute to serve on

¹ Please note: As of September 3, 2026, the Academic Senate office has not yet received a response from the president regarding the resolution that established this council ([AS-1020-26](#)).

the Executive Committee during the period that the member is absent.

B. FUNCTIONS

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the following functions:

1. Agendizing resolutions for Academic Senate meetings.
2. The appointment of committee members and committee chairs (pursuant to Section VIII.C of these bylaws).
3. Allocating assigned time to officers, committee chairs, and committee members.
4. The directing of charges to committees and receipt of reports therefrom for inclusion on the agenda [Reference: VIII.C.5].
5. The filling of temporary vacancies in the membership of the Academic Senate in accordance with Article III.B.4 of these bylaws.
6. The making of nominations for a temporary vacancy for CSU academic senator. The Academic Senate shall elect a replacement to the position to be effective only until the next regular election date for members of the Senate or until the individual who vacated the position returns.
7. The filling of temporary vacancies in Senate office or membership of the Executive Committee except in the case of vacancies created by recall (see Section IX of these *Bylaws*).
8. The approving of nominations and/or appointments by the Academic Senate Chair to other official committees.

VIII. COMMITTEES

A. GENERAL

The functional integrity of the Academic Senate shall be maintained by the committee process. The committee structure shall include standing committees staffed by appointment or ex officio status, elected committees staffed by election, and ad hoc committees or task forces staffed either by appointment or election as directed by the Academic Senate Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may create ad hoc committees or task forces as it deems necessary for specific purposes, which, in the judgment of the Academic Senate Chair, cannot be handled adequately by the standing committees. Only the Executive Committee is authorized to create ad hoc committees or task forces, and these shall report to the Academic Senate by way of the Executive Committee.

B. MEMBERSHIP

Except as noted in the individual committee description, committees shall include one voting General Faculty representative from each college, Professional Consultative Services, and an at-large representative from Cal Poly Solano. The Academic Senate Chair is an ex officio, nonvoting member of all committees. Additional ex officio representation may include members of administration, ASI representatives appointed

by the ASI President, and other representation when deemed necessary by the Senate. Ex officio members shall be voting unless otherwise specified in the committee's description.

During spring term, each caucus shall convene to nominate candidates from that college or Professional Consultative Services to fill committee vacancies occurring for the next academic year.

These nominations shall be taken to a meeting of the Executive Committee before the last regular meeting of the Senate. The Executive Committee shall appoint members to standing committee vacancies from these lists. Each appointed member shall serve a two-year term with a maximum appointment of four consecutive terms on one committee. Terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity. Some committees have exceptions to these term length and limits, which are specified in the committee's description.

The Executive Committee may override term limits when appointing members to committees where only the incumbent is willing to serve in an open spot. The incumbent member appointed this way will be considered termed out again at the end of the next term, not the end of the committee's term limits. They are subject to the same approval process at that time.

No person shall be assigned concurrent membership on more than one standing committee except for Executive Committee members, who may serve on the Executive Committee and one other Senate committee, and Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee members, who may serve on one other standing committee. Eligible Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee members may not serve on the Curriculum Appeals committee if they have participated in the curricular review process relevant to the particular appeal, and they must recuse themselves from such cases.

C. COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. Chairs shall be members of the General Faculty.
2. Committee chairs may be chosen from inside or outside the committees. The chair need not be an academic senator.
3. The Executive Committee may choose to appoint the committee chairs. If the Executive Committee chooses not to appoint a committee chair, then the chair of that committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the eligible voting members on the committee.
4. Committee chairs serve for one-year terms except as otherwise noted in the committee bylaws. If the committee chair is selected from amongst the voting members of the committee, the chair shall remain a voting member. If the chair is selected from outside the committee, or from amongst the eligible non-voting members, then the chair shall serve as a non-voting chair, not representing a particular caucus or unit. Non-voting chairs may vote to break a tie.
5. Each committee chair shall be responsible for implementing the charges established by the Executive Committee [Reference: IV.A.1.d and VII.B.4], for

keeping minutes, and for making end-of-term reports to the Academic Senate Chair.

6. The committee chair shall notify the chair of the college caucus whenever a member has not attended two consecutive meetings.
7. Committee chairs shall meet with the Academic Senate Chair before the end of fall term [Reference: IV.A.1.d].
8. Chairs of any of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committees (for example, but not limited to, the Curriculum Committee, General Education Governance Board, and the USCP Review Committee) shall not serve on other levels of review as a department curriculum committee chair or college curriculum committee chair. These positions must be resigned before assuming the role of the chair of any of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committees.

D. OPERATING PROCEDURES

Operating procedures for Academic Senate committees and ad hoc committees are as follows:

A committee meeting is defined as a deliberative gathering of individuals—either physically or electronically, as appropriate—for the purpose of reviewing, discussing, or deciding on matters assigned by the Academic Senate Executive Committee. Electronic meetings are appropriate where simple, straightforward decisions can be considered. They do not lend themselves to items that need detailed discussion and the exploration of options.

Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the committee chair or upon the request of three members of the committee. Committees are required to meet at least once per term during the school year, with the exception of the Curriculum Appeals Committee.

Special rules and procedures must be approved by the Executive Committee, included in the committee's description, and on file with the Academic Senate office.

D.1 Physical Meetings

1. A simple majority (51%) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting. A quorum is required to conduct business.
2. Chairpersons serve until the end of the academic year. In the event that a chair must miss a meeting, they shall appoint a substitute chair for that meeting.
3. Regular meetings shall be scheduled during normal work hours.
4. Notification of meetings shall be sent by the committee chair at least three working days before the meeting date. Committees may establish regular meeting times. Upon committee agreement, a regular meeting time shall constitute notice.
5. Members may not vote by proxy.
6. A vote by the majority of the voting members attending a meeting shall be the decision of the committee.

7. Minutes shall be kept for each meeting and a copy transmitted to the Academic Senate office.

D.2 Electronic Meetings (e-meetings and e-consultations)

1. The decision to use an e-meeting should be made with due regard to the nature of the work to be undertaken. If a member of the committee objects to the use of an e-meeting for a particular business item, then the committee shall discuss that matter at a physical meeting.
2. A variety of technologies may be adopted as available, subject to the needs of the meeting and compliance with these procedures. No special requirements should be imposed on members other than having suitable access to meeting communications and documents.
3. Committee e-meetings are open to the public and when a member of the public wishes to attend, the committee shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the attendance of that person.
4. A vote by the majority of the voting members of the committee shall be the decision of the committee.
5. The chair of the committee shall:
 - (a) control the committee's flow of business.
 - (b) maintain a current list of members.
 - (c) provide a notice of meeting with agenda and instructions for members about what is required (e.g., "members are asked to read and consider each item in the agenda, then [vote, comment, recommend, etc.]"). Notice shall include a timeline for discussion and action.
 - (d) the committee chair shall prepare a final record of each meeting (minutes) and transmit a copy to the Academic Senate office.

E. MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Physical and electronic meetings of all committees, except those dealing with confidential and/or personnel matters of individuals, shall be open. The time, place, and manner of each meeting shall be announced in advance.

F. REPORTING

Each committee shall maintain a written record of its deliberations. A summary report shall be submitted to the Academic Senate office at the end of the academic year.

G. MINORITY REPORTS

Minority reports may be submitted with the reports of the committees.

H. COMMITTEES

1. Budget and Long-Range Planning
2. Curriculum
3. Curriculum Appeals
4. Distinguished Scholarship Awards
5. Distinguished Teaching Awards
6. Diversity
7. Faculty Affairs
8. Fairness Board
9. General Education Governance Board
10. Graduate Committee
11. Grants Review
12. Instruction
13. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities
14. Sustainability
15. USCP Review Committee

I. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

1. Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee

(a) Membership

Non-voting ex-officio members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Vice President for Administration and Finance or designee, and an ASI representative.

(b) Responsibilities

- (1) The Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee shall provide oversight and make recommendations concerning policy for the allocation of budgeted resources. This includes the review of matters related to the allocation of budgeted resources and representation on bodies formed to review the mechanisms by which campuswide resource allocations are made.
- (2) In addition, the Budget and Long-Range Planning Committee shall also develop recommendations concerning future actions, policies, and goals of the University. Areas assigned to specific standing committees of the Academic Senate fall within its purview when future predictions and extreme long-range planning are necessary or possible.

2. Curriculum Committee

(a) Membership

College representatives shall be either the current chair or a current member of their college curriculum committee. The Cal Poly Solano at-large representative shall be a mariner (or familiar with the mariner certification requirements). The Professional Consultative Services representative shall be an academic advisor from one of the colleges. Ex officio members shall be the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning or designee, the Dean of Graduate Education or designee, the Vice President for Information Technology Services/Chief Information Officer or designee, the Dean of Library Services or designee, a representative from the Office of the Registrar, and an ASI representative.

(b) Responsibilities

The Curriculum Committee evaluates curriculum proposals from departments and colleges before making recommendations to the Academic Senate. In addition, the committee makes recommendations to the Senate on University requirements for graduation, General Education, learning objectives, and cultural pluralism; provides library oversight as it relates to curriculum; and addresses any other curriculum-related matter referred to it by the Senate, Senate Chair, or Executive Committee. The chair of the Curriculum Committee shall be responsible for coordination of curriculum review with the Office of the Registrar.

3. Curriculum Appeals Committee

(a) Membership

The Academic Senate Curriculum Appeals Committee (ASCAC) membership will be a minimum of three and a maximum of five members. Eligible faculty for membership will be appointed by the Academic Senate Executive Committee for one-year terms or partial-year terms. Eligible faculty shall be included from the following list:

- Former Academic Senate Chairs
- Former Academic Senate Vice Chairs
- Former Academic Senate Curriculum Committee Chairs who served for a minimum of three years
- Former members of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee who served for a minimum of three years
- Former General Education (GE) Chairs/Directors who served for a minimum of three years
- Former GE Governance Board members who served for a minimum of three years

- Former UCSP Review Committee Chairs who served for a minimum of three years
- Former UCSP Review Committee members who served for a minimum of three years

No member of the ASCAC can be actively serving in any of the capacities listed above while serving on the ASCAC.

No member of the ASCAC can be an active member of a curriculum committee that is directly related to the curricular appeal(s).

Note that faculty participating Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) are eligible to serve on the Curriculum Appeals Committee.

(b) Responsibilities

Adjudicate, in a timely manner, over curriculum proposals pulled from the Academic Senate Consent Agenda. The ASCAC would approve, disapprove, or return a curriculum proposal to a specific committee (as deemed appropriate).

4. Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee

(a) Membership

General Faculty representatives should include former recipients of the Distinguished Scholarship Award. Ex officio members shall be one representative from the Office of Research, appointed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and two ASI representatives—one undergraduate and one graduate student.

(b) Responsibilities

The Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee shall conduct the selection process in accordance with the special rules and procedures approved by the Executive Committee for judging potential candidates for the Distinguished Scholarship Award.

5. Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee

(a) Membership, San Luis Obispo Campus

General Faculty representatives should be former recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award from the San Luis Obispo campus. If no prior Distinguished Teaching Award recipients from a particular college are available and willing to serve, the Executive Committee in consultation with the San Luis Obispo Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee chair may appoint a faculty member from that college who has a clear and compelling record of sustained, outstanding instructional performance. Ex officio members shall be two ASI representatives from the San Luis Obispo campus. These students will

have at least junior standing and will have completed at least three consecutive terms and 24 semester units at Cal Poly with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

(b) Membership, Solano campus

General Faculty representatives should be 3-4 former recipients of the Distinguished Teaching Award from the Solano campus. If no prior Distinguished Teaching Award recipients from a particular college are available and willing to serve, the Executive Committee in consultation with the Solano campus Distinguished Teaching Awards Committee chair may appoint a faculty member(s) from that college who has(ve) a clear and compelling record of sustained, outstanding instructional performance. Ex officio members shall be on ASI representatives from the Solano campus. This student will have at least junior standing and will have completed at least three consecutive terms and 24 semester units at Cal Poly with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

(c) Responsibilities

The Distinguished Teaching Awards Committees at the two campuses shall conduct the selection process and judge potential candidates for the Distinguished Teaching Award in accordance with the special rules and procedures developed by the Distinguished Teaching Awards Committees at the two campuses and approved by the Executive Committee. Final recommendations regarding the Distinguished Teaching Award recipients will be submitted to the President through the Academic Senate Chair.

6. Diversity Committee

(a) Membership

Membership shall include a voting General Faculty representative from each college and the Solano campus, serving in an at-large capacity. Ex officio non-voting members shall be the Vice President and Chief Officer for the Department of Culture & Institutional Excellence (CIX) or designee, the Senior Vice Provost of Academic Programs and Planning or designee, the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology (CTLT) Inclusive Excellence Specialist or designee. The voting ex officio member shall be the ASI Secretary of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice, or student representative designee.

(b) Responsibilities

The Academic Senate Diversity Committee identifies strategies for ensuring diversity, equity, and inclusivity at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Solano. The committee informs and makes recommendations to the Academic Senate on these issues, evaluates related university policies and procedures, and collaborates with stakeholders across campus, including CIX, Academic Affairs, and appropriate student groups.

7. Faculty Affairs Committee

(a) Membership

Membership shall include a voting General Faculty representative from each college, Professional Consultative Services, and from faculty at the Solano campus. Voting ex officio members of the Faculty Affairs Committee shall be the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel or designee and an ASI representative.

(b) Responsibilities

The Faculty Affairs Committee shall be the advisory body of the Academic Senate on faculty policy and its administration and procedures. The scope of faculty procedures and policies coming within its purview includes standards and criteria concerning appointment, promotion, tenure, academic freedom, leaves of absence, retention, professional relations and ethics, research, grievance, layoff procedures, and lecturers' rights and responsibilities.

8. Fairness Board

(a) Membership

Ex officio members are the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management & Student Affairs or designee and two ASI representatives with no less than junior standing and two consecutive terms of attendance at Cal Poly preceding appointment.

(b) Responsibilities

The procedures to be followed and the problems to be considered shall be approved by the Academic Senate and published as a document entitled *Fairness Board Description and Procedures*. The Board shall report to the Provost and Academic Senate Chair.

9. General Education Governance Board

(a) Membership

(1) The General Education Governance Board (GEGB) will be comprised of two faculty members from CLA; two faculty members from BCSM; one faculty member from each of the remaining colleges; one student; one member from Professional Consultative Services (PCS); and a GEGB Chair - at large (all voting members, with the exception of the GEGB Chair, who has a tie breaking vote only).

(2) The GEGB will also include one representative from the Office of the Registrar (ex officio, nonvoting) and one representative from Academic Programs and Planning (ex officio, nonvoting).

(3) Faculty members and PCS representatives on the GEGB shall be

members of the General Faculty, as defined in the *Constitution of the Faculty*.

- (4) The GEGB chair will serve four-year terms for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. The GEGB chair will be appointed by the provost following a recommendation from the Academic Senate Executive Committee and the GEGB.
- (5) The ASI representative must be able to demonstrate developing expertise in at least one GE area. The ASI representative will be appointed by ASI for a one-year term.
- (6) All eligible voting members of the GEGB must be able to demonstrate expertise in at least one GE area. The GEGB chair must also be able to demonstrate extensive expertise in and experience with the GE program as a whole. In addition to demonstrable expertise regarding Cal Poly's GE program, all members should have knowledge of CSU GE standards and Title V.
- (7) GEGB members will serve three-year terms for a maximum of three consecutive terms. Faculty members and PCS members on the GEGB will be appointed by the Academic Senate Executive Committee.
- (8) When ad hoc GE committees are deemed necessary, members should have expertise in the relevant GE areas.

(b) Responsibilities

- (1) Responsibility: Cal Poly's General Education (GE) program is the curricular responsibility of the Academic Senate General Education Governance Board (GEGB). GEGB should function like a department with a deep sense of interest and responsibility for overseeing and implementing the GE program.
- (2) Charge: The GEGB is responsible for leading and developing a visionary, high quality GE program that enriches the specialized knowledge acquired in a major program with foundational and integrative understandings of its scientific, humanistic, artistic, and technological contexts. In so doing, the GEGB is responsible for fostering and refining a vision of General Education that is responsive to statewide, national, and international values in general education, local campus interests and emphases, and opportunities for positive change.
- (3) Duties: The GEGB assists the GEGB chair in shaping the future and quality of the GE program. In so doing, the GEGB establishes the policies and principles that speak to the vision of the GE program as set out in the charge. Members must be proactive and responsive in reaching out to faculty, departments, and administrators in the University to develop GE curriculum.

Duties of the GEGB include:

- (a) review and approve GE course proposals.
 - (b) place GE curriculum proposals on the Academic Senate Consent Agenda after consultation with the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee.
 - (c) engage in appropriate assessment activities. Be proactive and responsive to the results of assessment activities.
 - (d) conduct a GE academic program review on the same cycle as other programs. Findings will be presented to the college deans and the Academic Senate. The GEGB needs to be proactive and responsive to the recommendations that result from academic program review.
- (4) Duties of GEGB chair: The GEGB chair will lead the GEGB in the development of the vision of GE and is accountable for making progress toward fulfillment of the GE vision. The GEGB chair maintains strong oversight of the GE program for quality control at every level. They are a constant advocate for a high-quality GE program that exposes students to pedagogical experiences they need to be erudite and polymathic.

Duties of the GEGB chair include:

- (a) be in regular communication and consultation with the GEGB.
 - (b) communicate with faculty and advisors to spread understanding of the GE program.
 - (c) be in regular communication and consultation with the college deans and the Provost about the GE needs of Cal Poly students.
 - (d) be in regular communication and consultation with the Academic Senate Chair and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee chair.
 - (e) work collaboratively with the college deans, the Office of the Registrar, the GEGB, Academic Programs and Planning, advisors, and the departments to understand where the demand for courses is and availability of resources in both the short and long terms.
 - (f) Establish ad hoc committees if the GEGB chair determines that ad hoc committees are needed, for instance for periodic GE assessment purposes or for program review.
- (c) Decisions made by the GEGB: all GE curricula will be available for debate and discussion in the Academic Senate, just as all non-GE curricula are. Appeal processes of curricular decisions made by the GEGB will follow

Academic Senate curriculum appeals processes. The GEGB chair should be involved with any changes to Academic Senate curriculum appeals processes.

10. Graduate Committee

(a) Membership

One faculty member from each college with experience in administering a graduate program or supporting graduate curriculum, a representative from Professional Consultative Services, and the Academic Senate Curriculum Chair or designee. Ex officio non-voting members shall be the Dean of Graduate Education or designee, the Executive Director of Academic Programs and Planning or designee, the EPaCE dean or designee, a representative from the Office of the Registrar, and a graduate student representative.

(b) Responsibilities

- (1) Review and make recommendations to the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee on proposals for new graduate degree programs, specializations, and courses.
- (2) Evaluate and make recommendations on petitions for extenuating circumstances, such as validation of outdated coursework.
- (3) Establish and revise guidelines for professional standards for graduate students.
- (4) Enact graduate policies in line with California Education Code (Title 5), CSU systemwide policies, and nationwide best practices.
- (5) Support and enact any graduate program-related changes.
- (6) Make recommendations on reinstatement/suspension of programs.
- (7) Serve as a conduit for feedback from and representation of all graduate programs.
- (8) Address concerns and situations unique to graduate students.

11. Grants Review

(a) Membership

- (1) Pursuant to AS-1006-26, Resolution on Change in Academic Senate Grants Review Committee, the Academic Senate Executive Committee appoints the voting members of the committee.
- (2) A recommended constitution of at least 12 members with a target of 2 representatives from each Cal Poly – SLO college and a member from Professional Consultative Services and not more than 3 representatives from any one Cal Poly – SLO college.

Representation from Cal Poly – Solano is to include at least 1 representative with a target of 2 and a max of 6.

- (3) Ex officio members shall be the Chief Research Officer or designee and an ASI representative. The ASI representative must be a graduate student. The Chief Research Officer is non-voting. The ASI representative only votes during the selection of the CSU Student Research Competition participants.
- (4) In occurrences where the committee is not filled, the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) committee may be asked to assist in the Grants Review Committee duties.
- (5) No member of the Grants Review Committee is eligible to apply for any grant, leave, or award program administered by the committee while serving on the committee.

(b) Responsibilities

- (1) The Grants Review Committee will develop policies and procedures for the review of grant proposals referred to it, including but not limited to those funded through the Chancellor's Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity allocations.
- (2) The Grants Review Committee will make recommendations to the Chief Research Officer concerning the funding of other internal grants subject to review by the source of funding.
- (3) The Grants Review Committee will develop policies and procedures for the selection of Cal Poly State University student delegates to the system-wide CSU Student Research Competition.
- (4) The Grants Review Committee will evaluate both the oral and written presentations of students and select the delegates for the system-wide CSU Student Research Competition.

12. Instruction Committee

(a) Membership

Ex officio members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, a representative from CTLT, a representative from the Office of the Registrar, and an ASI representative.

(b) Responsibilities

The Instruction Committee shall be responsible for recommendations regarding subjects that impinge directly on the quality of teaching and for providing policy recommendations concerning grading as well as admissions policies and requirements. It will also provide review and input concerning electronic teaching techniques, and library oversight as it relates to instruction.

In accordance with CAM 481 and AS-357-91/IC, the Instruction Committee shall review the Academic Calendar as proposed by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs before its final submission to the President for approval.

13. Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee

(a) Membership

Ex officio members shall be the Chief Research Officer or designee and an ASI representative.

(b) Responsibilities

The Research, Scholarship and Creative Activities Committee shall:

- (1) Make recommendations on university policies and procedures regarding scholarship.
- (2) Provide advice and guidance regarding scholarship to the following:
 - (a) Kennedy Library
 - (b) Information Technology Services
 - (c) Cal Poly Technology Park
 - (d) University committees
 - (e) Campus research centers and institutes
- (3) In occurrences where the Grants Review Committee is not filled, the Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities committee may be asked to assist in the Grants Review Committee duties.

14. Sustainability Committee

(a) Membership

Ex officio members shall be the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs or designee, the Vice President for Administration and Finance or designee, Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Planning or designee, the Director of Facilities Planning or designee, the Director of Facilities Energy, Utilities and Sustainability or designee, and two ASI representatives.

(b) Responsibilities

The Sustainability Committee shall inform and support the activities of other committees whose scope encompasses environmental responsibility. The Sustainability Committee shall make recommendations to the Academic Senate, as appropriate, regarding the provisions of the Talloires Declaration.

15. USCP Review Committee

(a) Membership

Ex officio voting members shall be the Chair of the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee, a faculty member from the Ethnic Studies Department, a faculty member from the Women, Gender & Queer Studies Department, and two at-large faculty members with USCP teaching experience and/or teaching experience related to diversity issues as voting members. Ex Officio non-voting members shall be the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity and Inclusion or designee, the CTLT Inclusive Excellence Specialist or designee, and an ASI student representative

(b) Responsibilities

The committee evaluates the United States Cultural Pluralism (USCP) component of new and existing courses before making recommendations to the General Education Governance Board, when a course is a General Education course, and the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee. In addition, the committee periodically performs curricular review and evaluation of USCP courses and, when appropriate, works with the Academic Senate Curriculum Committee to review and update USCP learning outcomes and course requirements (as indicated in Academic Senate Bylaws I.2.(b)).

IX. RECALL OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

A. APPLICATION

The procedures for recall shall apply to:

1. Elected members of the Academic Senate, California Polytechnic State University;
2. Officers of the Academic Senate, California Polytechnic State University; and
3. Elected representatives to the Academic Senate, California State University.

B. PROCEDURES

An election for recall of elected representatives as specified in Article II, Sections 1 and 3 of the *Constitution and Bylaws*, may be instituted by a petition of those eligible to vote in the election for the representatives in the various categories provided the following provisions are met:

1. An individual eligible to vote in the election for the representative shall notify the Academic Senate Chair of her/his intention to circulate a recall petition. This written notification shall state further the reasons for the recall action in brief terms.

2. The Academic Senate Chair shall notify all of the eligible voters in the area affected of the intended recall petition and state the reasons given for the petition to recall.
3. The notification will be in effect five (5) days in which classes are in session prior to the circulation of the petition. Signatures on a petition may be obtained for the next ten (10) days in which regular classes are in session. A recall election, if required, shall be initiated within twenty (20) days, in which classes are regularly in session, after the recall notification is received by the Academic Senate Chair.
4. The recall petition will be circulated by those initiating the recall action. The top of each sheet heading a list of signatures for recall action shall contain a statement of the reasons for recall.
5. The dated signatures of at least 20% of those eligible to vote in the area represented by the incumbent as specified in the constitution and bylaws of Cal Poly Academic Senate, or the *Constitution and Bylaws of the Academic Senate CSU*, shall be required to initiate a recall election.
6. If the petition is for the recall of a member or an officer of the Cal Poly Academic Senate, a member of the Grants Review Committee, or a CSU academic senator, the Academic Senate office shall conduct the balloting in these elections.
7. The recall ballot shall be worded so that it can be answered "yes" or "no."
 _____ (name) _____ shall be recalled from the _____ (category of elected representative) _____. The reasons stated in the petition are as follows:

 Yes _____ No _____
8. A majority vote of those eligible to vote and voting will be sufficient to recall the incumbent.
9. If the incumbent is recalled, nominees will be solicited for ten (10) days in which regular classes are in session from the area where the vacancy now exists.
10. After nominees have been received, the Academic Senate Chair shall notify all of the faculty members of the college or area affected of the nominees and of the time and place of the election to fill the vacancy created by the recall.
11. The election procedures and ballot counting shall be as provided in these bylaws for regular elections.

X. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the senators present at a regular meeting of the Academic Senate, providing that a first reading of the proposed amendment has taken place at the previous regular meeting of the Academic Senate.