

Cañada College Academic Senate Constitution

PREAMBLE

We, the faculty of Cañada College, do hereby establish the Academic Senate in order to promote the best interests of higher education at Cañada College and the San Mateo County Community College District.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cañada College Academic Senate (*herein referred to as the Senate*).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Cañada College Academic Senate shall be to make recommendations regarding academic and professional matters to District Academic Senate, the College and District administration, the Board of Trustees, and to other appropriate individuals and bodies. The Board of Trustees shall ensure the right of the Senate to assume primary responsibility with respect to academic and professional matters, including exercise of the authority to appoint faculty to committees or groups dealing with academic and professional matters as specified in Title 5, Section 53203(f), and full participation in collegial consultation processes. Academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5, Section 53200, include the following:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for instructional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon

~~The purposes of this Senate shall be to:~~

- ~~1. concern itself with professional relations between the Senate and Cañada College administration and/or the San Mateo County Community College District,~~
- ~~2. promote the general welfare of Cañada College and the San Mateo County Community College District,~~
- ~~3. work toward the development and improvement of professional standards,~~
- ~~4. act as a body, and~~
- ~~5. provide for continuous study of Senate problems at the local and state levels.~~

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ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

~~Section 1: In order to create the Academic Senate Governing Council, each member of the College's faculty shall be entitled to one vote in Senate elections. ("Faculty" is used here as defined in Section 131.6, Subsection 1 of the Administrative Code, Title 5, State of California, and means those certificated persons employed by the College District who do not perform any services for the College that require administrative or supervisory credential.)~~

~~Section 2: The Academic Senate shall include all certificated full time and part time faculty employed under contract by the College loaded at three or more units per semester.~~

~~Section 3: Consistent with Section 13532 of the California Education Code, the Academic Senate may call members for the payment of professional dues. However, professional dues are not to be a condition for eligibility to membership in the Senate, and no sanctions are to be imposed upon members who do not pay such professional dues. Collection of dues payments may be accomplished through receipt from the members of personal checks made payable to the Cañada College Academic Senate or by payroll deduction.~~

ARTICLE IV: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

~~Consistent with this constitution,~~ **The powers of the Academic Senate derive from Title 5.** **All** authority and responsibilities of the Senate and ~~all Senate~~ **its sub**committees shall be exercised ~~by, through and with the approval of the Governing Council~~ in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNING COUNCIL OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

~~Section 1: The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.~~

~~Section 2: The Governing Council shall consist of the officers and other representatives as outlined in the Bylaws.~~

ARTICLE VI: OFFICIAL MEETINGS

~~Section 1: A quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall consist of those Senate members present.~~

~~Section 2: A quorum for a meeting of the Governing Council shall consist of a simple majority of the Council members.~~

~~Section 3: A quorum for a meeting of all other Senate subcommittees shall consist of a simple majority of the committee members.~~

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

~~Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a vote of at least 60% of the Senate votes cast. Proposed amendments must be announced as a discussion and/or action item on the regularly distributed agenda for the ASGC meeting at which they will be addressed. Copies (hard or electronic) of these proposed amendments must be filed with the Senate Secretary and provided to all Senate members at least two weeks preceding the vote.~~

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~~Section 2: The Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of the Senate votes cast. Proposed amendments must be announced as a discussion and/or action item on the regularly distributed agenda for the ASGC meeting at which they will be addressed. Copies (hard or electronic) of these proposed amendments must be filed with the Senate Secretary and provided to all Senate members at least two weeks preceding the vote.~~