

Consent Section 2

Approval of Ballot for Constitutional Amendment

Shall the Academic Senate approve the Election Committee's draft of the ballot language for the proposed Constitutional Amendment regarding filling Senate vacancies?

The Academic Senate proposes the following change to Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution, which explains the procedure for filling Senate vacancies. Vacancies occur when Senators leave their position before their end of term (for example, when leaving SRJC for a new institution). The change resolves a contradiction between the Constitution and the Bylaws and supports efforts to diversify the Senate.

Proposed Language: When vacancies occur, upon direction of the Senate, new members or officers shall be appointed by the Senate President in consultation with the Executive Committee. Faculty members recruited from the representative area will be given priority when filling the seat, and the Executive Committee will consider the goals of equity, diversity, and inclusivity when making appointments.

Original Language: When vacancies occur, upon direction of the Senate, new members or officers shall be nominated and elected by the appropriate constituency as soon as possible within that semester.

If you have any questions regarding the change, please reach out to your [Area Senator](#).

Approve/Disapprove