

Support Document Discussion Item 1
21 January 2026
Correcting the Academic Senate Bylaws

Correcting the Bylaws. Does the Academic Senate approve a correction to the Bylaws as based on the consent item passed on 7 May 2025 entitled [Adoption of Faculty Professional Development Senate Subcommittee Revitalization Recommendations?](#)

As appears under Section 4A: “Composition: At least five members appointed by the Senate. These should include representatives from a variety of disciplines and should include contract and associate faculty. ...”

This differs from what appears in our Bylaws, Article III, Section 4, which states “Composition: At least five members appointed by the Senate. These should include representatives from a variety of disciplines and should include contract and associate faculty and one at-large Senator. ...”

Note that “and one at-large Senator” needs to be struck from our current Bylaws if we wish to be in alignment with the May 7th approved consent item.

Here’s a screenshot from our May 7th consent item

Appendix: Current Senate Bylaws with areas that need updating highlighted

Note that the highlighted area has already been updated in the Bylaws

Section 4: Faculty Professional Development Committee

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And here’s a screenshot from our Bylaws:

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