

## **Bylaws & Constitution Work Group Proposed Changes [Sp25] and Request for Extension [Fa25]**

This consent agenda item outlines minor revisions to the college's constitution and bylaws, including recently approved changes that ensure consistency and alignment across our governance documents. Although some further semantic or small editorial changes could be suggested, we hope these documents represent the will of the body and can be adopted as presented. A reminder that changes to the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the electorate. Changes to the Bylaws are adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. In addition to these updates, the item requests an extension of the Constitution & Bylaws Workgroup through Fall 2025. The rationale for this extension is to provide sufficient time for thoughtful consideration, meaningful community input, and steady progress. Supporting this item helps ensure that our governance structure remains transparent, current, and responsive to the evolving needs of our college community.

### **NON-SUBSTANTIVE REVISIONS FOR ACADEMIC SENATE AND BYLAWS:**

#### **Constitution:**

Lines 45-57, Art. II, Sect. 5: DEI language added as new section

Lines 79-80, Art IV, Sect. 4: Clarified when Senator's term begins

Lines 90-99, Art IV, Sect. 6: Alignment of language for contract faculty & clarifying president's term length

Lines 117-126, Art. V, Sect 1 & 2: Vacancy appointments

#### **Bylaws:**

Line 4, Art I: Added title to align with all articles

Lines 15-26, Art. III, Sect. 1,A: Bolded areas of primacy

Lines 201 & 203, Art. III, Sect. 1,A: Indicated Brown Act designations

Line 204, Art. III, Sect. A,6: Corrected title of committee

Line 329, Art. III, Sect A,7: Corrected title of committee

Lines 422-442, Art V, Sect 2: Reordered to reflect current practice

Lines 479-488, Art. VI, Sect. 3: Proxy process and timeline

Lines 492-493, Art. VI, Sect. 4: Clarified public participation in meetings

Lines 537-540, Art. VIII, Sect. 2: Added language distribution lists

Line 610, Art. VIII, Sect. 5: Updated discipline name change (EMLS)

Line 619, Art. VIII, Sect. 5: Added Area 14 (distribution TBD in fall)

### **PENDING DISCUSSION FOR FALL (*non-exhaustive*)**

1. Collegial Consultation (definition and process)
2. Treasurer Status / Roles
3. Alignment of Senate Committees per College Council Updates
4. Updating of Faculty Professional Development Committee (description and scope)
5. Remote Attendance
6. Areas 12-14 Distribution
7. Distribution Lists