

## Consent Item: Resolution to Change Status to Some Academic Senate Subcommittees

May 15, 2024

Current Ask: Senators are asked to consider approval of the simple change in designation from “committee” to “task force” for 3 senate subcommittees. There are other recommended changes that the senate will need to discuss next year as it reevaluates its subcommittees, but that will not affect these 3 groups. The proposed change in description will in no way affect the operations of these groups and all current chairs have been consulted.

### Background:

In the spring of last year, the Academic Senate was advised that the VP of Finance met with legal counsel to review the status of SRJC standing committees in an effort, in part, to identify which ones were considered Brown Act committees, meaning in part that all meetings and materials must be available to the public a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting time and date. VP Jolley and I reviewed all Academic Senate subcommittees as part of this review. In addition, the AS President consulted with our ASCCC Coach, Dr. David Morse, to review all senate subcommittees. It was determined through these consultations that some AS Subcommittees should be re-designated as task forces, as they do not make recommendations to anyone, they do not meet regularly, they do not have formally defined charges, and only meet for a short burst of activity as needed, typically in the spring.

### Resolution:

Whereas, some Academic Senate subcommittees make no recommendations to governing bodies or their subgroups, have no fixed meeting schedule, and are convened upon point of need,

Whereas, these groups are subgroups of the Academic Senate, a Brown Act body making recommendations to the governing body, but do not make recommendations to the Academic Senate nor any other group, and

Resolved, that the following committees be designated as Task Forces of the Academic Senate Committees be designated as Task Forces (Change indicated by underlined new text):

1. Elections - Task Force
2. Executive
3. Faculty Professional Development
4. Faculty Recognition – Task Force
5. Petaluma Faculty Forum
6. Program Review, Revitalization, and Discontinuance (Brown Act Committee)
7. Faculty Fund for Advanced Studies (FFAS) – Task Force