

Proposed Area Reorganization for Senate Associate Areas 20 August 2025

This proposal is based on the summer work of the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC) [7/14] and in email /phone call follow up with Associate Senators [8/12 – 17]. This proposal supports the addition of Area 14 and the reorganization of Areas 12 and 13 for more equitable representation of associate faculty as approved by the Senate last academic year [AY24–25].

As a reminder, this is the current organization of Associate Areas 12 and 13:

12	Associate: Areas 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11		Lara Branen-Ahumada Jessica Bush Emily Schmidt	DL.SENATE.ACAD.12
13	Associate: Areas 3, 5, 6, 7	Siobhan McGregor-Gordon L. Dawn Lukas	Aylin Atilgan Relyea	DL.SENATE.ACAD.13

And this is the proposed reorganization using the equitable reallocation method suggested by members of the Fa25 taskforce as assigned to these Associate Senators (*as based on the process described above*):

- **Area 12 (covering Areas 1, 4, 6, & 10)** to be represented by **Senators Lara Branen-Ahumada (replacement for Wayne Downey) and Aylin Atilgan Relyea** representing estimated associate faculty members of 296.
- **Area 13 (covering Areas 2 & 3)** to be represented by **Senators Dawn Lukas and Jessica Bush** representing estimated associate faculty members of 297.
- **Area 14 (covering Areas 5, 7, 8, 9, 11)** to be represented by **Senators Siobhan McGregor-Gordon and Emily Schmidt** representing estimated associate faculty members of 296.

Note that should the body approve this proposal, or some version therein, necessary updates will be required in our Constitution and Bylaws **as follows**:

Constitution ARTICLE IV, Section 3:

The 28 elected representatives shall represent at least **13-14** different areas of the electorate. The method of division into the **13-14** areas shall be specified in the Bylaws. Six positions will be reserved for election by the associate electorate as specified in the Bylaws.

Related ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS, INITIATIVE, AND REFERENDUM, Section 1:

The constitution may be amended by the following initiative processes:

Clause 1: A petition signed by ten percent of the electorate shall be presented to the Senate, or the Senate may vote to submit the amendment(s) to the electorate.

Clause 2: If approved by two-thirds of those voting, the amendment(s) shall become effective on the date specified in the amendment(s).

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Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5:

Of the 28 Senators who are elected as representatives, 22 will represent designated academic areas. Contract faculty areas will have two representatives. Associate faculty will have six representatives. Associate representation will be assigned to **two three** areas after the election, with **two three** representatives per area to be elected on alternating years. If an area does not elect a representative, then the designated area representative position will become a contract faculty at-large position or an associate at-large position respectively. (See Article VIII, Section 3).

- Area 01: Counseling, Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS), Work Experience
- Area 02: Agriculture/Natural Resource, Biological Sciences, Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Sciences
- Area 03: English
- Area 04: Business, Computer Studies, Engineering & Applied Technology
- Area 05: Art; Communication Studies; Ethnic Studies; Music; Philosophy, Humanities, Religion; Theatre Arts & Fashion
- Area 06: English as a Second Language, Library & Info Resources, World Languages
- Area 07: Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences
- Area 08: Adapted Physical Education, College Skills, Disability Resources
- Area 09: Mathematics
- Area 10: Health Sciences; Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance (KAD)
- Area 11: Administration of Justice, Child Development, Culinary Arts, Industrial & Trade Technology, Public Safety
- Area 12: Associate: Areas **1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11** 1, 4, 6, 10
- Area 13: Associate: Areas **3, 5, 6, 7** 2, 3
- Area 14: Associate: Areas **5, 7, 8, 9, 11**

Related ARTICLE IX: CHANGES TO BYLAWS, Section 1:

Changes or additions to the Bylaws will be placed on the agenda at two meetings in succession. Bylaws changes may be adopted by the Senate at the second or subsequent meeting and require a two-thirds vote.