

**Senator Suggestions regarding Bylaws/Constitution Discussion/Action items
on April 5th, April 19th, and May 3rd Spring 2013**

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Please Note – All current revisions are specific to the Academic Senate Bylaws

Bylaws Document Legend

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Sections (Arabic numerals, middle items)

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**Part One: Senator Suggestions and Resolution Status
as arranged by meeting dates in order of Articles (reverse chronological order).**

5/3 meeting comments and status:

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- **Article VIII, Section 4 {lines 617–56}**: orders of representation - redistribute areas?
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4/19 meeting comments and status:

- **Article II, Section 1, Item N {lines 73–4}**: recommended moving to Article 1 (additional Item) so entire Senate could weigh in.
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Senator Suggestions on Bylaws Revisions – Spring 2023 Summary Overview

Notwithstanding this subsection, the college bargaining representative may seek to appoint faculty member to committees, task forces, or other groups as per Title 5 Section 53203 (f).

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 - **Status – Resolved.** “one at-large senator” struck from language and current focus on clarity of contract and associate updates maintained.
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- **Article VIII, Section 2 {lines 564–82}**: suggested leave as is (30 days) or at least three weeks.
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4/5 meeting comments and status:

- **(all) Use nongendered terms “they/their”** and replace all gendered pronouns.
 - **Status – Identified and Resolved in Article VI, Section 2 {line 513}.**
- **Article I, Item A {lines 12–30}**: include indication on areas to be primarily relied upon and/or as indicated in Board Policy (note – language already included).
 - **Status – Resolved.** Language already included at end of in Item A with phrase “*as represented in Board Policy*” and *Board will review our recent recommendations after which we will add designations for areas relied primarily upon.*
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- **Article II, Section 1, Item J {lines 65–6}**: strike out “from among members of the Senate” and restructure the sentence to read: “have an understanding of parliamentary procedure and may appoint a parliamentarian to the Academic Senate as needed.”
 - **Status – Resolved.** Item J updated to read: “*Demonstrate competency with parliamentary procedure, the Brown Act, and Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR) as relevant to Senate matters.*”

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