

CONSTITUTION OF THE SADDLEBACK COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

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PREAMBLE

In order to have a formal and effective procedure for participating in the formation of college and district policies on academic and professional matters, we, the faculty of Saddleback College, do hereby establish a representative organization, known as the Saddleback College Academic Senate.

ARTICLE I - FUNCTION

The Academic Senate shall be the representative body of the Saddleback College Faculty, established for the purpose of engaging in collegial consultation with the Administration of Saddleback College and the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District in the formulation of college and district policy in academic and professional matters, to include but not be limited by Board Policy 2511 and sections 53200-53204 of Title 5 of the Administrative Code of California. The Academic Senate may also communicate with other colleges in the formulation of policy in academic and professional matters.

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

The Academic Senate operates under the authority of Board Policy 2511 and Sections 53200-3204 of Title 5 of the Administrative Code of California.

ARTICLE III - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. Proposal of Amendments

A. Proposed amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by:

1. A written submission signed by at least twenty-five members of the faculty, presented at any regularly scheduled Academic Senate meeting, or
2. A written submission signed by a majority of Senators, or
3. A written submission by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

Section 2. Ratification of Amendments

A. Upon receipt of a proposed amendment, the Academic Senate Executive Committee shall agendaize the proposed amendment as a New Business information item at the next Academic Senate meeting if possible. If it is not possible to discuss this item at the next Academic Senate meeting, it will be agendaized at the following meeting.

B. Written notice of the proposed amendment shall be distributed to the entire faculty at least two weeks (10 business days) prior to voting by the Academic Senate.

C. The proposed amendment shall be voted on at the subsequent Academic Senate meeting.

C. The proposed amendment shall pass if it is approved by 2/3 of the Senators voting.