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## EXEC 20-07

### **Resolution for the Amendment of the ASCSUDH Constitutional By-Laws to Update Meetings, Participation, Standing Committees of the Senate and Binary Pronouns Resolution Passed by the Academic Senate on 4/22/2020: 43 in Favor/0 Against/1 Abstention**

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) amend the By-Laws Section I. Meetings of the General Faculty to add the following as Article E:

Under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Senate Chair and Senate Executive Committee, scheduled General Faculty meetings may be canceled, rescheduled, or postponed; and be it further,

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) amend the By-Laws Section III Organization of the Academic Senate Article C. Amendment from:

The Academic Senate shall meet at least once each month during the academic year and may meet more frequently in regular or special sessions. Any member of the **General Faculty may attend these meetings as an observer. The presiding officer of the Academic Senate at his/her own discretion may, or may not, grant an observer the privilege of participating in discussion.**

to:

C. The Academic Senate shall meet at least once each month during the academic year and may meet more frequently in regular or special sessions. Any member of the General Faculty **as well as staff, students, and administrators** may attend these meetings as an observer. The presiding officer of the Academic Senate **will allow observers the privilege of participating in discussion after senators on the speakers' list and as time allows.**

1. The Senate Chair in consultation with and approval by the Senate Executive Committee can cancel, reschedule or postpone Senate meetings;

2. Under exceptional circumstances as determined by the Senate Chair and Senate Executive Committee, regular or special meetings, may be conducted in alternate format (such as but not limited to teleconference or videoconference)<sup>1</sup>; and be it further,

**Resolved:** That the Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills (ASCSUDH) amend the By-Laws Section V. Committees of the General Faculty and of the Academic Senate Article D. Amendment from:

The standing committees shall include the Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Policy Committee, General Education Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, the University Writing Committee, the Council of Department Chairs, and Program Coordinators **and the Academic Technology Committee.** The Senate may create other standing committees as it deems necessary or advisable. These committees will formulate policy recommendations **of the senate** and carry out other tasks of a continuing

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<sup>1</sup> Following *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, such alternative meetings must provide "opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of meetings held in one room or area—so all members can simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting," 11<sup>th</sup> Edition (Public Affairs, (2011), 482-483.

nature. The Senate shall also determine eligibility rules and selection procedures for the Chairperson and members of each committee. The chairs of these committees shall be ex-officio members of the Senate.

to:

The standing committees shall include the Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Policy Committee, General Education Committee, the University Curriculum Committee, the University Writing Committee, the Council of Department Chairs and Program Coordinators, **Academic Technology Committee, and the Graduate Council**. The Senate may create other standing committees as it deems necessary or advisable. These committees will formulate policy recommendations **to** the Senate and carry out other tasks of a continuing nature. The Senate shall also determine eligibility rules and selection procedures for the Chairperson and members of each committee. The chairs of these committees shall be ex-officio members of the Senate; and be it further,

**Resolved:** That the ASCSUDH change all references of “his/her” to “their” throughout the By-Laws; and be it further,

**Resolved:** That the ASCSUDH distribute this resolution to the campus President, Provost, President’s Cabinet, Statewide Academic Senate, College Deans, Department Chairs, Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, the California Faculty Association, all faculty members, and the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.

### **Rationale**

The current COVID 19 precautions do not allow for the Academic Senate to hold its regularly scheduled face-to-face meetings for the foreseeable future (spring 2020). As a result, the Senate Chair and Senate Executive committee have realized our current Constitutional By-Laws do not address the ability to cancel, reschedule, or postpone scheduled General Faculty or Academic Senate meetings. The By-Laws also do not address the ability to hold such meetings virtually as deemed necessary and feasible. Additionally, current practice is that Senate meetings are open to all members of the campus, which is not reflected in the current By-Laws. Current practice allows members of the audience to speak after senators on the speakers’ list have spoken and as time allows, which is also not reflected in the current By-Laws. Additionally, *FPC 19-16 Resolution for the Graduate Council to become a Standing Committee* passed on November 20, 2019. Passage of the resolution updates Section V. D. of the By-Laws. Finally, changing the pronouns “his/her” to “their” throughout the By-Laws acknowledges binary and non-binary individuals.