

Second Reading Item
April 24, 2013
California State University Dominguez Hills
Academic Senate
Resolution to Amend the Constitution of the General Faculty and Academic Senate of
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Exec 13-04 (MSP 4/24/13)

Summary: We propose to amend the constitution to enable the election of 2 representatives of the part-time faculty, since part-time faculty are not explicitly represented under the current structure. Therefore, we propose changes to Section IV.A. and Section IV.C. as detailed below.

Modify Section IV.A. as follows (new language in **bold**):

The membership of the Academic Senate shall consist of elected members from the general and emeriti faculty and ex-officio members. The ex-officio members of the Academic Senate shall be the President of the university or his/her designee, all Vice Presidents, all Academic Associate Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, the Chairperson of the Academic Senate, the immediate past Chairperson if still a member of the General Faculty, the representatives of the university to the Academic Senate of the CSU, the President of the CSUDH chapter of the CFA, **two at-large representatives of the non-full-time faculty**, a student chosen by the Associated Students, Incorporated, a staff representative elected by the staff, and Chairpersons of the Senate committees if so designated by the Senate. All ex-officio members shall be voting members with the exception of the Vice Presidents, Academic Associate Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, and the President of CSUDH chapter of the CFA. An ex-officio member may also serve as an elected member.

In addition, modify Section IV.C. as follows (new language in **bold**):

The General Faculty election unit for purposes of representation on the Academic Senate shall be the same as the unit where the RTP process originates. (See Voting Rights of Full-time Faculty in a Department-PM 78-19, 7/5/78). In most cases, this unit shall be the department. It may also be a school without departmental divisions, or a teaching unit that is not part of one of the schools. Members of the General Faculty who are not otherwise represented shall be considered a single unit for purposes of representation on the Academic Senate. Disputes about the proper election unit will be resolved by a majority vote of the Academic Senate after the Executive Committee of the Senate has investigated the dispute and made a recommendation to the Senate. **For purposes of Academic Senate representation, all faculty members who hold the rank of instructor or lecturer, and librarians, student service professionals-academic related, and coaching-track faculty, who are not on full-time appointment, shall be eligible to vote and to be elected as representative. The Academic Senate Parliamentarian is charged with soliciting nominations and conducting elections in the spring. At-large representatives of the part-time faculty will serve for a term of one year.** For purposes of electing a member of the Academic Senate, the staff is defined as all full-time university staff members paid by state funds excluding members of the General Faculty and MPP program employees. This includes all bargaining units and confidential employees (except MPP program employees). Each staff member of the Academic Senate will serve for a one-year term.