Moorpark College Academic Senate

**White Paper on Proposed Update to By-Laws, Part 2** (Draft 3, dated 13 January, 2015)

Summary of Changes

Order of articles:

Again, rearranged to follow the order of the Constitution.

Article VII: Academic Senate Executive Officers

A: Duties of Exec Officers

These have been left very general, as they were previously. They do not, for instance, detail who does the scholarships, committee membership lists, annual awards, etc., but instead refer to “other duties as assigned by the President, Senate Council or a General Meeting.” We get flexibility; we lose specificity. ***Do we want this to stand as is?***

There is one notable addition to the duties of the President, their attendance at program plan meetings.

B: Election of Exec Officers

The current process is continued but the membership of the elections committee is

reduced from 5 to 3 Council members.

C: Vacancies in Exec Officer Positions

In summary, if a vacancy occurs through resignation nominations are received from the general membership and the Council votes by a two thirds majority; if through a recall the regular procedure is followed with an elections committee, full vote of the general membership, etc.

One detail: it says nominations for officers in the case of a resignation require ten signatures. ***Have we ever done this and do we want to?***

This section also now omits the previous version’s statement that in the case of the resignation of the President the Vice President automatically assumes the position, which contradicted the constitution.

Article VIII: AS Standing and Other Committees

A: Standing Committees

This section is entirely new and attempts to strengthen the role of our standing committees underneath the Academic Senate in all academic and professional matters, as well as

clarify their membership, etc. The various sections state the election procedures for the faculty co-chairs and the faculty membership, as well as lay out their respective responsibilities as Standing Committee members.

***Standing Committee members please give this section an especially careful read!***

B: Subcommittees

C: Workgroups

Again these sections are new and attempt to clarify our present structure within the Brown Act. Subcommittees are permanent (Curriculum’s Technical Review Committee); workgroups are temporary (Council’s Constitution and By-Laws Workgroup). Both must have a chair and members from the originating committee and their names must be reported to the Senate Council.