CONSTITUTION OF THE MOORPARK COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

As authorized under Title V of the California Administrative Code,

Sections 53200-53205, we, the members of the faculty of Moorpark College, are uniting to form the Moorpark College Academic Senate.

ARTICLE I – NAMEThe name of this organization shall be The Moorpark College Academic Senate.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to implement Title V of the California Administrative Code

that states that members of the Academic Senate have the right and responsibility to participate

in the formation and implementation of college and district policies on academic and

professional matters. These are defined in Section 53200 as follows:

 (1) curriculum, including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within

 disciplines;

 (2) degree and certificate requirements;

 (3) grading policies;

 (4) educational program development;

 (5) standards or policies regarding student preparation and success;

 (6) district and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles;

 (7) faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and

 annual reports;

 (8) policies for faculty professional development activities;

 (9) processes for program review;

 (10) processes for institutional planning and budget development; and

 (11) other academic and professional matters as are mutually agreed upon between the

 governing board and the academic senate.

ARTICLE III – PROCEDURES

The Academic Senate shall consult collegially with the administration and the governing board on

the matters under its authority according to the stipulations stated in Title V.

The Academic Senate, according to the policy of the Ventura County Community College District,

 shall interpret “consult collegially” to mean by mutual agreement. This is defined by Title V as “the

obligation to reach mutual agreement by written resolution, regulation, or policy” (section 53200). If

mutual consent is not achieved, “existing policy shall remain in effect unless continuing with such

policy exposes the district to legal liability or substantial fiscal hardship” (section 53203).

In the case of mutual agreement not being achieved between the administration of Moorpark College

and the Senate, the Academic Senate shall have a reasonable expectation of receiving a written

explanation.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with Title V, Section 53201, all full-time and

part- time faculty are

voting members of the Moorpark College Academic Senate.ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION

Section A: Definitions.

 The Academic Senate shall consist of all full-time and part-time faculty of Moorpark

 College.

 The Academic Senate Council shall consist of the faculty’s elected representatives (see

 Article VI).

 The Academic Senate Executive Council shall consist of the elected officers of the Academic

 Senate (see Article VI).

Section B : Business. The business of the Academic Senate shall be carried out through the

 Academic Senate Council and the committees of the Academic Senate. Final authority

 remains with the Academic Senate, which retains the rights of initiative, recall and petition, and may by

 the majority of votes cast overturn action taken by the Senate Council and the

 Executive Council, provided that one -third or more of the general membership participate in the voting.

Section C : Meetings. The Academic Senate shall meet on campus as specified in Article III of

 the By-Laws. A meeting shall be called upon petition of at least ten percent of the

 membership, or upon majority vote of the Academic Senate Council.

Section D : Dues . Dues may be levied annually by the Academic Senate

 Council, but shall not be a condition of membership.

Section E : Rules. The most recent edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* shall govern the Academic

 Senate on all matters not specifically covered by this constitution and its by-laws