**CONSTITUTION (Workgroup session 3)**

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Section A: Amendments to the Constitution.

An amendment to the Academic Senate Constitution may be proposed to the Academic Senate Council for its

consideration, requiring a majority vote of the Council for placement on

its agenda. Alternatively an amendment may be

proposed to the Senate President

 by a written petition signed by at least ten percent of the

Academic Senate membership.

Adoption of an amendment to the Constitution shall require a two thirds

majority of those voting either in a General Meeting or in a secret,

written ballot open to all members of the Senate.

Anyproposed amendment shall be made available to all

faculty both in paper and electronic form at least two weeks

rior to a General Meeting at which it will appear on the agenda, or one month prior to a

written ballot of the Academic Senate membership.

Section B: Amendments to the By-Laws.

An amendment to the By-Laws may be proposed to the Academic Senate Council

for its consideration, requiring a majority vote of the Council for

placement on its agenda. Alternatively an amendment may be proposed to

the Senate President by a written petition signed by at least ten percent

of the Academic Senate membership.

doption of an amendment to the By-Laws shall

require either a two thirds majority of the Academic Senate Council or

 a majority of those voting in a

General Meeting or in a secret, written ballot open to

all members of the Academic Senate.

Any proposed amendment to the By-Laws shall be made available to all

faculty both in paper and electronic form at least two weeks

prior to an Academic Senate Council meeting or a General Meeting at which

it will appear on the agenda, or one month prior to a written ballot of

the Academic Senate membership.

ARTICLE VII – RATIFICATION

Any amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws that is passed as stated

above shall be in immediate effect. (See Article VI)

The Academic Senate Council shall re-examine the Constitution at least

once every six years and the By-Laws at least once every two years. Any

Council recommendation, whether to make or not make amendments, shall be

considered and approved as stated above. (See Article VI).

ARTICLE ?? – PREROGATIVES OF THE MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Academic Senate have the rights afforded to them by

the Brown Act and as listed in the By-Laws. (See By-Laws, Article II.)

**BY-LAWS (Workgroup session 3)**

ARTICLE II- PREROGATIVES OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Academic Senate may:

Attend any meeting of the Academic Senate Council, its Standing

Committees, or a General Meeting of its membership

(other than an executive session (“executive session” as defined in the Brown

Act)).

Vote on all matters of concern to them as stated in the Constitution and

By-Laws.

Readily access all information relevant to the business of the Senate,

both as mandated by the Brown Act as well as other matters pertaining to

its work, such as its policies and procedures on different aspects of its

charge. Bring matters of concern to the attention of the Academic Senate Council,

any of its Standing Committees, or a General Meeting of its membership either through the processes

described in this constitution or its by-laws or during public comments at

the start of a meeting.

Initiate action or policies, when the Academic Senate Council has not

responded to

regularly channeled requests, through a petition signed by 10 percent of

the Senate membership stating the action to be considered and requesting

either a

special Senate General Meeting or a place on the agenda of an Academic

Senate Council meeting.

Such an initiated action shall require a majority vote of either those

voting in a General Meeting or of the Academic Senate Council.

Any proposed initiative action shall be made available to all

faculty both in paper and electronic form at least two weeks

prior to the Academic Senate Council meeting or General Meeting at which

it will appear on the agenda.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

At least one General Meeting of the membership of the Academic Senate

shall be scheduled each year and shall beplannedfor maximum opportunity for attendance by all members.

The Academic Senate Council shall meet at least once a month during the

academic year.

A quorum for General Meetings shall be at least one-third of the

Membership, and for the Academic Senate Council and its Standing

Committees, a simple majority. In

case of a

vacancy in a representative position on he Academic Senate Council or its Standing Committees quorum

shall be

considered reduced by one until such vacancy is filled.