

Report on Referral EP-002-189

“Update of Academic Senate Bylaws”

CPP Academic Senate Meeting

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“Cal Poly Pomona transitioned to a semester calendar in Fall 2018. The previous referral, EP-001-156, requested an update to the Bylaws to bring these documents into alignment with the new semester calendar, and this was completed with AS-2798-189-EP. The previous referral also requested a revision to incorporate the following Senate-adopted and President-approved policies that govern Senate processes but have not yet been included in the Bylaws.”

I.e., Bylaws are out of date and may not reflect current practices or Academic Senate structure. This is also a good opportunity for general revisions.

E&P Recommendations

Changes are tracked in the version of the Bylaws document approved last Spring and fall in to a few broad classes:

Class I. Current Senate practice is not described in the Bylaws nor any known/signed Senate report (e.g., five-signature nomination requirement, plurality election threshold)

Class II. Current Senate practice is not described in Bylaws but exists in signed report (e.g., write-in vote policy, attendance policy)

E&P Recommendations

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Class III. Update to language related to changes in University operations/Senate Constitution (e.g., GE Cmte. now operates under EO 1100-R, Senate Constitution is now Policy 121)

Class IV. Adoption of gender-neutral language throughout (e.g., “his/her” → “their”)

E&P Recommendations

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Class V. General formatting, grammar, vague language, consistency, &c. (e.g., Capitalization Everywhere!!!)

Class VI. New cmte. responsibilities (e.g., E&P now will actively certify the results of elections and oversee run-offs, apportion senators, &c.)

Process

From Article XIII of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona:

“Amendment of Bylaws

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Academic Senate shall be submitted to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall distribute them to senators at least ten instructional days before the meeting at which the proposed amendments will be voted on. A two-thirds vote of the Academic Senate is required for amendment of the Bylaws.”

(We’re doing the whole “first reading, second reading” thing, so consider this your ten-day notice.)

What are my options for voting?

The second reading of this referral will be a motion to adopt the amended Bylaws document as the one in force. There are a few different options for voting:

“I am satisfied with these modifications to Senate policy, agree that the previously adopted policies should be incorporated in the Bylaws, and the amendments to the Bylaws are a suitable way of describing them.”

Vote: Aye!

What are my options for voting?

The second reading of this referral will be a motion to adopt the amended Bylaws document as the one in force. There are a few different options for voting:

“These changes are unnecessary or detrimental to Senate operations or argued incorrectly or need a top-to-bottom rewrite. Hard pass.”

Vote: Nay!

What are my options for voting?

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“For reasons that are my own, I cannot vote on this issue at this time. The motion needs a 2/3 vote in the Academic Senate to pass; my abstention will not count either way, but will alter the threshold for adoption.”

Vote: O!

What are my options for voting?

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“I think that the recommended language changes are not acceptable as given, but there are some modifications that could make them so. I have those definite modifications prepared and propose their incorporation.”

Vote: Move to amend!*

*This happens before the final vote is called, and the amendment gets own vote.

The end

Questions

(short, direct)