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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2018
TO: Michael Spagna, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
FROM: Laura Talamante, Ph.D., Academic Senate Chair
RE: EXEC 18-04 Resolution for Amendments to By-Laws of the General Faculty and the Academic Senate

I am formally transmitting the attached EXEC 18-04 Resolution for Amendments to By-Laws of the General Faculty and the Academic Senate for your information.

The Academic Senate of CSUDH passed the resolution to amend the By-Laws on April 04, 2018 with 34 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions. The resolution comes out of our fall semester Academic Senate Retreat. Senate Parliamentarian Justin Gammage and Senate Secretary Charles Thomas to research the proposed recommendations, which they revised in consultation with Senate Exec and the Academic Senate.

The resolution addresses the question of Senate representation and the previous formulas based on department and program size. Due to the expansion of the General Faculty membership of the Academic Senate, which now includes all faculty whether tenure-track or non-tenure track representation needed addressed of whether to expand the Senate size or mirror current practices. Mirroring current practices for department and program representation in the Senate, the resolution accords 1 representative per department/program rather than representation based on the number of faculty per department/program.

The current Constitution only requires voting by the General Faculty on direct amendments to the Constitution. To amend the By-Laws, Section VI of the By-Laws on Amendments states: "These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the Academic Senate following a first reading at a prior meeting. This rule may not be waived."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Talamante".

Laura Talamante, Ph. D
Chair, Academic Senate CSUDH

cc: President Willie J. Hagan
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Michael Spagna
President's Cabinet
Statewide Academic Senate
College & Library Deans: Mitch Avila, John Davis, Phillip LaPolt, Kim McNutt, Gary Sayed, Joseph Wen
Department Chairs
The California Faculty Association
All faculty members
The CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.
Dean of Undergraduate Studies



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Resolution for Amendments to By-Laws of the General Faculty and the Academic Senate

EXEC 18-04

M/S/P April 4, 2018

34 in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstentions

Second Reading

Resolved: That the California State University, Dominguez Hills Academic Senate amend section III and V(D) of the By-Laws of the General Faculty and the Academic Senate to address recent ASCSUDH resolutions; and be it further,

Resolved: Modify Section III as follows:

“Each unit of the General Faculty shall have one representative to the Academic Senate. ~~Upon reaching sixteen members, the unit shall elect one additional senator, and thereafter one additional senator shall be elected for every ten faculty members.~~ The following shall apply:

- ~~01-15 faculty — 1 senator~~
- ~~16-25 faculty — 2 senators~~
- ~~26-35 faculty — 3 senators~~
- ~~36-45 faculty — 4 senators~~
- ~~46-55 faculty — 5 senators, etc.~~

If they so choose, units may combine with other units for representational purposes by agreement of the units involved. ~~The number of General Faculty in the election unit shall be as of the first day of the semester in which the annual election is held, as certified by the appropriate administrator.~~ The term of the office of each elected member of the Academic Senate shall be three years;” and be it further,

Resolved: Modify Section V(D) as follows:

“The standing committees shall include the Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Policy Committee, General Education Committee, ~~and the University Curriculum Committee, and the University Writing Committee, the Council of Department Chairs and Program Coordinators and the Academic Technology Committee.~~ The Senate may create other standing committees, as it deems necessary or advisable. These committees will formulate policy recommendations of the senate and carry out other tasks of a continuing nature. The Senate shall also determine eligibility rules and selection procedures for the Chairperson and members of each committee. The chairs of these committees shall be ex-officio members of the Senate;” and be it further,

Resolved: That the ASCSUDH distribute this resolution to the campus President, Provost, President’s Cabinet, Statewide Academic Senate, College Deans, Department Chairs, Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs, the California Faculty Association, all faculty members, and the CSU Emeritus and Retired Faculty Association.

Rationale: On April 20, 2016, ASCSUDH passed EXEC 16-07, which expanded the term “General Faculty” to conform to the current CSU-CFA Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) definition of the term “Faculty Unit Employee.” This resolution has significantly increased the number of required Academic Senators from most units and created quorum issues. Modifying Section III of the Constitution ensures that the principles of shared governance are reflected in our Constitution. This modification ensures that all units are given the opportunity to have representation in the Academic Senate. Lastly, this modification hopes to minimize potential issues with quorum in the future. This resolution does not change lecturer representation in ASCSUDH and is consistent with EXEC 17-06 passed on March 22, 2017.

The modification to Section V(D) adds the Academic Technology Committee and the Council of Department Chairs and Program Coordinators to the standing committees of the ASCSUDH consistent with EXEC 17-20, passed on January 31, 2018, and EXEC 17-11, passed on May 10, 2017.