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Academic Senate Resolution

EXEC 19-07

Resolution to Amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Faculty and Academic Senate of California State University, Dominguez Hills

Passed on the Academic Senate floor

May 8, 2019

40 in favor/0 oppose/0 abstentions

Be it resolved: that, pending a vote of the General Faculty, the CSUDH Constitution of the General Faculty be amended to enable: 1) the election of non-tenure-track faculty Senate representatives from different colleges, 2) the election of a coaching faculty Senate representative, and 3) the election of a Non-Tenure Track Faculty representative to the Senate Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

Modify Section IV.A. as follows:

The membership of the Academic Senate shall consist of elected members from the general and emeriti faculty and ex-officio members. The ex-officio members of the Academic Senate shall be the President of the university or his/her designee, all Vice Presidents, all Academic Associate Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, the Chairperson of the Academic Senate, the immediate past Chairperson if still a member of the General Faculty, the representatives of the university to the Academic Senate of the CSU, the President of the CSUDH chapter of the CFA, two at-large representatives of the non-tenure-track faculty (full or part-time lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches), from different colleges, one representative of coaching faculty, a student chosen by the Associated Students, Incorporated, two staff representatives elected by the staff, and Chairpersons of the Senate committees if so designated by the Senate. All ex-officio members shall be voting members with the exception of the Vice Presidents, Academic Associate Vice Presidents, Academic Deans, and the President of CSUDH chapter of the CFA. An ex-officio member may also serve as an elected member.

In addition, modify Section III.C of the By-Laws, as follows: The Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and Chairs of the Faculty Policy Committee, the Educational Policy Committee of the Academic Senate, and a Non-Tenure Track representative shall be elected upon recommendation of the incoming Chairperson at the last regular meeting of the spring semester. The chairs of the General Education Committee and the University Curriculum Committee will be elected by those committees' members. The retiring officers will serve until the election of their successors.

In addition, modify Section V. C of the By-Laws, as follows:

The Academic Senate Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Parliamentarian, the Chairperson of the previous year (if not occupying one of the aforementioned positions), the Chairs of the Educational Policy Committee and Faculty Policy

Committee, the campus representatives to the Statewide Academic Senate of the California State University, and a Non-Tenure Track Faculty representative.

Rationale: Our Academic Senate has made significant progress in the past decade building a more inclusive Academic Senate by expanding membership to staff and non-tenure track faculty. We want to make sure that voices representing non-tenure-track faculty are not concentrated in one college, which has happened in the last two elections for these representatives. Adding an additional representative from the coaching faculty will provide better representation for important campus stakeholders. Having a regular voice from our coaching colleagues should improve the quality of our work in recognition of the important service provided by our coaches. Coaches educate our students and are members of the faculty per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Coaching faculty, like counseling faculty are not directly in the Academic Affairs division. They are in the Student Affairs Division and will bring that voice to the ASCSUDH. As the Academic Senate regularly engages with issues related to all student and faculty, it makes sense for a representative of the coaching faculty to participate fully in the work of the Academic Senate. This change increases the number of voting faculty by one.

In honoring the spirit of shared governance, adding a non-tenure track faculty representative to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate further demonstrates our commitment to inclusion and commitment to supporting the institution of recommendations from the Non-Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty Task Force for Best Practices. Our non-tenure track faculty represents over 65% of our faculty and of the WTUs taught at CSUDH, and their voices are critical for representing faculty issues. This will increase the voting number of NTTF to 3.

Therefore, we propose changes to Section IV.A. of the Constitution and Section III C and Section V C of the By-Laws as detailed above. Upon Senate approval, the amendments to the Constitution will go before the General Faculty for a vote.