

The Student Senate for California Community Colleges

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SSCCC CONSTITUTION (from Constitution (as of April 29, 2016) -- Originally Adopted by the Delegates		
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SSCCC CONSTITUTION	SSCCC CONSTITUTION	SSCCC’s Articles of Incorporation establish its existence, and all other provisions of the Constitution could be integrated into the Bylaws so there is only ONE key governing document. This will make SSCCC governing documents easier to use and lessen the risk of conflicts between the Constitution and Bylaws.
<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>We, the students of California Community Colleges, in order to promote and safeguard access for current and future students to California public higher education in accordance with the Master Plan for Higher Education through system participatory governance, legislative and policy advocacy, and regional support and development do hereby establish this Constitution of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.</p> <p>ARTICLE I – SENATE</p> <p>Section 1. Name</p> <p>The official name of this association shall be the ‘Student Senate for California Community Colleges’, also known as ‘SSCCC’, or ‘The Senate’. The official names of its governing bodies shall be the ‘Delegate Assembly’ and the ‘Board of Directors’.</p>	<p>PREAMBLE</p> <p>We, the students of California Community Colleges, in order to promote and safeguard access for current and future students to California public higher education in accordance with the Master Plan for Higher Education through system participatory governance, legislative and policy advocacy, and regional support and development do hereby establish this Constitution of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.</p> <p>ARTICLE I – SENATE</p> <p>Section 1. NAME</p> <p>The official name of this association shall be the ‘Student Senate for California Community Colleges’, also known as ‘SSCCC’, or ‘The Senate’. The official names of its governing bodies shall be the ‘Delegate Assembly’ and the ‘Board of Directors’.</p>	<p>This is fine to include, but it is not necessary. It describes an action already taken by Community College students, and states the reasons they did so, which are set forth below.</p>

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	<p>PURPOSE</p> <p>To improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students.</p> <p>DUTIES AND POWER</p> <p>The power of the Student Senate is derived from California Education Code, Title 5, and implemented through its resolution process. This resolution process shall be the sole method by which overarching direction of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges is established.</p>	<p>Added language from Articles of Incorporation.</p> <p>New language.</p>
<p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The membership of the Senate shall consist of all currently-enrolled students of the California Community Colleges system.</p>	<p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The membership of the Senate shall consist of all currently-enrolled students of the California Community Colleges system.</p>	<p>Since California corporations laws require member approval of various corporate acts, this section is highly problematic because it would be (at a minimum) unwieldy to conduct a vote of all Community College students. It also contradicts the letter and spirit of the remaining portions of the Constitution and Bylaws, neither of which provide individual students a role in policymaking or governance.</p>
<p>Section 3. Mission</p> <p>System Participatory Governance</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office as the official voice of students in system participatory governance in accordance with Title 5, §50002. The Senate shall maintain system participatory governance as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through System Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p>	<p>Section 3. Mission</p> <p>System Participatory Governance</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office as the official voice of students in system participatory governance in accordance with Title 5, §50002. The Senate shall maintain system participatory governance as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through System Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p>	<p>Membership is removed from Constitution and clarified in the bylaws.</p> <p>This mission statement is very long and repetitive. Dilution, lost impact.</p> <p>Replaced mission statement with purpose statement from Articles of Incorporation since these are the legal documents for the SCCC and inform the Secretary of State of the SCCC Mission.</p>

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<p>Legislative and Policy Advocacy</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by the California State Legislature, Office of the Governor, California Student Aid Commission, and other state agencies as the official voice of students in legislative and policy advocacy. The Senate shall maintain legislative and policy advocacy as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through Legislative Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p> <p>Regional Support and Development</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by local associated student organizations as the official voice of students in regional support and development through the collection, custodianship, and implementation of best practices for student leadership. The Senate shall maintain regional support and development as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through Regional Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p> <p>Section 4. Term</p> <p>Each term of the Senate shall be defined as commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year.</p>	<p>Legislative and Policy Advocacy</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by the California State Legislature, Office of the Governor, California Student Aid Commission, and other state agencies as the official voice of students in legislative and policy advocacy. The Senate shall maintain legislative and policy advocacy as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through Legislative Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p> <p>Regional Support and Development</p> <p>The Senate is recognized by local associated student organizations as the official voice of students in regional support and development through the collection, custodianship, and implementation of best practices for student leadership. The Senate shall maintain regional support and development as one of its mission’s three pillars of engagement and act through Regional Affairs Directors from each Region to facilitate the involvement of students in the same.</p> <p>Section 4. Term</p> <p>Each term of the Senate shall be defined as commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the following year.</p>	<p>Term removed and will be inserted into Accounting Policies and Procedures.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE II – DELEGATE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall be the legislative authority of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of local associated student organizations. • Serving as the liaison entity between local associated student organizations and the Senate. • Considering and approving the strategic plan of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto. • Considering and approving amendments to this Constitution. • Considering and approving resolutions for the purpose of providing direction, recommendation, and guidance in the formulation of policy to the Board. • Holding the Board accountable for the implementation of resolutions in a manner prescribed by policy. • Reserving any power not expressly provided to the Regions or the Board by this Constitution. <p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated student organization recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060 and shall be chaired by the President or their designee. The President may vote only in the event of a tie.</p>	<p>ARTICLE II – DELEGATE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall be the legislative authority of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of local associated student organizations. • Serving as the liaison entity between local associated student organizations and the Senate. • Considering and approving the strategic plan of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto. • Considering and approving amendments to this Constitution. • Considering and approving resolutions for the purpose of providing direction, recommendation, and guidance in the formulation of policy to the Board. • Holding the Board accountable for the implementation of resolutions in a manner prescribed by policy. • Reserving any power not expressly provided to the Regions or the Board by this Constitution. <p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated student organization recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060 and shall be chaired by the President or their designee. The President may vote only in the event of a tie.</p>	<p>This entire Article could be moved to the Bylaws with no loss in meaning or effect.</p> <p>Moved Delegate Assembly section to Bylaws Article III.</p>

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<p>Section 3. Election</p> <p>The delegates of the Delegate Assembly shall be elected in a manner provided by each local associated student organization’s respective governing documents. A local associated student organization’s president or their designee shall serve as delegate in the absence of any such provision.</p> <p>ARTICLE III – REGIONS</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Regions shall exist as administrative subdivisions of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of local associated student organizations within each Region as organized by the Delegate Assembly. • Serving as the liaison entity between local associated student organizations and the Board. • Encouraging the participation of local associated student organizations in meetings of the Delegate Assembly. • Collecting and promoting best practices among local associated student organizations • Soliciting/disseminating information from/to local associated student organizations and the Board regarding activities of both. • Electing the membership of the Board. • Providing additional support as may be requested by the Delegate Assembly and/or the Board. 	<p>Section 3. Election</p> <p>The delegates of the Delegate Assembly shall be elected in a manner provided by each local associated student organization’s respective governing documents. A local associated student organization’s president or their designee shall serve as delegate in the absence of any such provision.</p> <p>ARTICLE III – REGIONS</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Regions shall exist as administrative subdivisions of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of local associated student organizations within each Region as organized by the Delegate Assembly. • Serving as the liaison entity between local associated student organizations and the Board. • Encouraging the participation of local associated student organizations in meetings of the Delegate Assembly. • Collecting and promoting best practices among local associated student organization. • Soliciting/disseminating information from/to local associated student organizations and the Board regarding activities of both. • Electing the membership of the Board. • Providing additional support as may be requested by the Delegate Assembly and/or the Board. 	<p>This entire Article could be moved to the Bylaws with no loss in meaning or effect.</p> <p>Moved to bylaws Article IV with recommended edits.</p>

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<p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Regions as organized by the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated student organization recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060.</p> <p>Section 3. Boundaries</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall be responsible for approving and/or revising the official boundaries of the Regions at its spring meeting at least every three terms. Any changes to the official boundaries shall not take effect until</p> <p>the beginning of the following term. The Delegate Assembly shall strive to maintain a balance of geographic coverage, total number of local associated student organizations, and other considerations that would impact the cultivation and maintenance of regional identity</p> <p>Section 4. Regional Officers</p> <p>Each Region shall elect at minimum a chair/regional affairs director, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, communications officer, system affairs director, and legislative affairs director.</p> <p>Section 5. Term Limits</p> <p>No person may serve as a regional officer for more than four full academic years.</p>	<p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Regions as organized by the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated student organization recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060.</p> <p>Section 3. Boundaries</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall be responsible for approving and/or revising the official boundaries of the Regions at its spring meeting at least every three terms. Any changes to the official boundaries shall not take effect until the</p> <p>beginning of the following term. The Delegate Assembly shall strive to maintain a balance of geographic coverage, total number of local associated student organizations, and other considerations that would impact the cultivation and maintenance of regional identity.</p> <p>Section 4. Regional Officers</p> <p>Each Region shall elect at minimum a chair/regional affairs director, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, communications officer, system affairs director, and legislative affairs director.</p> <p>Section 5. Term Limits</p> <p>No person may serve as a regional officer for more than four full academic years.</p>	<p>This entire Article could be moved to the Bylaws with no loss in meaning or effect.</p> <p>Moved to Bylaws Article V with recommended edits.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Board shall be the executive authority of the Senate and the legislative authority when the Delegate Assembly is not in session and shall be responsible for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of the Regions. • Serving as the liaison entity between the Delegate Assembly and external entities. • Enacting all directives approved by the Delegate Assembly. • Collecting and promoting best practices among the Regions. • Promoting cooperation among the Regions. • Representing the positions and views of students before the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office, the Office of the Governor of California, the California State Legislature, California Student Aid Commission, and other state agencies. • Nominating and/or appointing student representatives to all entities that include or may include representation. • Soliciting/disseminating information from/to the Regions regarding activities of the Board. • Electing the membership of the Executive Committee. • Considering and approving the annual budget of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto. • Hiring, evaluating, and terminating of all personnel of the Senate 	<p>ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Board shall be the executive authority of the Senate and the legislative authority when the Delegate Assembly is not in session and shall be responsible for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving as the collective voice of the Regions. • Serving as the liaison entity between the Delegate Assembly and external entities. • Enacting all directives approved by the Delegate Assembly. • Collecting and promoting best practices among the Regions. • Promoting cooperation among the Regions. • Representing the positions and views of students before the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office, the Office of the Governor of California, the California State Legislature, California Student Aid Commission, and other state agencies. • Nominating and/or appointing student representatives to all entities that include or may include representation. • Soliciting/disseminating information from/to the Regions regarding activities of the Board. • Electing the <u>voting</u> membership of the Executive Committee. • Considering and approving the annual budget of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto. • Hiring, evaluating, and terminating of all personnel of the Senate. 	

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<p>Section 5.Attendance</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board who accumulates two unexcused absences shall be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration of removal. Excused absences shall be defined as any absences for verifiable academic, employment, familial, or health related reasons and be determined by the President. Unexcused absences may be either consecutive or nonconsecutive to qualify for consideration of removal.</p> <p>Section 6. Vacancies</p> <p>Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed by Article IV, Section 4 of this Constitution.</p> <p>Section 7. Removal</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board not eligible per the provisions of California Education Code §76061 shall automatically be removed from office(s). Any voting member of the Board may be removed by the Board for misconduct and/or neglect of duty and/or other offenses as prescribed by its Bylaws with a two-thirds of those present and voting. Any voting member of the Board, excluding the Executive Committee, may be removed by their Region in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing documents.</p>	<p>Section 5. Attendance</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board who accumulates two unexcused absences shall be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration of removal. Excused absences shall be defined as any absences for verifiable academic, employment, familial, or health related reasons and be determined by the President. Unexcused absences may be either consecutive or nonconsecutive to qualify for consideration of removal.</p> <p>Section 6. Vacancies</p> <p>Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed by Article IV, Section 4 of this Constitution.</p> <p>Section 7. Removal</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board not eligible per the provisions of California Education Code §76061 shall automatically be removed from office(s). Any voting member of the Board may be removed by the Board for misconduct and/or neglect of duty and/or other offenses as prescribed by its Bylaws with a two-thirds of those present and voting. Any voting member of the Board, excluding the Executive Committee, may be removed by their Region in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing documents.</p>	

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<p>Section 8. Executive Officers</p> <p>The Board shall elect from its membership, evaluate, and/or remove in manners prescribed by its Bylaws the following executive officers who shall serve as the membership of the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Executive Vice President ● Vice President of System Affairs ● Vice President of Legislative Affairs ● Vice President of Regional Affairs ● Vice President of Finance ● Vice President of Communications <p>An order of succession shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Board. Upon election as an executive officer, the individual shall automatically vacate their regional seat on the Board. The President may vote only in the event of a tie. The President may veto any action by the Board. The Board may override a veto of the President with a two-thirds of those present and voting.</p> <p>Section 9. Term Limits</p> <p>No person may serve on the Board for more than three full terms or more than forty-two months in total, whichever comes first.</p>	<p>Section 8. Executive Officers</p> <p>The Board shall elect from its membership, evaluate, and/or remove in manners prescribed by its Bylaws the following executive officers who shall serve as the membership of the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Executive Vice President ● Vice President of System Affairs ● Vice President of Legislative Affairs ● Vice President of Regional Affairs ● Vice President of Finance ● Vice President of Communications <p>An order of succession shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the Board. Upon election as an executive officer, the individual shall automatically vacate their regional seat on the Board. The President may vote only in the event of a tie. The President may veto any action by the Board. The Board may override a veto of the President with a two-thirds of those present and voting.</p> <p>Section 9. Term Limits</p> <p>No person may serve on the Board for more than three full terms or more than forty-two months in total, whichever comes first.</p>	

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<p>ARTICLE V – MEETINGS</p> <p>Section 1. Frequency</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least biannually each term, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Regions and the Board shall meet at least monthly each term.</p> <p>Section 2. Quorum</p> <p>A quorum of the Delegate Assembly shall be defined as a majority of associated student organizations registered in attendance and shall be present for the conduction of any business. A quorum of Regions shall be defined as a majority of member associated student organizations, notwithstanding those associated student organizations that have been deemed inactive in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing documents. A quorum of the Board shall be defined as a majority of its members, notwithstanding any vacancies.</p> <p>Section 3. Transparency</p> <p>All components of the Senate including, but not limited to, the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors, and Regions shall comply with all provisions of the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>Section 4. Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>All meetings of the Senate shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order</i>. Parliamentary authority shall only govern in the absence of any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws.</p>	<p>ARTICLE V – MEETINGS</p> <p>Section 1. Frequency</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least biannually each term, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Regions and the Board shall meet at least monthly each term.</p> <p>Section 2. Quorum</p> <p>A quorum of the Delegate Assembly shall be defined as a majority of associated student organizations registered in attendance and shall be present for the conduction of any business. A quorum of Regions shall be defined as a majority of member associated student organizations, notwithstanding those associated student organizations that have been deemed inactive in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing documents. A quorum of the Board shall be defined as a majority of its members, notwithstanding any vacancies.</p> <p>Section 3. Transparency</p> <p>All components of the Senate including, but not limited to, the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors, and Regions shall comply with all provisions of the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>Section 4. Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>All meetings of the Senate shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order</i>. Parliamentary authority shall only govern in the absence of any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws.</p>	<p>Moved from Constitution to Articles III, IV, and V as they relate to each group -- Delegate Assembly, Regions, and Board of Directors.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE VI – FINANCES</p> <p>Section 1. Non-Profit Status</p> <p>The Senate shall be organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Senate shall not conduct activities that jeopardize its status as an organization exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p>Section 2. Appropriation Authority</p> <p>The Board shall maintain exclusive authority to approve and amend the Senate's budget and to appropriate and expend funds as it deems necessary.</p> <p>Section 3. Budget Report</p> <p>The Vice President of Finance shall primarily be responsible for providing verbal and written reports of the Senate's finances to the Delegate Assembly and the Board at their respective meetings.</p> <p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD BYLAWS</p> <p>Section 1. Authorization</p> <p>For the purpose of interpreting and implementing the provisions of this Constitution, the Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws as it may deem necessary by a two-thirds of those present and voting. The Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal policies as it may deem necessary.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VI – FINANCES</p> <p>Section 1. Non-Profit Status</p> <p>The Senate shall be organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Senate shall not conduct activities that jeopardize its status as an organization exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p>Section 2. Appropriation Authority</p> <p>The Board shall maintain exclusive authority to approve and amend the Senate's budget and to appropriate and expend funds as it deems necessary.</p> <p>Section 3. Budget Report</p> <p>The Vice President of Finance shall primarily be responsible for providing verbal and written reports of the Senate's finances to the Delegate Assembly and the Board at their respective meetings.</p> <p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD BYLAWS</p> <p>Section 1. Authorization</p> <p>For the purpose of interpreting and implementing the provisions of this Constitution, the Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws as it may deem necessary by a two-thirds of those present and voting. The Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal policies as it may deem necessary.</p>	<p>This is a requirement of law and need not be included here, although it is acceptable to do so..</p> <p>Recommend removing —will be addressed in policies.</p> <p>Recommend removing —will be addressed in policies.</p> <p>Removed since the Delegates will be the only authority for amending the bylaws.</p>

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<p>Section 2. Notice for Amendments</p> <p>At least one week's written notice shall be required for any amendment to the Bylaws. Any voting member of the Board may propose an amendment to its Bylaws.</p> <p>Section 3. Constitutional Conflict and Jeopardization of Non-Profit Status</p> <p>The Board shall not be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws in any manner which conflicts with this Constitution or would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Senate as a charitable organization under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. A majority of those present and voting on the Board may refer any proposal to the Delegate Assembly for review.</p> <p>ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUTIONAL RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. Ratification</p> <p>It shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly to ratify this Constitution. This Constitution shall enter into force at the beginning of the subsequent term from when it was ratified.</p> <p>Section 2. Amendments</p> <p>Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly. Amendments shall be submitted to the Board at least forty-five days before the meeting of the Delegate Assembly at which it would be considered and submitted for a vote. Amendments shall require at least thirty days' public notice. Any amendment to this Constitution shall take effect at the beginning of the subsequent term unless otherwise directed by the Delegate Assembly.</p>	<p>Section 2. Notice for Amendments</p> <p>At least one week's written notice shall be required for any amendment to the Bylaws. Any voting member of the Board may propose an amendment to its Bylaws.</p> <p>Section 3. Constitutional Conflict and Jeopardization of Non-Profit Status</p> <p>The Board shall not be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws in any manner which conflicts with this Constitution or would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Senate as a charitable organization under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. A majority of those present and voting on the Board may refer any proposal to the Delegate Assembly for review.</p> <p>ARTICLE VIII – CONSTITUTIONAL RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS</p> <p>Section 1. Ratification</p> <p>It shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly to ratify this Constitution. This Constitution shall enter into force at the beginning of the subsequent term from when it was ratified.</p> <p>Section 2. Amendments</p> <p>Amendments to this Constitution shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly. Amendments shall be submitted to the Board at least forty-five days before the</p>	<p>Removed Article powers in Bylaws.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION</p> <p>It shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly to order the dissolution of the Senate. Upon dissolution of the Senate and subsequent to the payment of all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Senate, remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation established to serve the needs and interests of the students of the California Community Colleges system which are members of the Senate and which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes. Such non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation shall qualify for tax-exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.</p>	<p>meeting of the Delegate Assembly at which it would be considered and submitted for a vote. Amendments shall require at least thirty days’ public notice. Any amendment to this Constitution shall take effect at the beginning of the subsequent term unless otherwise directed by the Delegate Assembly.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION</p> <p>It shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly to order the dissolution of the Senate. Upon dissolution of the Senate and subsequent to the payment of all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Senate, remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation established to serve the needs and interests of the students of the California Community Colleges system which are members of the Senate and which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes. Such non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation shall qualify for tax-exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.</p>	

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SSCCC BYLAWS (as of November 9, 2019) -- Originally Adopted by the Board of Directors		
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<p>ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS Section 1. Definitions The following terms are to be understood in the restrictive and technical sense herein defined.</p> <p>A. Student: Any student of a community college district.</p> <p>B. Associated Student Organization: As defined in Education Code §76060 as a student body association authorized by the community college governing board.</p> <p>C. Member Senate: Any associated student body recognized by its local governing board as representing its students in the policies and procedures that have a “significant effect on students” (as defined by Title 5 §51023.7) is a Member Senate.</p> <p>D. Delegate: An individual who by selection by a Member Senate enjoys full voting rights at General Assemblies of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Any individual claiming Delegate status must also be in compliance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2.</p> <p>E. Board of Directors: The directors elected by a majority of delegates present and voting in each respective Region as defined by California law (See Corporation Code Section 7210).</p> <p>F. Executive Officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Communications are elected each spring by the delegates.</p> <p>G. General Assembly: The annual event at which the Student Senate conducts its business.</p>	<p>ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS Section 1. Definitions The following terms are to be understood in the restrictive and technical sense herein defined.</p> <p>A. Student: Any student of a community college district.</p> <p>B. Associated Student Organization <u>body association Organization</u>: As defined in Education Code §76060 as a student body association <u>student body association</u> authorized by the community college local governing board.</p> <p>C. Member Senate: Any associated student body recognized by its local governing board as representing its students in the policies and procedures that have a “significant effect on students” (as defined by Title 5 §51023.7) is a Member Senate. <u>Any student body association or its equivalent recognized pursuant to Education Code §76060 and Title 5, §51023.7.</u></p> <p>D. <u>Equivalent Student Body Association: Any organization of California community college students which, where a local student body association does not exist on the college, has among its primary purposes those enumerated for a student body association under Title 5 of the Administrative Code, and has been certified as a Member Senate by the Board of Directors of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.</u></p> <p>E. <u>Delegate Assembly: A duly convened meeting of SSSCC Delegates.</u></p>	<p>Changed language “associated student organization” to student body association” to consistent with Education Code Section 76060 language. This is changed throughout the bylaws.</p>

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<p>H. General Session: A single scheduled meeting held during the general assembly.</p> <p>I. Executive Officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Communications are elected each spring by the delegates.</p> <p>J. General Assembly: The annual event at which the Student Senate conducts its business.</p> <p>K. General Session: A single scheduled meeting held during the General Assembly.</p>	<p>F. Delegate: <u>An individual designated by a Member Senate as a “delegate” and who meets the requirements for delegates set forth in these Bylaws.</u> An</p> <p>G. individual who by selection by a Member Senate enjoys full voting rights at General Assemblies of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Any individual claiming Delegate status must also be in compliance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2.</p> <p>H. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors is the managing body of the Senate, as set forth in Corporations Code Section 5210. The Board of Directors consists of the Officers elected by the Delegate Assembly and Directors elected by the Regions. The directors elected by a majority of delegates present and voting in each respective Region as defined by California law (See Corporation Code Section 7210).</p> <p>I. Executive Board Officers: President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Communications are elected each spring by the delegates <u>Region Officers: Regional Affairs Director, Vice Chair, Legislative Affairs Director, Treasurer, and Communications Officer.</u></p> <p>J. General Assembly: <u>The General Assembly is a meeting at which the Board of Directors and the Delegates conduct business.</u> The annual event at which the Student Senate conducts its business.</p> <p>K. General Session: A single scheduled meeting held during the General Assembly.</p> <p>L. <u>Region: Regions are administrative subdivisions of the Senate.</u></p> <p>M. <u>Term: Fiscal year July 1 - June 30.</u></p>	<p>Clarified language.</p> <p>The Student Senate conducts its business in various ways, most of which are outside of the General Assembly meeting.</p>

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<p>ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP</p> <p><u>Section 1. Membership</u></p> <p>The associated student organization of each California Community College or their equivalent recognized pursuant to Education Code §76060 are Member Senates.</p> <p>Any associated student body recognized by its local governing board as representing its students in the policies and procedures that have a “significant effect on students” (as defined by Title 5 §51023.7) is a Member Senate.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Delegates</u></p> <p>Each Member Senate is entitled to designate any of its student members, in whatever manner it wishes, to be its one Delegate, who shall have full voting rights at each general assembly. The Delegate may transfer the responsibility for voting on resolutions, but not on elections after the elections have begun, to a student member from the same college. No Delegate shall be entitled to more than one vote, and a vote cannot be cast by proxy.</p>	<p>ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Section 1. Membership</p> <p>The associated student organization of each California Community College or their equivalent recognized pursuant to Education Code §76060 are Member Senates.</p> <p>Any associated student body recognized by its local governing board as representing its students in the policies and procedures that have a “significant effect on students” (as defined by Title 5 §51023.7) is a Member Senate.</p> <p><u>Membership consists of the student body association or their equivalent recognized pursuant to Education Code §76060 and Title 5, §51023.7.</u></p> <p><u>Section 2. Delegates</u></p> <p>Each Member Senate is entitled to designate <u>one any of its student members from the Member Senate college</u>, in whatever manner it wishes, to be its one Delegate; <u>Each Delegate who shall have full voting rights at each general assembly that occurs during the time that said student is a Delegate.</u> The Delegate may transfer the responsibility for voting on resolutions, but not on elections after the elections have begun, to a student member from the same college. No Delegate shall be entitled to more than one vote, and a vote cannot be cast by proxy.</p>	<p>“Student Member” as it infers that Students are members of the Student Senate, when they are not.</p> <p>Also, transfer of the right to vote on resolutions is a proxy (Corporations Code 5069), which is prohibited in the next sentence.</p>

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<p><u>Section 3. Termination</u></p> <p>Membership may be terminated if the associated student organization is no longer recognized by its local governing body.</p>	<p><u>Section 3. Termination</u></p> <p>Membership may be terminated if the associated student organization is no longer recognized by its local governing body.</p> <p><u>A Member Senate shall cease to be a Member Senate upon a finding by the Board of Directors or General Assembly that the Member Senate no longer meets the requirements for said status as defined in Article I. C. or I. D. of these bylaws.</u></p> <p>ARTICLE III DELEGATE ASSEMBLY</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly, <u>as the embodiment of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges</u>, shall be the legislative authority of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serving as the collective voice of local associated student body association organizations.• Serving as the liaison entity between local associated student body association organizations and the Senate.• Considering and approving the strategic plan of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto.• Considering and approving amendments to this Constitution <u>these bylaws</u>.• Considering and approving resolutions for the purpose of providing direction, recommendations, and guidance in the formulation of policy to the Board <u>of Directors</u>.	<p>Moved from Constitution Article II and clarified the role of Delegate Assembly.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holding the Board of Directors accountable for the implementation of resolutions in a manner prescribed by policy.Reserving any power not expressly provided to the Regions or the Board of Directors by this Constitution these bylaws. <p>Section 2. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated student body association organization recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060 and shall be chaired by the President or their designee. The President may vote only in the event of a tie.</p> <p>Section 3. Election</p> <p>The delegates of the Delegate Assembly shall be elected in whatever a manner they wish or as provided by each local associated student body association’s organization’s respective governing documents. A local associated student body association organization’s president or their designee shall serve as delegate in the absence of any such provision.</p> <p>Section 4. Meetings</p> <p>Subsection 1. Frequency</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least biannually each term. The date and time of the Delegate Assembly meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Regions and the Board of Directors shall meet at least monthly each term.</p>	Moved from Constitution to Articles III, IV, and V as they relate to each group -- Delegate Assembly, Regions, and Board of Directors.

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	<p>Subsection 2. Special Meeting</p> <p>Special meetings of the Delegate Assembly may be called by the Board of Directors. The notice of any special meeting shall include a description of the general nature of the matters to be acted upon by the Delegate Assembly; only those matters described in the notice of the special meeting may be acted upon during that special meeting.</p> <p>Subsection 2 <u>3</u>. Quorum</p> <p>A quorum of the Delegate Assembly shall be defined as a majority of associated student <u>body associations</u> organizations registered in attendance and shall be present for the conduction of any business. A quorum of Regions shall be defined as a majority of member associated student organizations, notwithstanding those associated student organizations that have been deemed inactive in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing operating documents. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be defined as a majority of its members, notwithstanding any vacancies.</p> <p>Subsection 3. Transparency</p> <p>All components of the Senate including, but not limited to, t<u>The Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors, and Regions</u> shall comply with all provisions of the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p>	<p>This provides the Delegate Assembly to meet outside of the General Assembly.</p> <p>This is a requirement of law and need not be included here, although it is acceptable to do so.</p>

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	<p>Subsection 4. Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly All meetings of the Senate shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order</i>. Parliamentary authority shall only govern in the absence of any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws <u>and written policies of the Board of Directors.</u></p> <p>ARTICLE IVI REGIONS</p> <p><u>Section 1. Designation of Regions</u></p> <p><u>Regions shall exist as administrative subdivisions of the Senate. They shall be as designated by the Board of Directors in accordance with written policies and criteria established by the Board of Directors. Regions shall conduct operations in conformance with SSSCC policies and criteria and may take any other action deemed appropriate by that Region, provided said action is (1) in furtherance of the mission of said Region, and (2) not inconsistent with the policies and purpose of the Student Senate. The Board of Directors may de-designate Regions that fail or refuse to operate in conformance with SSSCC policies and criteria.</u></p>	<p>Moved from Constitution Article III</p>

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	<p>Section 12. Duties</p> <p>The Regions shall exist as administrative subdivisions of the Senate and shall be responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serving as the collective voice of local associated-student body association organizations within each Region as organized by the Delegate Assembly.• Serving as the liaison entity between local associated-student body association organizations and the Board of <u>Directors</u>.• Encouraging the participation of local associated-student body association organizations in meetings of the Delegate Assembly.• Collecting and promoting best practices among local associated-student body association organizations.• Soliciting/disseminating information from/to local associated-student body association organizations and the Board regarding the activities of both.• Electing the membership of the Board of <u>Directors</u>.• Providing additional support as may be requested by the Delegate Assembly and/or the Board of <u>Directors</u>. <p>Section 2-3. Membership</p> <p>The voting membership of the Regions as organized by the Delegate Assembly shall consist of one delegate from each local associated-student body association organizations recognized pursuant to California Education Code §76060.</p>	

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	<p>Section 34. Boundaries</p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall be responsible for approving and/or revising the official boundaries of the Regions at its spring annual meeting at least every three year terms. Any changes to the official boundaries shall not take effect until the beginning of the following term. The Delegate Assembly shall strive to maintain a balance of geographic coverage, total number of local associated student <u>body association</u> organizations, and other considerations that would impact the cultivation and maintenance of regional identity.</p> <p>Section 4 5. Regional Officers</p> <p>Each Region shall elect at minimum a chair/regional affairs director, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, communications officer, system affairs director, and legislative affairs director.</p> <p><u>Delegate Assembly members who are elected to a regional officer position cannot also serve as the official delegate for their college.</u></p> <p><u>Any person who has served in any SCCCC Board Officer position may not thereafter serve in a leadership position in a Region.</u></p> <p>Section 6. Vacancies and Succession</p> <p><u>Vacancies shall be filled by regional succession. The succession for the office of Region Chair/Regional Affairs Director shall be the Vice Chair. In the case that succession cannot be carried out, vacancies shall be filled by election.</u></p>	<p>Added provisions for efficient succession of Regional Officers.</p>

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	<p><u>Section 7. Removals</u></p> <p><u>Any voting member of the Region Executive Board not eligible per the provisions of California Education Code §76061 shall automatically be removed from office(s). Any voting member of the Region Executive Board may be removed by the Region Delegate Assembly for misconduct and/or neglect of duty and/or other offenses as prescribed by their operating procedures with a two-thirds of those present and voting.</u></p> <p><u>Section 5 8. Term Limits</u></p> <p>No person may serve as a regional officer for more than fourtwo full academic terms years.</p> <p><u>Section 8 9. Meetings</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Frequency</u></p> <p>The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least biannually each term, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Regions and the Board of Directors shall <u>should</u> meet at least monthly each term.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Quorum</u></p> <p>A quorum of the Delegate Assembly shall be defined as a majority of associated student organizations registered in attendance and shall be present for the conduction of any business. A quorum of Regions shall be defined as a majority of member associated student <u>body associations within the respective Region as defined by the Delegate Assembly</u></p>	<p>Consider adding a removal process by the regions. Based on attorney’s comments Corporation Code requires that the body which elects the Board member must be the body that removes.</p> <p>Moved from Constitution Article V and edited for Regions.</p>

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	<p>organizations, notwithstanding those associated student body associations organizations that have been deemed inactive in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing <u>operating</u> documents.</p> <p>A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be defined as a majority of its members, notwithstanding any vacancies.</p> <p>Subsection 3. Transparency</p> <p>All components of the Senate including, but not limited to, the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors, and The Regions shall comply with all provisions of the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>Subsection 3. Parliamentary Authority</p> <p>All meetings of the Senate <u>Regions</u> shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order</i>. Parliamentary authority shall only govern in the absence of any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws and written policies of the of Directors <u>Regions</u>.</p> <p>ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>Section 1. Duties</p> <p><u>Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws, the activities and affairs of this corporation and all of its powers are exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. shall be the executive authority of the Senate and</u> <u>Additionally, the Board shall serve as</u> the legislative authority when the Delegate Assembly is not in session and shall be responsible for the following:</p>	<p>Moved from Constitution Article IV.</p> <p>The meaning of “executive authority” is not clear or universally understood. The California Corporations Code provides that “... the activities and affairs of a nonprofit corporation and all of its powers are exercised by or under a board of directors.” Corp. Code Sec. 7210. I suggest that the language set forth in the Corporations Code be used here.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serving as the collective voice of the Regions.• Serving as the liaison entity between the Delegate Assembly and external entities.• Enacting all directives approved by the Delegate Assembly.• Collecting and promoting best practices among the Regions.• Promoting cooperation among the Regions.• Representing the positions and views of students before the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and Chancellor’s Office, the Office of the Governor of California, the California State Legislature, California Student Aid Commission, and other state agencies.• Nominating and/or appointing student representatives to all entities that include or may include representation.• <u>designating liaisons to/from other entities who shall be encouraged to attend its meetings and provide reports as may be agreed upon by the Board and the liaisons.</u>• Soliciting/disseminating information from/to the Regions regarding activities of the Board.• Electing the voting membership of the Executive Committee.• Considering and Approving the annual budget of the Senate and any amendments pertaining thereto.• Hiring, <u>supervising, evaluating, and terminating of an Executive Director</u> all personnel of the Senate.	<p>SSCCC staff should report to an Executive Director (or similar title), and not to members of the Board. Permitting staff to report to the Board undermines the Executive Director, and results in frequent conflict and disruption. The Board, however, evaluates the performance of the Executive Director, and how he or she manages personnel matters.</p>

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	<p>Section 2. Membership <u>on the Board of Directors</u></p> <p>The voting membership of the Board shall consist of the Executive Committee, one System Affairs Director, one Legislative Affairs Director, and one Regional Affairs Director per Region. <u>The Executive Director shall also serve as an ex officio member of the Board, without the right to vote.</u> The Board may designate other entities as non-voting members in a manner prescribed by its Bylaws. The Board may designate other entities as voting members within a subsidiary body of the Board in a manner prescribed by its Bylaws. Proxy votes shall not be permitted.</p> <p>Section 3. Eligibility</p> <p>Any current enrolled California Community Colleges student meeting and maintaining compliance with the requirements of California Education Code §76061 shall be eligible to serve as voting members of the Board <u>of Directors</u>.</p> <p>Regions shall not be authorized to impose any additional eligibility requirements beyond any provision stated herein.</p> <p>Section 4. Election</p> <p>Voting members of the Board <u>of Directors</u>, excluding the Executive Committee, shall be elected democratically by a majority of delegates present and voting in each respective Region by May 31 each year or in the event of a vacancy.</p>	<p>Because the Executive Director is expected to implement all directions and policies of the Senate, as well as administer its budget, it is necessary and appropriate for them to be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.</p>

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	<p>Section 5. Attendance</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board of Directors who accumulates two unexcused absences within any fiscal year shall be placed on the next meeting agenda for consideration of removal. Excused absences shall be defined as any absences reported 14 days in advance of meeting for verifiable academic, employment, familial, or health related or other reasons and be determined by the President. The Board of Directors may override the ruling of the President. Unexcused absences may be either consecutive or nonconsecutive to qualify for consideration of removal.</p> <p>Section 6. Vacancies</p> <p>Any vacancies on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed by Article IV VI, Section 4 5 of this Constitution these bylaws.</p> <p>Section 7. Removal of Director</p> <p>Any voting member of the Board not eligible per the provisions of California Education Code §76061 shall automatically be removed from office(s). Any voting member of the Board may be removed by the Board for misconduct and/or neglect of duty and/or other offenses as prescribed by its Bylaws with a two thirds of those present and voting. Any voting member of the Board, excluding the Executive Committee, may be removed by their Region in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing documents. A Director may be removed from office as follows:</p>	<p>The existing language here is unlawful. See Corporations Code section 5221.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>By vote of the body that elected the Director to office, in accordance with said Region's policy or these bylaws.</u> 2. <u>If a Director has missed two Board meetings during any fiscal year, unless excused by the President in advance of the meeting said removal shall occur upon action by the Board of Directors.</u> 3. <u>Automatically if a Director is not eligible per the provisions of California Education Code §76061.</u> 4. <u>For “cause” as set forth in Section 5221 of the California Corporations Code.</u> 5. <u>By a court of law.</u> <p>Section 8. Executive Board Officers</p> <p>The <u>Delegates Board</u> shall elect from its membership, evaluate, and/or remove in manners prescribed by its Bylaws the following executive Board officers who shall serve as the membership of the Executive Committee <u>in order of succession</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● President ● Executive Vice President ● Vice President of System Affairs ● Vice President of Regional Affairs ● Vice President of Legislative Affairs ● Vice President of Finance ● Vice President of Communications <p>The Board of Directors shall establish written duties and procedures for Officers.</p>	<p>Changed Executive to Board to clarify the difference between Board of Directors’ Officers and Region Officers.</p> <p>The term “Executive Vice President” has significant meaning and implications that appear to go far beyond what is intended here. EVP generally refers to a chief staff officer who manages administration and operations of the entity, similar to a CEO. The word “Executive” should be deleted here to avoid misunderstandings about the authority of the Vice President. Add language to allow for the Board of Directors to elect the executives outside of the succession in case the next in line may be less than idea.</p>

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	<p>Section 9: Meetings</p> <p>Subsection 1. Frequency The Delegate Assembly shall meet at least biannually each term, once in the fall and once in the spring semesters. Regions and the Board of <u>Directors</u> shall meet at least monthly each term.</p> <p>Subsection 2. Quorum A quorum of the Delegate Assembly shall be defined as a majority of associated student organizations registered in attendance and shall be present for the conduction of any business. A quorum of Regions shall be defined as a majority of member associated student organizations, notwithstanding those associated student organizations that have been deemed inactive in a manner provided by each Region’s respective governing operating documents. A quorum of the Board of <u>Directors</u> shall be defined as a majority of its members, notwithstanding any vacancies.</p> <p>Subsection 3. Transparency All components of the Senate including, but not limited to, the Delegate Assembly, Board of Directors, and Regions shall comply with all provisions of the California Public Records Act and the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>Subsection 4-3. Parliamentary Authority All meetings of the <u>Board of Directors</u> Senate shall be conducted according to the most recent edition of <i>Robert’s Rules of Order</i>. Parliamentary authority shall only govern in the absence of any provision of the Constitution and Bylaws <u>and written policies of the Board of Directors</u>.</p>	

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<p>ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p><u>Section 1. Board of Directors</u></p> <p>All members of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uphold and maintain the governing documents of the Senate. 2. Contribute to the fiscal health and oversight of the Senate. 3. Attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board and its committees for which they are assigned. 4. Provide a written monthly report to the Board and their region of official activities and correspondences. 5. Serve on at least two standing committees of the Board. 6. Perform any other duties as agreed upon by the Board. <p><u>Subsection 1. Regional Affairs Directors</u></p> <p>Regional Affairs Directors shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as official spokesperson for their region and preside over its meetings. 2. Be responsible for increasing regional effectiveness and development. 3. Keep informed on major activities and concerns of local associated student organizations in their region. 4. Serve as primary representatives in the collection, custodianship, and implementation of best practices for student leadership. 5. Recruit individuals to participate in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Activities of the Senate b. Developing leadership skills c. Exchanging best practices 	<p>ARTICLE IXH – BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p><u>Section 1. Board of Directors</u></p> <p>All members of the Board shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Uphold and maintain the governing documents of the Senate. 2. Contribute to the fiscal health and oversight of the Senate. Attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board and its committees for which they are assigned. Provide a written monthly report to the Board and their region of official activities and correspondences. 5. Serve on at least two standing committees of the Board. 6. Perform any other duties as agreed upon by the Board. <p><u>Subsection 1. Regional Affairs Directors</u></p> <p>Regional Affairs Directors shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as official spokesperson for their region and preside over its meetings. 2. Be responsible for increasing regional effectiveness and development. 3. Keep informed on major activities and concerns of local associated student organizations in their region. 4. Serve as primary representatives in the collection, custodianship, and implementation of best practices for student leadership. 5. Recruit individuals to participate in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Activities of the Senate b. Developing leadership skills c. Exchanging best practices 	<p>Move all job descriptions to policy documents.</p>

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<p>6. Provide support and assistance to local associated student organizations and their region on matters relating to regional support and development.</p> <p>7. Serve as their region’s voting member of the Regional Affairs Committee.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Legislative Affairs Directors</u></p> <p>Legislative Affairs Directors shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be generally responsible for the participation and effectiveness of their region in legislative and policy advocacy. 2. Keep informed on local, state, or federal legislative, policy, and other decision-making conversations and processes that will or may have an effect on students. 3. Establish and cultivate relationships with legislative and policy entities. 4. Serve as primary representatives in organizing student efforts around local, state, or federal legislative and policy activities. 5. Recruit individuals to participate in legislative and advocacy policy. 6. Lead local advocacy efforts and increase participation of local ASOs and region in advocacy activities. 7. Serve as their region’s voting member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. <p><u>Section 2. Liaisons</u></p> <p>The Board may designate liaisons to/from other entities who shall be encouraged to attend its meetings and provide reports as may be agreed upon by the Board and the liaisons.</p>	<p>6. Provide support and assistance to local associated student organizations and their region on matters relating to regional support and development.</p> <p>7. Serve as their region’s voting member of the Regional Affairs Committee.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Legislative Affairs Directors</u></p> <p>Legislative Affairs Directors shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be generally responsible for the participation and effectiveness of their region in legislative and policy advocacy 2. Keep informed on local, state, or federal legislative, policy, and other decision-making conversations and processes that will or may have an effect on students. 3. Establish and cultivate relationships with legislative and policy entities. 4. Serve as primary representatives in organizing student efforts around local, state, or federal legislative and policy activities. 5. Recruit individuals to participate in legislative and advocacy policy. 6. Lead local advocacy efforts and increase participation of local ASOs and region in advocacy activities. 7. Serve as their region’s voting member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. <p><u>Section 2. Liaisons</u></p> <p>The Board may designate liaisons to/from other entities who shall be encouraged to attend its meetings and provide reports as may be agreed upon by the Board and the liaisons.</p>	

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<p><u>Section 3. Regular Elections</u></p> <p>The Delegates shall hold regular elections for its executive officers at its spring general assembly each year as defined in the Elections policy.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Resignations and Vacancies</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Resignations</u></p> <p>A resignation from the Board shall be effective once submitted in writing to the President and Vice President of Regional Affairs.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Vacancies</u></p> <p>In the event of a vacancy on the Board, excluding the Executive Committee, the Vice President of Regional Affairs shall</p> <p>immediately notify the appropriate region’s executive board.</p> <p><u>Section 5. Removals</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Cause</u></p> <p>A member of the Board may be removed by the Board with a two-thirds vote of members for any of the following, but not limited to:</p> <p>1. Willfully violating the governing documents of the Senate.</p>	<p><u>Section 3 10. Regular Elections</u></p> <p>The Delegates shall hold regular elections for its <u>Board executive</u> officers at its spring annual general assembly each year as defined in the Elections policy.</p> <p><u>Section 4 11. Resignations and Vacancies</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Resignations</u></p> <p><u>A resignation from the Board of Directors shall be effective upon submittal of a written resignation to the Office of the Student Senate or any Officer.</u></p> <p>A resignation from the Board shall be effective once submitted in writing to the President and Vice President of Regional Affairs.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Vacancies</u></p> <p>In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, excluding the Executive Committee, the Vice President of Regional Affairs shall immediately notify the appropriate Region’s executive board. <u>The Region will elect a replacement for open position in a manner defined by these bylaws in Article VI Section 5.</u></p> <p><u>Section 5. Removals</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Cause</u></p> <p>A member of the Board may be removed by the Board with a two-thirds vote of members for any of the following, but not limited to:</p> <p>1. Willfully violating the governing documents of the Senate.</p>	

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<p>2. Dereliction of duties prescribed to the member of the Board.</p> <p>3. Incompetence in the performance of the Board member’s duties.</p> <p>4. Any actions that violate the code of conduct of the Board.</p> <p>5. Earning at least two unexcused absences (the President or Executive Vice President are the only members who can excuse an absence).</p> <p>Only an article of removal submitted by a member of the Board shall be considered.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Parties</u></p> <p>The member of the Board who initiates an article of removal shall be referred to as the plaintiff. The member of the Board who is the subject of an article of removal shall be referred to as the defendant.</p> <p>The member of the Board who receives an article of removal from the plaintiff, notifies the defendant in writing, and facilitates any hearings shall be referred to as the adjudicator. All parties shall have the right to review all evidence related to an article of removal.</p> <p>The President shall serve as adjudicator. If the President or entire Executive Committee is the defendant, then the Board shall elect an adjudicator.</p> <p><u>Subsection 3. Notice</u></p> <p>All communications regarding an article of removal shall be conducted in writing, and all parties given proper notice.</p>	<p>2. Dereliction of duties prescribed to the member of the Board.</p> <p>3. Incompetence in the performance of the Board member’s duties.</p> <p>4. Any actions that violate the code of conduct of the Board.</p> <p>5. Earning at least two unexcused absences (the President or Executive Vice President are the only members who can excuse an absence).</p> <p>Only an article of removal submitted by a member of the Board shall be considered.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Parties</u></p> <p>The member of the Board who initiates an article of removal shall be referred to as the plaintiff. The member of the Board who is the subject of an article of removal shall be referred to as the defendant.</p> <p>The member of the Board who receives an article of removal from the plaintiff, notifies the defendant in writing, and facilitates any hearings shall be referred to as the adjudicator. All parties shall have the right to review all evidence related to an article of removal. The President shall serve as adjudicator. If the President or entire Executive Committee is the defendant, then the Board shall elect an adjudicator.</p> <p><u>Subsection 3. Notice</u></p> <p>All communications regarding an article of removal shall be conducted in writing, and all parties given proper notice.</p>	

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<p>The adjudicator shall notify the defendant within one business day of receipt of an article of removal. The defendant shall have two business days to exercise their right to schedule a hearing of the Board.</p> <p>The adjudicator shall schedule a hearing of the Board within ten business days of notice by the defendant.</p> <p><u>Subsection 4. Hearings</u></p> <p>All hearings shall be conducted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adjudicator shall begin by reading the provisions of this section of these Bylaws to the Board. 2. The plaintiff shall have up to three minutes to present their article of removal. 3. The defendant shall have up to three minutes to respond. 4. The plaintiff shall have up to two minutes to respond. 5. The defendant shall have up to two minutes to respond. 6. The Board shall have a period to ask questions. 7. The adjudicator shall conduct a vote. <p>If the defendant earns two-thirds vote from the Board and is successfully removed, the defendant may appeal to the Rules and Resolutions Committee.</p> <p>The committee will determine if the vote for removal should be reconsidered (due to procedural error) during the following Board meeting.</p>	<p>The adjudicator shall notify the defendant within one business day of receipt of an article of removal. The defendant shall have two business days to exercise their right to schedule a hearing of the Board.</p> <p>The adjudicator shall schedule a hearing of the Board within ten business days of notice by the defendant.</p> <p><u>Subsection 4. Hearings</u></p> <p>All hearings shall be conducted as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The adjudicator shall begin by reading the provisions of this section of these Bylaws to the Board. 2. The plaintiff shall have up to three minutes to present their article of removal. 3. The defendant shall have up to three minutes to respond. 4. The plaintiff shall have up to two minutes to respond. 5. The defendant shall have up to two minutes to respond. 6. The Board shall have a period to ask questions. 7. The adjudicator shall conduct a vote. <p>If the defendant earns two-thirds vote from the Board and is successfully removed, the defendant may appeal to the Rules and Resolutions Committee.</p> <p>The committee will determine if the vote for removal should be reconsidered (due to procedural error) during the following Board meeting.</p>	

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<p><u>Section 5. Evaluations</u></p> <p>The Board shall conduct quarterly evaluations of the effectiveness of its executive officers, committees, governing documents, personnel, programs, conferences, and other operations.</p> <p><u>Section 6. Conflicts of Interest</u></p> <p>All members of the Board shall recuse themselves from voting on any item before the Board or its committees for which (directly or indirectly) benefits them financially or materially.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the ultimate authority in determining whether a conflict of interest exists. All conflicts of interest shall be noted in the minutes.</p> <p>ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</p> <p><u>Section 1. Order of Succession</u></p> <p>The order of succession shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, then Vice President of Communications.</p>	<p><u>Section 5 12. Evaluations</u></p> <p>The Board shall conduct <u>annual</u> quarterly evaluations of the effectiveness of its executive officers, committees, governing documents, personnel, programs, conferences, and other operations.</p> <p><u>Section 6 13. Conflicts of Interest</u></p> <p><u>The Board shall adopt a written conflict of interest policy and procedure which shall apply to all Directors, Officers, and Delegates.</u> All members of the Board shall recuse themselves from voting on any item before the Board or its committees for which (directly or indirectly) benefits them financially or materially.</p> <p>The Board shall maintain the ultimate authority in determining whether a conflict of interest exists. All conflicts of interest shall be noted in the minutes</p> <p><u>ARTICLE IV VI – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS</u></p> <p><u>Section 1. Order of Succession</u></p> <p>The order of succession shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, then Vice President of Communications.</p>	<p>This section is addressed in other areas of the bylaws.</p>

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<p><u>Section 2. Duties</u></p> <p>All members of the Executive Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist the President in the execution of their duties. 2. Present a written monthly report to the Board of official activities and correspondences. 3. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the committee over which they preside. 4. Consult and update the committee over which they preside regularly. 5. Provide regular updates of the activities of the committee over which they preside to the Board. 6. Perform any other duties as assigned by the Board. <p><u>The Board shall establish written duties and procedures for the Officers.</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. President</u></p> <p>The President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as chief executive officer of the Senate. 2. Act as the official spokesperson of the Senate. 3. Act as one of the official representatives of the Senate to the California Community Colleges Consultation Council. 4. Establish and maintain communications with other student organizations including, but not limited to, the University of California Student Association and the California State Student Association. 	<p><u>Section 2. Duties</u></p> <p>All members of the Executive Committee shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist the President in the execution of their duties. 2. Present a written monthly report to the Board of official activities and correspondences. 3. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the committee over which they preside. 4. Consult and update the committee over which they preside regularly. 5. Provide regular updates of the activities of the committee over which they preside to the Board. 6. Perform any other duties as assigned by the Board. <p>The Board shall establish written duties and procedures for the Officers.</p> <p><u>Subsection 1. President</u></p> <p>The President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as chief executive officer of the Senate. 2. Act as the official spokesperson of the Senate. 3. Act as one of the official representatives of the Senate to the California Community Colleges Consultation Council. 4. Establish and maintain communications with other student organizations including, but not limited to, the University of California Student Association and the California State Student Association. 	<p>Move job description language to policies.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sign letters, opinion/editorial submissions, and other official written communications on behalf of the Senate with the consent of the Board. 6. Nominate individuals to external committees for appointment to any entity not reserved for the Executive Vice President 7. Nominate students to the Board for confirmation to system participatory governance entities. 8. Preside over all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee. 9. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the Board in coordination with the Vice 10. President of Communications. 11. Present an annual State of the Senate address at the September meeting of the Board. 12. Make regular visits to each region per academic year as resources allow. 13. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Board committees. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Sign letters, opinion/editorial submissions, and other official written communications on behalf of the Senate with the consent of the Board. 6. Nominate individuals to external committees for appointment to any entity not reserved for the Executive Vice President 7. Nominate students to the Board for confirmation to system participatory governance entities. 8. Preside over all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee. 9. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the Board in coordination with the Vice 10. President of Communications. 11. Present an annual State of the Senate address at the September meeting of the Board. 12. Make regular visits to each region per academic year as resources allow. 13. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Board committees. 	
<p><u>Subsection 2. Executive Vice President</u></p>	<p><u>Subsection 2. Executive Vice President</u></p>	
<p>The Executive Vice President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief operating officer of the Senate and assume the duties of the President in their absence. 2. Be generally responsible for the internal affairs of the Senate. 3. Act as one of the official representatives of the Senate to the California Community Colleges Consultation Council. 4. Establish and maintain communications with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, its President, its Chancellor, the Chancellor’s Office, the Academic Senate, the Community College League of California, and other system entities. 	<p>The Executive Vice President shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief operating officer of the Senate and Assume the duties of the President in <u>his or her</u> their absence. 2. Be generally responsible for the internal affairs of the Senate. 3. Act as one of the official representatives of the Senate to the California Community Colleges Consultation Council. 4. President, its Chancellor, the Chancellor’s Office, the Academic Senate, the Community Co 	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Update, maintain and distribute accountability reports. Coordinate the evaluations of the Board. Preside over all meetings of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Board committees. <p><u>Subsection 3. Vice President of Regional Affairs</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Regional Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be generally responsible for the regional activities of the Senate. Establish and maintain communications with the region executive boards and regional entities. Maintain an accurate roster of all regions’ executive officers. Notify regions of any vacancies on the Board from their region. Preside over all meetings of the Regional Affairs Committee. Provide regular training opportunities for regions as resources allow. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and maintain communications with the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, its Hege League of California, and other system entities. Update, maintain and distribute accountability reports. Coordinate the evaluations of the Board. Preside over all meetings of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Board committees. <p><u>Subsection 3. Vice President of Regional Affairs</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Regional Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be generally responsible for the regional activities of the Senate. Establish and maintain communications with the region executive boards and regional entities. Maintain an accurate roster of all regions’ executive officers. Notify regions of any vacancies on the Board from their region. Preside over all meetings of the Regional Affairs Committee. Provide regular training opportunities for regions as resources allow. 	

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<p><u>Subsection 4. Vice President of Legislative Affairs</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Legislative Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be generally responsible for the legislative activities of the Senate. 2. Establish and maintain communications with the Office of the Governor of California, California State Legislature, California Student Aid Commission, and other government entities. 3. Conduct and coordinate regular legislative visits to the California State Capitol, district offices, and other government entities as resources allow. 4. Nominate students to the Board for confirmation to government entities. 5. Preside over all meetings of the Legislative Affairs Committee. 6. Be responsible for communicating and representing the SSCCC in legislative coalitions. 7. Be responsible for maintaining communication with system partners pertaining to pending legislation. <p><u>Subsection 5. Vice President of Finance</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Finance shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief financial officer of the Senate. 2. Be generally responsible for the finances of the Senate. 3. Develop and maintain the annual budget 	<p><u>Subsection 4. Vice President of Legislative Affairs</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Legislative Affairs shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be generally responsible for the legislative activities of the Senate, as directed by the Board. 2. Establish and maintain communications with the Office of the Governor of California, California State Legislature, California Student Aid Commission, and other government entities. 3. Conduct and coordinate regular legislative visits to the California State Capitol, district offices, and other government entities as resources allow. 4. Nominate students to the Board for confirmation to government entities. 5. Preside over all meetings of the Legislative Affairs Committee. 6. Be responsible for communicating and representing the SSCCC in legislative coalitions. 7. Be responsible for maintaining communication with system partners pertaining to pending legislation. <p><u>Subsection 5. Vice President of Finance</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Finance shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief financial officer of the Senate. 2. Be generally responsible for the finances of the Senate. 3. Develop and maintain the annual budget. 	

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Coordinate and implement fundraising and audit initiatives. 5. Provide comprehensive quarterly budget reports. 6. Update and maintain all organizational finance policies with the consent of the Board. 7. Preside over all meetings of the Finance Committee and Region Finance and Fundraising Committee. 8. Provide the Delegate Assembly annually a financial report. <p><u>Subsection 6. Vice President of Communications</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Communications shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief communications officer of the Senate. 2. Be generally responsible for the communications of the Senate 3. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the Board in coordination with the President. 4. Take and distribute minutes for all meetings of the Board within seven calendar days of a meeting. 5. Maintain organizational records. 6. Collect and compile all Board, appointed representative, and committee reports at least ten business days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. 7. Update the Board directory regularly. 8. Disseminate information to relevant parties. Supervise the Webmaster and ensure the regular maintenance and accuracy of the website. 9. Preside over all meetings of the Communications Committee. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Coordinate and implement fundraising and audit initiatives. 5. Provide comprehensive quarterly budget reports. 6. Update and maintain all organizational finance policies with the consent of the Board. 7. Preside over all meetings of the Finance Committee and Region Finance and Fundraising Committee. 8. Provide the Delegate Assembly annually a financial report. <p><u>Subsection 6. Vice President of Communications</u></p> <p>The Vice President of Communications shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve as the chief communications officer of the Senate. 2. Be generally responsible for the communications of the Senate. Prepare and disseminate all meeting agendas of the Board in coordination with the President. 3. Take and distribute minutes for all meetings of the Board within seven calendar days of a meeting. 4. Maintain organizational records. 5. Collect and compile all Board, appointed representative, and committee reports at least ten business days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. 6. Update the Board directory regularly. 7. Disseminate information to relevant parties. Supervise the Webmaster and ensure the regular maintenance and accuracy of the website. 8. Preside over all meetings of the Communications Committee. 	

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<p><u>Subsection 7. Immediate Past Executive</u></p> <p>The Immediate Past Executive shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve for six months or until the board feels it no longer requires the assistance of the Past Executive. 2. Be elected from the former Executive Board by the outgoing Board of Directors to help with the transition to new leadership. 3. Serve as a resource of institutional knowledge to the incoming Executive Board and Board of Directors. 4. The Past Executive is a temporary employee of the Senate, not a voting member. <p><u>Section 3. Term</u></p> <p>The term of Executive Officers is one year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. No individual shall serve more than two terms as an Executive Officer.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Regular Elections</u></p> <p>The Delegates shall hold regular elections for its executive officers at its spring general assembly each year as defined in the Elections policy.</p>	<p>Subsection 7: Section 14. Immediate Past Officer</p> <p><u>The Board of Directors may elect a past officer to assist with the transition of the new Board of Directors each July. The Immediate Past Executive shall:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Serve for six months or until the board feels it no longer requires the assistance of the Immediate Past Executive. 2. Be elected from the former Executive Board by the outgoing Board of Directors to help with the transition to new leadership. 3. Serve as a resource of institutional knowledge to the incoming Executive Board Committee and Board of Directors. 4. The Past Executive is a temporary employee of the Senate, not a voting member. <p><u>Section 3. Term</u></p> <p>The term of Executive Officers is one year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. No individual shall serve more than two terms as an Executive Officer.</p> <p><u>Section 4-15. Regular Elections</u></p> <p>The Delegates shall hold regular elections for its executive officers at its <u>spring annual</u> general assembly each year as defined in the Elections policy.</p>	<p>Moved to Section 9 in this Article.</p>

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<p><u>Section 5. Resignations and Vacancies</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Resignations</u></p> <p>A resignation of an executive officer shall be effective once submitted in writing to the President and Executive Vice President.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Vacancies</u></p> <p>In the event of a vacancy and/or incomplete election for the office of President, the office shall be filled in accordance to the line of succession. If the next in line is not prepared to assume</p> <p>the office, the next officer in line shall assume the office and so forth until the line of succession has been exhausted. In the event the line of succession has been exhausted, a special election shall be held as defined in the Elections Policy Section IX.</p> <p>ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES</p> <p><u>Section 1. Standing Committees</u></p> <p>The standing committees shall exist as advisory bodies to the Board notwithstanding those delegations of authority as authorized by these</p>	<p><u>Section 5 16. Resignations and Vacancies</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Resignations</u></p> <p>A resignation of an executive <u>Board Officer</u> shall be effective once submitted in writing to the President and Executive Vice President.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Vacancies</u></p> <p>In the event of a vacancy and/or incomplete election for the office of President <u>or any other Board Officer position</u>, the office shall be filled in accordance to the line of succession, <u>unless the Board determines that the interests of the Senate would be better served by appointing another officer to that position. If the next in line is not prepared to assume the office, the next officer in line shall assume the office and so forth until the line of succession has been exhausted.</u> In the event the line of succession has been exhausted, a special election shall be held as defined in the Elections Policy Section IX.</p> <p>ARTICLE V <u>VI</u> – COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES</p> <p><u>Section 1. Committees</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Committee Formation, Rules and Accountability</u></p> <p><u>The Board of Directors may establish committees and work groups as it deems appropriate, and shall determine in writing the purposes, composition, funding, procedures, rules and other matters related to each of said committees. All committees shall</u></p>	

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<p>Bylaws. The standing committees shall perform the duties as provided by this section of these Bylaws and other such duties as assigned by the Board. All standing committees shall meet at least once per month.</p> <p>Regional Treasurers shall be delegated the responsibility of sitting on standing internal committees to aid and support the chair in any/all financial affairs. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation and maintenance of a yearly committee budget, assisting in all discretionary fund request, and conducting any financial research tasked by the chair.</p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Executive Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Communications and be responsible for:</p>	<p><u>be subject to the supervision of and accountable to the Board of Directors. The standing committees shall exist as advisory bodies to the Board of Directors notwithstanding those delegations of authority as authorized by these Bylaws. The standing committees and shall perform the duties as provided by this section of these Bylaws and other such duties as assigned by the policies of the Board. All standing committees shall meet at least once per month.</u></p> <p>Regional Treasurers shall be delegated the responsibility of sitting on standing internal committees to aid and support the chair in any/all financial affairs. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation and maintenance of a yearly committee budget, assisting in all discretionary fund request, and conducting any financial research tasked by the chair.</p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Executive Committee</u></p> <p><u>The Executive Committee is a subcommittee of, and accountable to, the Board of Directors, and shall act on behalf of the Board between Board meetings. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board during its next meeting, or upon the request of any Director, whichever comes first. The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Regional Affairs, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Communications and the Executive Director (ex officio, without the right to vote). and be responsible for:</u></p>	<p>It is important to make it clear that the Executive Committee is accountable to the Board.</p> <p>It would be preferable to list committee functions and rules in written policies. That way, the Board could modify those functions without changing the Bylaws, which is a highly cumbersome process. It would also allow the Board greater flexibility in directing and coordinating committees. I suggest that all committee descriptions, with the exception of the Executive Committee, be moved to a policy manual.</p> <p>Move committee charges and descriptions to policy.</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convening prior to Board meetings to discuss and coordinate the Board agenda. 2. Supervising and ensuring the effectiveness of all standing committees. 3. Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the Senate’s strategic plan. 4. Reviewing all personnel matters including the hiring and evaluation of staff without violating confidentiality and legal restrictions. 5. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. <p><u>Subsection 2. Regional Affairs Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Regional Affairs Committee shall be each region’s Regional Affairs Director and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing support and developing camaraderie between the regions of the Senate. 2. Collecting and sharing regional and local best practices. 3. Developing and maintaining a best practices library for regions and associated student organizations. 4. Assisting with the planning and execution of regional retreats. 5. Provide training opportunities for the regions as resources allow. 6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Convening prior to Board meetings to discuss and coordinate the Board agenda. 2. Supervising and ensuring the effectiveness of all standing committees. 3. Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the Senate’s strategic plan. 4. Reviewing all personnel matters including the hiring confidentiality and legal restrictions. 5. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. <p>The Board of Directors shall establish written duties and procedures for Committee.</p> <p><u>Subsection 2. Regional Affairs Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Regional Affairs Committee shall be each region’s Regional Affairs Director and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing support and developing camaraderie between the regions of the Senate. 2. Collecting and sharing regional and local best practices. 3. Developing and maintaining a best practices library for regions and associated student organizations. 4. Assisting with the planning and execution of regional retreats. 5. Provide training opportunities for the regions as resources allow. 6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. 	

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<p><u>Subsection 3. Legislative Affairs Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Legislative Affairs Committee shall be each region's Legislative Affairs Director and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrying out the legislative priorities of and developing advocating strategies for the Board. 2. Researching and recommending stances on legislation to the Board. 3. Developing and maintaining a database for all current Senators and Assembly Members for California. 4. Creating and maintaining a calendar of important legislative dates, legislative visits, and relevant committee hearings and meetings. 5. Assist in the planning of an annual advocacy event for the Senate as agreed upon by the Events Committee or Board. 6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. <p><u>Subsection 4. Finance Committees</u></p> <p>Finance Committee: The membership of the Finance Committee shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Regional Affairs, and one additional board director. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making recommendations to the full Board for Board's review and approval. 	<p><u>Subsection 3. Legislative Affairs Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Legislative Affairs Committee shall be each region's Legislative Affairs Director and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carrying out the legislative priorities of and developing advocating strategies for the Board. 2. Researching and recommending stances on legislation to the Board. 3. Developing and maintaining a database for all current Senators and Assembly Members for California. 4. Creating and maintaining a calendar of important legislative dates, legislative visits, and relevant committee hearings and meetings. 5. Assist in the planning of an annual advocacy event for the Senate as agreed upon by the Events Committee or Board. 6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board. <p><u>Subsection 4. Finance Committees</u></p> <p>Finance Committee: The membership of the Finance Committee shall be the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Vice President of Communications, Vice President of Regional Affairs, and one additional board director. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making recommendations to the full Board for Board's review and approval. 	

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<p>2. Provides written reports about its meetings, recommendations, and action to the entire Board on a regular basis.</p> <p>Region Finance and Fundraising Committee: The membership of the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee shall be comprised of each region’s Treasurer or its equivalent. Upon the vacancy of a Regional Treasurer, a Director from that Region may be delegated the responsibility and privileges of sitting on the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee as a voting member. Members of the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for addressing the needs and growth of the SSCCC through communication with the treasurers from each region; provide guidance to the Board of Directors on matters related to income and expenditures for current operations and future fiscal objectives; and for identifying fundraising strategies on regional and state-wide level.</p> <p>Subsection 5. Communications Committee</p> <p>The membership of the Communications Committee shall be each region’s communications officer or its equivalent and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating and disseminating a monthly newsletter of the Board’s activities. 2. Developing and spearheading social media initiatives. 3. Progressing the Senate’s media presence through support materials, publications, and communications with the press in consultation with the President. 	<p>2. Provides written reports about its meetings, recommendations, and action to the entire Board on a regular basis.</p> <p>Region Finance and Fundraising Committee: The membership of the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee shall be comprised of each region’s Treasurer or its equivalent. Upon the vacancy of a Regional Treasurer, a Director from that Region may be delegated the responsibility and privileges of sitting on the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee as a voting member. Members of the Region Finance and Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for addressing the needs and growth of the SSCCC through communication with the treasurers from each region; provide guidance to the Board of Directors on matters related to income and expenditures for current operations and future fiscal objectives; and for identifying fundraising strategies on regional and state-wide level.</p> <p><u>Subsection 5. Communications Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Communications Committee shall be each region’s communications officer or its equivalent and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating and disseminating a monthly newsletter of the Board’s activities. 2. Developing and spearheading social media initiatives. 3. Progressing the Senate’s media presence through support materials, publications, and communications with the press in consultation with the President. 	

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<p>4. Increasing participation within the SSSCC through frequent in-person and online interaction with student leaders at every California Community College.</p> <p>5. Maintaining a list of contacts for every California Community College that includes but is not limited to: Advisor of the ASO, President of the ASO, and ASO Delegate to the respective region.</p> <p>6. Partner with respective Communication Officers and Regional Affairs Directors to host physical outreach events whose goal is to spread awareness about the SSSCC, at least once in every region per term.</p> <p>7. Design informative fliers/pamphlets about major initiatives within the SSSCC, to be distributed online to every Regional Affairs Director.</p> <p>Subsection 6. Rules and Resolutions Committee</p> <p>The membership of the Rules and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <p>1. Compiling a regular Board accountability report for resolution implementation status.</p> <p>2. Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the governing documents of the Senate.</p> <p>3. Maintaining the resolutions procedures of the Senate.</p> <p>4. Collecting, reviewing, and distributing resolutions prior to each General Assembly.</p>	<p>4. Increasing participation within the SSSCC through frequent in-person and online interaction with student leaders at every California Community College.</p> <p>5. Maintaining a list of contacts for every California Community College that includes but is not limited to: Advisor of the ASO, President of the ASO, and ASO Delegate to the respective region.</p> <p>6. Partner with respective Communication Officers and Regional Affairs Directors to host physical outreach events whose goal is to spread awareness about the SSSCC, at least once in every region per term.</p> <p>7. Design informative fliers/pamphlets about major initiatives within the SSSCC, to be distributed online to every Regional Affairs Director.</p> <p><u>Subsection 6. Rules and Resolutions Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Rules and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <p>1. Compiling a regular Board accountability report for resolution implementation status.</p> <p>2. Reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding the governing documents of the Senate.</p> <p>3. Maintaining the resolutions procedures of the Senate.</p> <p>4. Collecting, reviewing, and distributing resolutions prior to each General Assembly.</p>	

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<p>5. Distributing the resolution implementation packet following each General Assembly.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p>7. Shall review all regional bylaws before they can take effect.</p> <p><u>Subsection 7. Events Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Events Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electing a Chair. 2. Planning the annual General Assembly for the Senate which shall include but not be limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing the theme and program. b. Identifying keynote and breakout speakers. c. Seeking locations for future events. d. Choosing locations. e. Creating advertising materials. f. Coordinating the onsite staff needs. g. Implementing all other activities associated with conducting the general assemblies. 3. Submitting a budget for General Assemblies to the Board no later than two months prior to the next General Assembly. 4. Planning the annual advocacy event for the Senate in coordination with the Legislative Affairs Committee which shall include but not be limited to: 	<p>5. Distributing the resolution implementation packet following each General Assembly. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p>7. Shall review all regional bylaws before they can take effect.</p> <p><u>Subsection 7. Events Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Events Committee shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electing a Chair. 2. Planning the annual General Assembly for the Senate which shall include but not be limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Developing the theme and program. b. Identifying keynote and breakout speakers. c. Seeking locations for future events. d. Choosing locations. e. Creating advertising materials. f. Coordinating the onsite staff needs. g. Implementing all other activities associated with conducting the general assemblies. 3. Submitting a budget for General Assemblies to the Board no later than two months prior to the next General Assembly. 4. Planning the annual advocacy event for the Senate in coordination with the Legislative Affairs Committee which shall include but not be limited to: 	

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<p>4. Developing the theme and program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying keynote and breakout speakers. Seeking locations for future events. Choosing locations. Creating advertising materials. Coordinating the onsite staff needs. Implementing all other activities associated with conducting advocacy. <p>5. Submitting a budget for the annual advocacy event to the Board.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p><u>Subsection 8. Equitable Practice Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Equitable Practices Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electing a Chair. Coordinating activities that promote sustainability efforts and practices. Maintaining a record of caucuses and facilitating collaboration between caucuses and the Senate. Coordinating activities that promote equity and diversity discussions and practices. 	<p>4. Developing the theme and program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying keynote and breakout speakers. Seeking locations for future events. Choosing locations. Creating advertising materials. Coordinating the onsite staff needs. Implementing all other activities associated with conducting advocacy. <p>5. Submitting a budget for the annual advocacy event to the Board.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p><u>Subsection 8. Equitable Practice Committee</u></p> <p>The membership of the Equitable Practices Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President subject to the confirmation of the Board and be responsible for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Electing a Chair. Coordinating activities that promote sustainability efforts and practices. Maintaining a record of caucuses and facilitating collaboration between caucuses and the Senate. Coordinating activities that promote equity and diversity discussions and practices. 	

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<p>5. Making recommendations to the Board on matters pertaining to early education action and effectiveness.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Vice Chairs</u></p> <p>Each committee shall elect a vice chair who shall be responsible for taking minutes of the committee and transmitting them to the Vice President of Communications upon approval. The Vice Chair of each standing committee shall be tasked with submitting monthly reports to the Vice President of Communications at least ten business days prior to a Board meeting. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for all duties outlined in the SSCCC Vice Chair Information Packet and any other duties as assigned by the Chair of their committee.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Caucuses</u></p> <p>A caucus is an independent body of like-minded individuals who wish to make their voices heard to the Senate on a formal basis. A caucus is not sponsored, chartered, or directed by the Senate and shall not be charged a fee or dues to be recognized by the Senate. With the limited exceptions of Senate requirements for caucus guidelines, as shown below, a caucus is free to create processes and/or procedures without any approval of the Senate. The SSCCC shall have standing Caucuses established as a way to ensure healthy student participation and activism. The following shall be established as standing Caucuses:</p>	<p>5. Making recommendations to the Board on matters pertaining to early education action and effectiveness.</p> <p>6. Implementing all resolutions assigned to this committee by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Vice Chairs</u></p> <p>Each committee shall elect a vice chair who shall be responsible for taking minutes of the committee and transmitting them to the Vice President of Communications upon approval. The Vice Chair of each standing committee shall be tasked with submitting monthly reports to the Vice President of Communications at least ten business days prior to a Board meeting. The Vice Chair shall be responsible for all duties outlined in the SSCCC Vice Chair Information Packet and any other duties as assigned by the Chair of their committee.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Caucuses</u></p> <p>A caucus is an independent body of like-minded individuals who wish to make their voices heard to the Senate on a formal basis. A caucus is not sponsored, chartered, or directed by the Senate and shall not be charged a fee or dues to be recognized by the Senate. With the limited exceptions of Senate requirements for caucus guidelines, as shown below, a caucus is free to create processes and/or procedures without any approval of the Senate. The SSCCC shall have standing Caucuses established as a way to ensure healthy student participation and activism. The following shall be established as standing Caucuses:</p>	<p>Simplify language and allow Board of Directors to establish caucuses and guidelines</p>

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Latinx Caucus 2. Black Caucus 3. Student Trustee Caucus 4. Spectrum Caucus (LGBT) 5. Women’s Caucus 6. Abled Caucus 7. Veterans Caucus 8. Asian Pacific Islander <p><u>Subsection 1. Caucus Guidelines:</u></p> <p>All caucuses shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit their completed caucus recognition form annually to the Executive Vice President at least ten business days prior to a Board meeting to be approved. Caucus recognition must be renewed each year with the exception of standing caucuses they shall be renewed biannually. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Latinx Caucus 3. Black Caucus 4. Student Trustee Caucus 5. Spectrum Caucus (LGBT) 6. Women’s Caucus 7. Abled Caucus 8. Veterans Caucus 9. Asian Pacific Islander <p><u>The SSSCC caucuses are intended to serve as groups of independently organized students to meet, network, and deliberate collegially in order to form a collective voice on issues of common concern that caucus members feel are of vital importance to students and improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college. The Board of Directors shall establish written policies, procedures, and guidelines for caucuses in policies.</u></p> <p><u>Subsection 1. Caucus Guidelines:</u></p> <p>All caucuses shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit their completed caucus recognition form annually to the Executive Vice President at least ten business days prior to a Board meeting to be approved. Caucus recognition must be renewed each year with the exception of standing caucuses they shall be renewed biannually. 	

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<p>2. Have a structure beyond simple membership. It must have a similar structure to that of Senate standing committees.</p> <p>3. Make an effort to provide open public access to their meeting using the provisions outlined by the most current version of the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>4. Not promote hate, violence, or any other offensive action against any other person(s).</p> <p>5. Not discriminate on the basis of gender identity, race, ethnic or national origin, social or economic class, property, age, genetic features, language, religion, disability, or sexual orientation or identity. Further, caucuses shall adhere to all federal, state, and relevant local laws regarding nondiscrimination in public and educational organizations.</p> <p>6. Not commit any illegal activities.</p> <p>7. Not conduct activities that jeopardize the Senate’s status as an organization exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p>ARTICLE VI - PERSONNEL</p> <p><u>Section 1. Reporting Structure</u></p> <p>All personnel shall report to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall report to the Board.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall be vested with the authority of reviewing and approving all changes to the reporting structure of personnel with the advice of the Executive Director and with the consent of the Board.</p>	<p>2. Have a structure beyond simple membership. It must have a similar structure to that of Senate standing committees</p> <p>3. Make an effort to provide open public access to their meeting using the provisions outlined by the most current version of the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p>4. Not promote hate, violence, or any other offensive action against any other person(s).</p> <p>5. Not discriminate on the basis of gender identity, race, ethnic or national origin, social or economic class, property, age, genetic features, language, religion, disability, or sexual orientation or identity. Further, caucuses shall adhere to all federal, state, and relevant local laws regarding nondiscrimination in public and educational organizations.</p> <p>6. Not commit any illegal activities.</p> <p>7. Not conduct activities that jeopardize the Senate’s status as an organization exempt from taxation under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.</p> <p>ARTICLE VI VII - PERSONNEL</p> <p><u>Section 1. Reporting Structure</u></p> <p>All personnel shall report to the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall report to the Board.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall be vested with the authority of reviewing and approving all changes to the reporting structure of personnel with the advice of the Executive Director and with the consent of the Board.</p>	<p>As noted above, I strongly advise against this arrangement. An ED will be undermined by this arrangement, and the members of the Executive Committee are not likely to have the background and skills necessary to perform these functions.</p> <p>Policy to be approved by the BoD for hiring, evaluation, and discipline for staff.</p>

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<p><u>Section 2. Hiring</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the approval of all hiring of personnel with the consent of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Evaluations</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the review and approval of all evaluations of personnel. All evaluations shall be held in the confidence of the Executive Committee.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Discipline</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the review and approval of all disciplinary measures relating to personnel. All disciplinary measures shall be communicated to the Board in closed session at its next regular meeting.</p> <p>ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS</p> <p><u>Section 1. Frequency</u> The Board shall hold no fewer than ten monthly meetings on such dates as adopted by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Agenda Item Requests</u> Agenda item requests shall be submitted to the President and Vice President of Communications at least ten business days prior to the scheduled monthly meeting of the Board. Exceptions shall be made at the discretion of the President and Vice President of Communications.</p>	<p><u>Section 2. Hiring</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the approval of all hiring of personnel with the consent of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Evaluations</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the review and approval of all evaluations of personnel. All evaluations shall be held in the confidence of the Executive Committee.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Discipline</u> The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the review and approval of all disciplinary measures relating to personnel. All disciplinary measures shall be communicated to the Board in closed session at its next regular meeting.</p> <p><u>ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS</u></p> <p><u>Section 1. Frequency</u> The Board shall hold no fewer than ten monthly meetings on such dates as adopted by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Agenda Item Requests</u> Agenda item requests shall be submitted by any member of the Board to the President at least ten business days prior to the scheduled monthly meeting of the Board. Exceptions shall be made at the discretion of the President and Vice President of Communications.</p>	<p>Meeting procedures will be included in Board policy.</p>

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<p><u>Section 3. Reports</u> All members of the Board, appointed representatives, and committees shall submit monthly written reports to the Vice President of Communication at least ten business days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Teleconferences</u> Teleconference shall be authorized for all meetings of the committees of the Board. Teleconference shall be available for all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board. Any Board member who participates via teleconference in regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall not be considered present for attendance and voting purposes. Teleconference shall be authorized for all special meetings of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 5. Special Meetings</u> A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p><u>Section 6. Closed Sessions</u> A closed session of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Board shall designate who is permitted to attend a closed session.</p>	<p><u>Section 3. Reports</u> All members of the Board, appointed representatives, and committees shall submit monthly written reports to the Vice President of Communication at least ten business days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Teleconferences</u> Teleconference shall be authorized for all meetings of the committees of the Board. Teleconference shall be available for all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board. Any Board member who participates via teleconference in regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall not be considered present for attendance and voting purposes. Teleconference shall be authorized for all special meetings of the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 5. Special Meetings</u> A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.</p> <p><u>Section 6. Closed Sessions</u> A closed session of the Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board and shall comply with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Board shall designate who is permitted to attend a closed session.</p>	

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<p>ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES</p> <p><u>Section 1. Financial Responsibility</u></p> <p>Ultimate fiduciary responsibility of the Senate is vested in the Board.</p> <p>The day-to-day oversight and monitoring of the Senate’s finances is the responsibility of the Vice President of Finance and the Executive Director. The Vice President of Finance and the Executive Director shall be responsible for providing monthly finance reports to be presented to and discussed by the Board at each meeting.</p> <p>The Finance Committee shall be responsible for informing the regions of the Senate’s finances and providing regular reports on fiscal activities and communications.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Fiscal Year</u></p> <p>The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30 of the following calendar year.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Annual Budget Process</u></p> <p>The annual budget process shall be conducted in accordance with the Financial Code as voted on by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Appropriations</u></p> <p>All appropriation requests shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for review and follow the process outlined in the Financial Code.</p>	<p>ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES</p> <p><u>Section 1. Financial Responsibility</u></p> <p>Ultimate fiduciary responsibility of the Senate is vested in the Board.</p> <p>The day-to-day oversight and monitoring of the Senate’s finances is the responsibility of the Vice President of Finance and the Executive Director. The Vice President of Finance and the Executive Director shall be responsible for providing monthly finance reports to be presented to and discussed by the Board at each meeting</p> <p>The Finance Committee shall be responsible for informing the regions of the Senate’s finances and providing regular reports on fiscal activities and communications.</p> <p><u>Section 2. Fiscal Year</u></p> <p>The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30 of the following calendar year.</p> <p><u>Section 3. Annual Budget Process</u></p> <p>The annual budget process shall be conducted in accordance with the Financial Code as voted on by the Board.</p> <p><u>Section 4. Appropriations</u></p> <p>All appropriation requests shall be submitted to the Finance Committee for review and follow the process outlined in the financial Code.</p>	<p>Move to policy</p>

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	<p>ARTICLE VII-VIII – BOARD-BYLAWS</p> <p>Section 1. Amendment of Bylaws Authorization For the purpose of interpreting and implementing the provisions of this Constitution, the Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws as it may deem necessary by a two-thirds of those present and voting. The Board shall be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal policies as it may deem necessary. These Bylaws may be amended by ¾ vote of the <u>Delegate Assembly provided that certain amendments to the Bylaws specified in the California Nonprofit Corporation Law, including those that materially and adversely affect the rights of any Member Senate, or that changes the authorized number of Directors, must be approved by a majority of Delegates present and voting and any Delegate Assembly.</u></p> <p>Section 2. Notice for Amendments <u>Written notice of the general nature of all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be notified at least 35 days at which the proposed Bylaws amendment is to be considered; unless the general nature of the proposed amendment is included in the notice of the meeting, no vote may be taken during the meeting concerning the proposed amendment. At least one week’s written notice shall be required for any amendment to the Bylaws.</u> Any voting member of the Board of Directors may propose an amendment to <u>the</u> its Bylaws.</p>	<p>Moved from Constitution Article VII.</p> <p>The California Corporations Code requires that certain amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws be approved by the members (in this instance, the Delegate Assembly). Also, I suggest that a majority, or at least a smaller threshold, be required to approve Bylaws changes, as requirement of a two-thirds vote results in minority rule in some situations, and since the higher threshold inhibits change. See Corporations Code Sections 5034, 5150(a) and (b), 5151(b), 5211(a)(8), 5220(a), 5224(a), and 5512.</p> <p>Given the seriousness of Bylaws changes, it is important that advance notice of the proposed amendment be given. One-week notice is insufficient for Delegate Assembly meetings, and could facilitate abuse of the Bylaws amendment process by depriving Delegates a reasonable amount of time to digest and analyze proposed Bylaws changes.</p>

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	<p>Section 3. Constitutional Conflict and Jeopardization of Non-Profit Status</p> <p>The Board shall not be authorized to adopt, amend, and/or repeal its Bylaws in any manner which conflicts with this Constitution or would jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the Senate as a charitable organization under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. A majority of those present and voting on the Board may refer any proposal to the Delegate Assembly for review.</p> <p>ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION</p> <p>It shall require a two-thirds of those present and voting in the Delegate Assembly to order the dissolution of the Senate. Upon dissolution of the Senate and subsequent to the payment of all debts, obligations, and liabilities of the Senate, remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation established to serve the needs and interests of the students of the California Community Colleges system which are members of the Senate and which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes. Such non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation shall qualify for tax-exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.</p>	Moved from Constitution X