

THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

In order to have a formal and effective procedure for participating in the formation of district policies on academic and professional matters, we, the teaching faculty of Orange Coast College, do hereby establish a representative organization, styled the Academic Senate, and a formal means for convening the whole teaching faculty.

It is assumed that orderly faculty participation in the formulation of district policies and a clearly defined organizational structure for such participation, would contribute toward a clearer understanding of the mutual problems and responsibilities of the Teaching Faculty, Administration, and the District Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. Name:

The name of the representative body herein established shall be the Academic Senate, herein called the Senate.

Section 2. Teaching Faculty:

All references to the "Teaching Faculty," herein called the "Faculty," shall be interpreted to mean all full-time certificated contract members of the faculty whose positions do not require an administrative or supervisory credential.

ARTICLE II

Function

The Senate shall be the representative body of the Faculty, to be established for the purpose of participating with the Golden West College Academic Senate, the Administration, and the District Board of Trustees in the formulation of district institutional and college policy.

ARTICLE III

Responsibilities of the Senate

The Senate shall concern itself with those areas of responsibility that it deems essential in the formulation of policy recommendations as stated in Article II of the Constitution. The Senate shall consider in good faith any recommendation submitted by a member of the Faculty, Administration, or District Board of Trustees for Senate action.

ARTICLE IV
Affiliation

The Academic Senate shall not affiliate with any professional association, organization, or group, except associations of Faculty Senates; however, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to discourage members of the Faculty from freely associating in other groups and organizations, and through such association independently expressing their views to the Administration and Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V
Amendments

Section 1. Proposal of Amendments:

- a. Proposed amendments of this Constitution may be initiated upon written petition of at least twenty-five percent of the Faculty, and may be presented at any regularly scheduled Senate meeting.
- b. Proposed amendments may be initiated by the Senate.

Section 2. Ratification of Amendments:

- a. Upon receipt of a proposed amendment in writing the Senate shall call for a special election to be held by written secret ballot.
- b. Written notice of a proposed amendment shall be distributed to the Faculty at least five days prior to the election.
- c. After five school days and not more than fifteen school days subsequent to such Senate directive, each Faculty member shall receive a ballot.
- d. Ballots must be returned to the polls by the twentieth school day following the Senate meeting at which the proposed amendment election was directed.
- e. The proposed amendment shall pass if it is approved by two-thirds of those voting, provided that at least sixty percent of the Faculty have voted.