

Academic Senate of Cañada College Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Cañada College Academic Senate.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purposes of this Senate shall be to:

- concern itself with professional relations between the Senate and Cañada College administration and/or the San Mateo County Community College District,
- promote the general welfare of Cañada College and the San Mateo County Community College District,
- work toward the development and improvement of professional standards,
- act as a body, and
- provide for continuous study of Senate problems at the local and state levels.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: In order to create the Academic Senate Governing Council, each member of the College's faculty shall be entitled to one vote in Senate elections. ("Faculty" is used here as defined in Section 131.6, Subsection 1 of the Administrative Code, Title 5, State of California, and means those certificated persons employed by the College District who do not perform any services for the College that require administrative or supervisory credential.)

Section 2: The Academic Senate shall include all certificated full-time and part-time faculty employed under contract by the College loaded at three or more units per semester.

Section 3: Consistent with Section 13532 of the California Education Code, the Academic Senate may call members for the payment of professional dues. However, professional dues are not to be a condition for eligibility to membership in the Senate, and no sanctions are to be imposed upon members who do not pay such professional dues. Collection of dues payments may be accomplished through receipt from the members of personal checks made payable to the Cañada College Academic Senate or by payroll deduction.

ARTICLE IV: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Consistent with this constitution, all authority and responsibilities of the Senate and all Senate committees shall be exercised by, through and with the approval of the Governing Council in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V: GOVERNING COUNCIL OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1: The officers shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Governing Council shall consist of the officers and other representatives as outlined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Section 1: A quorum for a meeting of the Senate shall consist of those Senate members present.

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Section 2: A quorum for a meeting of the Governing Council shall consist of a simple majority of the Council members.

Section 3: A quorum for a meeting of all other Senate subcommittees shall consist of a simple majority of the committee members.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a vote of at least 60% of the Senate votes cast. Proposed amendments must be signed by at least 10% of the Senate members. Notice must be provided in writing, filed with the Senate Secretary, and copies (hard or electronic) sent to Senate members at least two weeks preceding the vote.

Section 2: The Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority of the Senate votes cast. Proposed amendments must be signed by at least 5% of the Senate members and brought to the Governing Council as a discussion item. Notice must be provided in writing, filed with the Senate Secretary, and copies (hard or electronic) sent to Senate members at least two weeks preceding the vote.