



The Academic Senate of Orange Coast College By-Laws

Article 1

Membership and Elections

Section 1. The Electorate. The Electorate shall consist of the Faculty, as defined in Article I of the Constitution, and the Senate shall be elected from the members of this body.

Section 2. Composition of the Senate. The Senate shall be composed of a Senator from each Division, the Library, and Student Services; nine Senators-at-Large, all elected from the regular and contract Faculty; and up to three voting Senators-at Large from the Part-time Faculty. There shall be included within the membership of the Academic Senate, a non-voting student who shall be appointed by the SGOCC. The student representative may designate for the record his/her support or opposition to any matter prior to the official Senate vote. A designation shall be recorded in the Senate meeting minutes. Such student shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Senate except those meetings prohibited by Education Code 72023.5 (a) (2) or when the Senate is in closed session.

Section 3. Division Senators. Divisions are responsible for conducting their own elections of division senators. The Senate will conduct elections of division Senators if the division requests the assistance of the Senate. During the month of February, eligible divisions shall report to the Senate the results of their elections o

Section 5. Part-Time Senators-at-Large. Candidates from the part-time members of the Faculty shall receive notice in February that they may nominate themselves for one of three part-time voting Senator-at-Large positions. All interested nominees shall attend the designated meeting in February to present themselves and be endorsed by the Senate for a one year term of office. Vacancies that may occur prior to the next election shall be filled by appointment and endorsement of the Senate.

Section 6. Vacancies

- a. Permanent Vacancies. A permanent vacancy is established when a Senator submits a letter of resignation to the Senate President, is unable to complete the term of office, is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without prior consent of the President of the Senate, or who becomes ineligible to hold membership in the Senate. Permanent vacancies shall be filled as provided in Sections 3, 4, and 5.
- b. Temporary Vacancies. Temporary vacancies occur when the President declares a Senator is on approved temporary leave. Then the Senate shall conduct an election to fill the seat for the duration of the leave as per Sections 3, 4, and 5; or, in lieu of an election, the Senator may designate a substitute from the same constituency which they represent who will serve as if elected.

Section 7. Tenure of Office. Approximately one-third (1/3) of the regular and contract Senate membership shall be elected each year; and each elected member shall serve for a term of three years except for the following changes for the 2016-2017 election cycles only:

- a. Effective for the 2016 Senator-at-Large election only, all five newly elected Senators-at-Large shall draw lots to determine which two shall serve two-year terms in order to re-establish the required one-third (1/3) election process as noted above; the remaining three shall serve three-year terms.
- b. Effective for the 2017 Division Senator election only, all six newly-elected Division Senators shall draw lots to determine which two shall serve two-year terms in order to re-establish the required one-third (1/3) election process as noted above; the remaining four shall serve three-years terms.

Section 8. Recall and Removal of Senators.

- a. Division Senators. A Division may replace its Senator at any time upon the majority vote of the regular and contract Faculty of the Division at a special election called by petition of one-third (1/3) of the regular and contract Faculty of that Division.
- b. At-large Senators. The Faculty-at-large may replace an at-large Senator at any time upon the majority of votes of the regular and contract Faculty at a special election called by petition of one-third (1/3) of the regular and contract Faculty.

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