

FA26.02 Resolution to Temporarily Suspend the Academic Senate Executive Committee Pending Comprehensive Bylaws Review

Originators: **Executive Board Officers** (Tatiana Vásquez, President | Amy Avelar, Vice President | Jamie Salyer, Secretary)

Whereas, The Academic Senate is the representative and decision-making faculty body that hears, discusses, and deliberates, and makes recommendations to the governing board¹; and

Whereas, In the most recent Academic Senate Bylaws¹², the Executive Committee is outdated in both composition and duties that, in practice, remove the Senate from a collective decision-making process; and

Whereas, further compounded by the Academic Senate Resolution Process²³ (adopted 11/07/2012) which includes the following steps by which the Executive Committee controls Senate access to resolutions:

“Step 3, The Executive Committee reviews all submitted resolutions and may recommend amendments, combinations, rewordings, or additions, or it may render moot the resolution and amendments as necessary. The proposer of the resolution will be invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting at which the resolution is reviewed.”

“Step 5, The Executive Committee may ask that the resolution be revised and returned to the Executive Committee for further review or discussion.”

“Step 6, If the Executive Committee determines that the resolution should be placed on an agenda, it will be given its first reading (without discussion) at the next Academic Senate meeting.”

Whereas, There is a need to re-evaluate and modernize the Constitution and Bylaws while strengthening the Academic Senate decision-making pathways and governance structure; therefore,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be temporarily suspended while the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws Task Force completes its charge and deliverables; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate affirm the President to consult with the **Executive Board Officers**, comprised of the Vice President and Secretary, in preparing the agenda based on participatory governance priorities requiring discussion, deliberation, and recommendation by the Senate, with agenda setting authority remaining vested in the President; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate reaffirm that academic and professional matters (10 +1) be brought to the Senate for evaluation, discussion, and action as applicable.

¹Academic Senate for Community Colleges of California Local Academic Senate Handbook, 2025 Revision, Part III: Duties as a Local Academic Senate President, p.24.

¹²San Bernardino Valley College Academic Senate Bylaws, last revised April 2, 2025. Available at: <https://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/campus-committees/academic-senate/bylaws/documents/2025-current-bylaws.pdf>

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²³SBVC Academic Senate Resolution Process, November 7, 2012. Available at:
https://www.valleycollege.edu/~Media/Files/SBCCD/SBVC/committees/academic-senate/Resolutions/SBVC_ResolutionProcess.pdf