TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)

SUBJECT: 13-14 FAC 1: Interpretation of the Rules on Quorum

PURPOSE: Approval of the Senate

BACKGROUND:
In response to the June 10, 2013 referral from the Senate Chair, the members of the Faculty Affairs Committee discussed the issue and at their November 6, 2013 meeting voted unanimously that we agree with the Senate Chair’s interpretation of which categories of Senate representatives constitute a quorum as written in the Bylaws, “A quorum for the Academic Senate shall be 50% of the faculty members who have been elected at-large and from the Colleges.”

The categories of Academic Senate elected faculty member representatives counted in an official quorum include (Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution):

C. the representatives of the University in the Academic Senate of the California State University; [elected in an at-large election]

D. twenty-five (25) members elected by and from the Colleges of the University, distributed in proportion to the number of Regular Members in the Colleges, provided that every College shall have at least one member in the Academic Senate; [elected by their college]

E. ten (10) members-at-large, elected by and from the Regular Members of the University Faculty [elected in an at-large election]

F. one (1) member elected by and from faculty who has achieved emeritus/emerita status, in accordance with Article VIII of the Bylaws of the University Faculty;

G. four (4) members elected by and from the University lecturers, in accordance with Article IX of the Bylaws of the University Faculty;

K. the chair of each standing committee of the Academic Senate [elected by their college]

L. the immediate past-chair of the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:
FAC recommends that the Academic Senate approve FAC’s interpretation regarding quorum.

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