

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST BAY

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TO: Denise Fleming, Secretary of the Academic Senate  
 FROM: The Signed Petitioners (Watnik, *et al.*)  
 SUBJECT: Proposal to change the Bylaws of the University Faculty

**ACTION**

REQUESTED: The Secretary put to a vote of the University Faculty the following changes to the Faculty Constitution and Bylaws to change the number of students representatives on the Academic Senate, effective in the following Academic Year (2013-4) provided at least two-thirds of the votes are in favor and the President approves.

**BACKGROUND**

INFORMATION: Currently, the Constitution and Bylaws of the University Faculty specify that there are seven (7) “student members of the Academic Senate” (Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution and Article XII, Section 1 of the Bylaws). There are 25 college and 10 “at large” members of the Senate from the faculty. Additionally, the 5 (currently) standing committee chairs each get a seat. This is 40 regular faculty members (if the ASCSU Senators do not hold college or at large seats, this total becomes 42). The staff gets 1 representative, as do emeriti. The Provost is a voting member of the Senate. Lecturers elect 4 representatives and “student services professionals” elect 2. All in all, there are currently 55 (or possibly 57) members of the Academic Senate, 7 of whom are students.

What this means is students hold over 12% of the votes on issues such as RTP changes. A bloc of students voting could change the outcome on a vote for a resolution in the Academic Senate, in which case the Academic Senate is “speak[ing] for the University Faculty” (Article XIV, Section 2 of the Bylaws). The faculty does not get a single vote in ASI affairs.

The College of Education and Allied Studies currently has 4 allocated members of the Senate; the College of Business and Economics has 3. So, the student representatives equal the number of representatives of the total of the two of the Colleges *combined*. We propose to change this. While the number of students on the Academic Senate would still be substantial (as proposed, it would currently be 3), their influence would be lessened.

For a frame of reference, other relatively nearby CSU information is below:

Campus	TT Fac.	Admin.	Stud.	Other	Reference
CSUEB	42	1 + 1 <sup>2</sup>	7	7	
SJSU	35	9	7	3	<a href="http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/senators12-13.html">www.sjsu.edu/senate/senators12-13.html</a>
SFSU	~55	2	3	3	<a href="http://www.sfsu.edu/~senate/constitution/constitution.html">www.sfsu.edu/~senate/constitution/constitution.html</a>
CSU Stan.	? <sup>1</sup>	2	2	4	<a href="http://www.csustan.edu/facultyhandbook/AcademicSenate/">www.csustan.edu/facultyhandbook/AcademicSenate/</a>
CSUMB	? <sup>1</sup>	1	2	4	<a href="http://senate.csumb.edu/">senate.csumb.edu/</a>
CSU Sac.	~60	0	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 + 1 <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://www.csus.edu/acse/Senate-Info/Senators.html">www.csus.edu/acse/Senate-Info/Senators.html</a>
CSU Chico	~55	5 <sup>2</sup>	2	2	<a href="http://www.csuchico.edu/fs/who/senators.shtml">www.csuchico.edu/fs/who/senators.shtml</a>

[1] Depends upon number of departments

[2] Non-voting

**Constitution ARTICLE V  
THE ACADEMIC SENATE**

**SECTION 2:** The membership of the Academic Senate shall include:

[...]

- J. ~~seven (7) members~~ the same number of members as the smallest College (not including the University Library) selected from among undergraduate or graduate students, in accordance with Article XII of the Bylaws of the University Faculty;

[...]

**Constitution ARTICLE VIII  
STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN FACULTY GOVERNANCE**

**SECTION 1:** ~~Seven (7) student~~ Student members, with number as specified in Article V, Section 2, J, shall be regular voting members of the Academic Senate (~~See Article V, Section 2, J~~).

**Bylaws ARTICLE XII  
STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE ACADEMIC SENATE  
AND ON STANDING COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1:** Student Members of the Academic Senate and Committees

In the Spring Quarter the Associated Students Chair will arrange for the election of ~~seven (7)~~ the number of student members of the Academic Senate specified in Article V, Section 2, J of the Constitution, and two (2) student members to each Standing Committee except the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation. Student representatives shall be elected to one-year terms that commence June 15. The following criteria shall apply in determining eligibility: [...]