**ACADEMIC SENATE CONSTITUTION REVISON (March 2017):**

The Academic Senate has revised its constitution. The previous modification to the constitution occurred in October 2001. After researching the constitutions of other colleges, holding detailed discussions within Senate, and seeking faculty-wide feedback, the Senate has approved a revised constitution. In order to officially adopt the constitution, it must also be ratified by faculty. The updated constitution has been sent out for review and the ratification vote will occur during the week of 04/10 – 04/14. The main additions and omissions are highlighted below.

**Final Additions to Constitution (as compared to the Original from Oct. 2001):**

* GCFA President to serve as non-voting, ex-officio *member* of Senate
* Past-president was added to the *membership* section of the constitution
* *Officers* will be compensated in accordance with the GCFA contract.
* Officers will serve a two-year term.
* Officers will assume positions on July 1st
* Officers will have a term-limit of two consecutive terms after which they must skip a term
* At-large senators will serve a two-year term
* Faculty appointments to committees will be made by the *Academic Senate*
* Amendments to the constitution will be adopted by full-time *and* part-time faculty
* The Board shall be notified at the earliest possible board meeting upon ratification/ amendment of the constitution.

**Final Omissions from Constitution (as compared to the Original from Oct. 2001):**

* Removed the specific list of departments represented on the Senate
* Removed the VP of Instructional Services as an ex-officio member of the Senate
* Removed the “Past-President” from the list of officers.
* Took out the provision that officer elections occur in September/ October
* Removed the condition that amendments to the constitution must be *approved* by the Board.