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

The Senate constitution revision process has gone through three phases: 1) Research other constitutions/ compare our document; 2) Receive Senate feedback and incorporate into our AS constitution; 3) Send out the draft constitution and receive faculty-wide feedback. The final draft is a result of all three phases:

**Main Feedback received from Faculty:**

* Part-time-faculty involvement in Senate should ***not*** be limited to those with re-hire rights
* AS Presidency should ***not*** be limited to full-time faculty only. This practice is discriminatory and exclusive.
* Bylaws workgroup recommendations: one-year term for officers—the president-elect would be elected at the end of the fall semester, serve the spring as president-elect, assume the presidency for one year then serve as past president for the fall semester. Officers can serve three consecutive terms prior to having to sit one out.
* Should not specify a minimum number of meetings per month in the academic year.

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

* College President, GCFA President, and an ASGC appointee to serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of Senate
* Past-president was added to the *membership* section of the constitution
* Officers may *not* simultaneously be department representatives or at-large senators
* *Officers* will be compensated as set forth in the bylaws. (Previous language only included *AS president*).
* Officers will serve a one-year term.
* Note: specific language about the president-elect was NOT added to the constitution
* Officers will assume positions on July 1st
* Officers will have a term-limit of three 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* (previous language specified the *AS president* alone).
* Amendments to the constitution will be adopted by full-time *and* part-time faculty

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

* Removed the specific list of departments represented on 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 of Trustees

**Open Questions:**

* How should we proceed? Send the constitution to the faculty for a vote OR wait to ensure consistency between the bylaws and constitution?