

Sequoias Community College District Academic Senate Resolution to Clarify Committee C Membership

May 14, 2025

Whereas, the Sequoias Community College District Academic Senate's Bylaws state: "Each Academic Senate committee shall meet as needed for the conduct of its business and shall submit at least three progress reports to the Academic Senate during the academic year: 1. An initial report after the committee's first meetings of the academic year. This report will: i. List committee members. ii. Provide a schedule of meeting dates/times. iii. Share initiatives to be addressed during the school year", "Each committee is responsible for developing its own Bylaws", and "All committees must give a summary of their current business from time to time to the full Academic Senate at the discretion of the Academic Senate Executive Committee";

Whereas, on May 8th, 2024, the Academic Senate voted to adopt the recommended structure for creating Committee C as submitted by the dedicated taskforce;

Whereas, Standing Committee C's Bylaws were voted on by committee members before the committee's membership was completed as stipulated in the structure adopted by Academic Senate for the committee's creation;

Whereas, senators in Academic Senate have expressed confusion over the process by which the committee was created, and concern over setting precedent for whether Academic Senate's decisions as a body must be followed as approved or are recommendations which do not require complete adherence;

Whereas, the current members and chair of Standing Committee C have met numerous times, appointed faculty to their membership, and discussed possible work and initiatives for the committee to begin the work Academic Senate charged them with, despite not having the structure as adopted by Academic Senate for the committee's creation;

Whereas, the work of Standing Committee C is deeply valued by the Academic Senate, and confusion about the creation of the committee and potential good faith mistakes made during that process has been noted by the committee members to be a burden upon their work;

Resolved, that the Sequoias Community College Districts Academic Senate unambiguously and wholeheartedly recognizes, supports, and affirms the existence and vital work of Standing Committee C; and

Resolved, that the Sequoias Community College Districts Academic Senate recognizes, and affirms, that the Academic Senate's decisions and actions as a body are intended to be followed as is, that future decisions and actions as a body should be followed as is, and that faculty and

senators are encouraged to discuss with Academic Senate as a body if there is ever confusion or questions about the body's decisions and actions or how to abide by them.