

Resolution S2025.11 Endorse an update to SAC College Council Faculty Representation

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Whereas, shared governance is foundational to the effective and equitable operation of community colleges, ensuring that all constituencies have a voice in institutional decision-making; and

Whereas, the current SAC College Council structure reflects an imbalance in constituent group representation, with only three faculty representatives compared to six administrators and limited classified and student participation, underscoring the need for a more equitable distribution of voices in governance;

Whereas, faculty play a critical role in the core academic functions of the college and their representation should reflect the diverse instructional and service areas of the institution; and

Whereas, increasing faculty representation to four members—specifically including representation from Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, and Student Services—supports inclusivity and strengthens governance through diverse academic perspectives;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the SAC College Council supports increasing faculty membership from three to four representatives; and

Be it further resolved, that this updated representation includes one faculty representative each from Academic Affairs, Continuing Education, and Student Services, in addition to the Academic Senate President; and

Be it further resolved, that this change aligns with SAC's commitment to equity, inclusiveness, and balanced governance practices; and

Be it finally resolved, that this recommendation be forwarded to SAC's College Council for formal adoption and implementation at the start of the 2025–2026 academic year, and that upon approval, the updated council composition be reflected in the Participatory Governance Handbook to ensure consistency, transparency, and institutional alignment.

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