ACADEMIC SENATE
Los Angeles Mission College

CONSTITUTION OF THE
LOS ANGELES MISSION COLLEGE FACULTY

ARTICLE I: Name and Purpose

Section 1
This organization shall be known as the Los Angeles Mission College Academic Senate.

Section 2
Subject to the Laws of the state of California and the regulations of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District and relevant collective bargaining agreements, the Senate shall be composed of faculty members as defined in this Constitution, and recognized as the body which represents the faculty in collegial governance, with powers to perform the duties related to academic and professional matters as outfitted in AB1725 (Academic Senate responsibilities 10+1).

Section 3
To the extent permitted by the law and collective bargaining agreements, the Senate shall participate with the appropriate college units, College Administration, College President and the Board of Trustees or its agents in the review and formulation of policy in educational areas including, but not limited to:

a. Professional rights and responsibilities (academic freedom and ethical standards).
b. Professional standards
c. Professional personnel policies (criteria of personnel selection and retention including administrative personnel, and assignment).
d. Academic policies (development and expansion of curriculum, admission, honors, graduation and degree requirements, retention of students, and textbook policy).
e. Student personnel policies (general counseling philosophy, conduct, discipline, and general matters pertaining to student activities and welfare).
f. Institutional philosophy (philosophy of general education).
g. Educational expenditures (budget planning, building planning, and long-range plans).

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Section 4
The Academic Senate shall establish standing committees, under the purview of the Senate, to focus on issues or areas of responsibility that occur on an ongoing or recurrent basis. A list of standing committees of the Senate is included in the By Laws, ARTICLE IV, Section 2.

The Academic Senate shall convene Ad Hoc committees, under the purview of the Senate, to focus on a single issue and to be disbanded at completion of the project.

ARTICLE II: Membership and Dues

Section 1
Membership in the Academic Senate (hereinafter called the Senate) shall include all regular and contract certificated faculty who are employed at Los Angeles Mission College. A regular employee is one who has completed his/her probationary assignment and holds regular status. A contract employee is one who has been appointed to a regular position but has not completed the probationary period.

In addition to all regular and contract certificated faculty, Senate membership shall include one adjunct faculty, who meets the qualifications as stated in the Bylaws, ARTICLE I, Section 2D.

Section 2
All members of the Senate shall uphold the College Code of Conduct in all Academic Senate business.

Section 3
Regular dues and special assessments shall be adjusted and levied by two-thirds of votes cast by the members of the Senate. Only dues-paying Senators are eligible to vote. Payment of dues is not a requirement of membership, however voting privileges shall be accorded to current dues-paying Senators.

ARTICLE III: Officers and Organization

Section 1: Officers
The elected officers of the Senate shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.

Section 2: Executive Board
The membership of the Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president and District Academic Senate Representatives.

Section 3: Powers
The Senate of Los Angeles Mission College accepts the responsibilities as specified in Title V of the California Education Code. The Senate shall:

A. Create standing committees to study issues as may arise in the conduct of the business of the Senate.
B. Have the power by majority vote of its membership, to fill existing vacancies on the Executive Board.
C. Adopt Bylaws and Standing Rules necessary for carrying out the provisions of The Constitution.
D. Serve as a forum for consideration of matters of significance to faculty.
E. Constitute, oversee and maintain Senate Committees. A list of standing committees of the Senate is included in the Bylaws, ARTICLE IV, Section 2.
F. Constitute, oversee and maintain Senate Ad Hoc Committees, as is necessary, to focus on a single issue or project.
G. Participate in academic planning for the college, in pursuit of its mission.

ARTICLE IV: Nomination and Election

Section 1
The Elections Committee shall open nominations for all elected positions of the Senate at the regular meeting of the Academic Senate held in April of every odd year.

Section 2
The election of the Senate officers and senators as specified in the Bylaws shall be held in May of an election year.

Section 3
The newly-elected officers and senators shall be installed at the last stated meeting of the Academic year, and full assumption of responsibilities begins on July 1.

Section 4
Any Senate elected officer or senator shall be subject to recall as specified in the Bylaws, ARTICLE II, Section 5.

ARTICLE V: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated in the same way that any other motions are initiated by the Senate or by members of the faculty calling for a general meeting of the Senate. Proposed amendments shall be presented in written form to the members of the Senate and shall require two thirds of votes cast by the entire Senate membership.

The Senate shall ensure establishment of Bylaws for the conduct of its business.