

# AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

## CONSTITUTION

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### ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization shall be known as the American River College Academic Senate, hereinafter referred to as "the Senate."

### ARTICLE II: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Section 1. The purpose of the Academic Senate is to provide the faculty with its formal representative voice. The Senate represents the American River college faculty in "academic and professional matters" as defined in AB 1725 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. "Faculty" is defined as any full- or part-time faculty member whose salary is determined by either the regular unit pay or temporary salary schedules.
- Section 2. The Senate may accept any powers and responsibilities delegated to it by law and by the Board of Trustees.
- Section 3. The Senate shall present its written views and recommendations directly to the Board of Trustees or to such regularly established channels as the District Academic Senate, the president of the college, or the chancellor of the District.
- Section 4. The Senate shall be available to act as a consultative body both to the president of the college and to the Board of Trustees in any matter affecting the conduct and welfare of the college.
- Section 5. The Senate shall be responsible for conducting any meetings necessary for carrying out these responsibilities, as specified in the Senate Bylaws

### ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION

The Senate shall consist of members elected from organizational units of the college, as defined in the Senate Bylaws. Bylaws shall make provision for representation both regular and adjunct faculty and shall stipulate terms of office and procedures involving vacancies.

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### ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF SENATORS

Senators shall be chosen in elections according to procedures stipulated in the Senate Bylaws.

### ARTICLE V: ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Senate officers shall include a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Past President; these officers shall comprise the Senate Executive Council. Terms of office, duties, and election procedures shall be stipulated in the Senate Bylaws.

### ARTICLE VI: PROCEDURES

Senate Bylaws shall specify procedures for preparing and presenting recommendations, formulating agendas, referrals to committees, and conduct of meetings.

### ARTICLE VII: CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended by two thirds of the entire votes cast by the American River College faculty.