

ARTICLE V. THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Section 5.0 The duties of the Academic Senate, delegated to it by the General Faculty, shall be:

- a) To formulate, recommend, review, and revise all academic, personnel, and professional policies pertaining to the General Faculty, including fiscal policies related thereto, broadly and liberally defined.
- b) To assure through well-established and well-defined channels of communication the maximum cooperation between the teaching and administrative members in order that policy and administrative implementation shall be consonant.
- c) To present through proper channels to the Trustees of The California State University and/or the Academic Senate of The California State University any appropriate recommendation regarding to, but not limited to, those policy matters enumerated in Article V., Section 5.0 (a). Such recommendations may ask for amendments to or the elimination of any law, code section, regulation or policy when the General Faculty deems it to be in the general welfare of this, of any, or of all The California State University.

5.1 The Academic Senate shall have no authority to make judgments regarding the application of grievance, disciplinary, hiring, retention, promotion or tenure procedures, the granting of faculty leaves and awards, the conducting and certifying of General Faculty elections or final interpretation of the Constitution and Standing Rules of the General Faculty. Such authority is reserved to the General Faculty as specified in this Constitution.

5.2 All actions of the Academic Senate are subject to referendum by the General Faculty for a period of ten instructional days following the date of distribution of Academic Senate minutes (see Article III., Section 4.0). In the absence of a call for referendum, Academic Senate actions shall be General Faculty policy recommendations.

5.3 The President of the University shall take action on policy recommendations of the General Faculty under Article III., Section 3.3 and 4.0, or Article V., Section 5.2, within thirty calendar days of proper notification of such recommendations. Should the President of the University decline to concur in such policy recommendations of the General Faculty, it shall be the responsibility of the President to explain the reasons in writing to all members of the General Faculty or to present the President's position in person to the Academic Senate within a reasonable time. The President of the University shall have final authority and responsibility for the operation of the University.

5.4 The Academic Senate reserves the right to direct the Speaker to express sentiments of the Academic Senate or of the General Faculty independent of action taken by the President of the University.