

CONSTITUTION OF THE VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE

PREAMBLE

We, the Victor Valley College faculty do hereby establish an organization to represent the Victor Valley College faculty.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The official name of this organization shall be the Victor Valley College Academic Senate.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Academic Senate to:

- a. Represent the faculty of Victor Valley College in the formation of local policies on academic and professional matters.
- b. Make recommendations on local matters affecting the faculty of Victor Valley College.
- c. Promote the implementation of policies on matters of local concern regarding academic and professional matters
- d. Strengthen committees and other faculty groups in the Victor Valley College Academic senate
- e. Initiate policy positions relevant to Victor Valley College and its role in higher education

ARTICLE III: AUTHORIZATION AND POWERS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

The power of the Academic Senate is derived from AB 1725 and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations and implemented through its recommendations. This resolution and recommendation process shall be the primary method by which policies of the Academic Senate are adopted.

Academic Senate powers and duties include, as per AB 1725, the following academic and professional policy development matters:

1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.
2. Degree and certificate requirements.
3. Grading policies.
4. Educational program development.
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
6. College governance structures, as related to faculty roles.
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
9. Processes for program review.
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

The Representative Council shall include the Executive Board and the Area Representatives, which serve as the official representative body of the Academic Senate. The Senate is empowered to make recommendations to the College President and the Board of Trustees. It also has the right to lay directly before the governing board its views on any matter pertaining to the conduct and welfare of the college.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Academic Senate or by petition of 30 percent of the members of the Academic Senate.

Section 2: All proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the full-time faculty membership at least ten days prior to voting.

Section 3: An amendment shall be considered adopted if it receives a simple majority vote by full-time faculty membership.

Upon ratification in Spring 2022, the revised Constitution will take effect Fall 2022.