

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Texas State Technical College Waco Faculty Senate and hereafter be designated as the Faculty Senate.

Article II: Objectives and Introduction

Section 1:

To enable members to speak with a collective voice relative to matters pertaining to the teaching profession.

To further the full development and preservation of teaching and learning.

To provide an orderly process for improving communication, understanding, and unity within the college organization.

To influence the overall objective of TSTC.

Section 2:

These objectives shall not be construed as limiting the authority of any academic or administrative officer, department or division, nor to discharge the responsibilities delegated by the Regents.

The Faculty Senate constitutes the principal faculty advocacy body within the College with regard to those academic and educational matters in which the faculty have expertise and responsibility and in all other areas of faculty interest and concern.

Article III: Responsibility

The Senate shall provide the faculty an opportunity to voice concerns, recommendations and input regarding issues involving academic affairs, instructional policy, and or academic support areas and to communicate such to the College President, President's Cabinet, College or System Administrations for consideration.

The Senate through the Executive Board shall be receptive to an invitation by the College President, President's Cabinet, College or System Administrations to the Faculty Senate to provide input regarding issues involving academic affairs, instructional policy, or academic support areas. The Faculty Senate will provide a response to each issue communicated by the College President, President's Cabinet, College or System Administrations.

The College President, President's Cabinet, College or System Administrations shall provide the Senate an opportunity to be heard with input regarding issues involving academic affairs, instructional policy, or academic support areas. The College President, President's Cabinet, College or System Administrations shall provide a response to each issue communicated by the Faculty Senate.

When differences exist between the positions taken by the Faculty Senate and College or System Administrations, the administration's appointed representative

will be invited to meet with the Senate or the Senate's appropriate committee to in an attempt to resolve the differences.

Article IV: Senate Membership

Membership will consist of faculty representatives (Senators) who have faculty ranking from each instructional department that teaches matriculated students, Faculty Senate Officers, and Standing Committee Chairs. Faculty Senate members may be: department chairs or full time faculty. Each individual senate member has a vote on any matter brought before the Senate.

Each individual senate member has the right to bring before the Senate, in an appropriate manner as outlined by the Senate Constitution and By-Laws, any matter that he/she so chooses.

Article V: Executive Board

Section 1:

The Faculty Senate has an elected body known as the Executive Board that consists of the following:

President, President Elect, Parliamentarian, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairpersons of Standing Committees.

The role of the Executive Board is to act as the voice and ears for the Senate. This is not to be a decision making body but a facilitator for all issues brought before the board to and from appropriate Faculty Senate Committees, the Administration, and Faculty Senate members. The Board develops the agenda for and coordinates Faculty Senate meetings.

The Board has the responsibility of representing the Faculty Senate to the Administration.

Section 2:

The Executive Board Members shall assume offices September 1st with and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are selected and qualified. The newly elected President-Elect will begin their term of office immediately after the announcement and serve as President-Elect until August 31st and then assume the office of President of the Faculty Senate on September 1st and continue for one year).

Article VI: Amendments to the Constitution and Changes to the By-Laws

Section 1:

Amendments to this Constitution and changes (additions, modification and/or deletions) to the By-Laws may be proposed by any member of the Faculty Senate or any faculty member who is eligible to serve as a faculty senate representative.

Section 2:

Amendments to this Constitution shall become effective upon adoption by the Senate by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting of the Senate.

Section 3:

Motion for an amendment of the Constitution and/or changes in the By-Laws must be introduced at least one month in advance of the vote.

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