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CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE
TYLER STATE COLLEGE

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Tyler State College Faculty Senate, hereafter referred to as the Faculty Senate.

Article II

Purpose

The Faculty Senate of Tyler State College provides a systematic means for the effective participation of the Faculty in the affairs of the College, and adequate channels for the Administration of Tyler State College to seek the judgment and counsel of the Faculty about matters of mutual concern.

Article III

Authority

The Faculty Senate of Tyler State College shall act on the authority delegated to it by the Board of Regents, the Administration, and the Faculty of the College. Decisions reached by the Faculty Senate shall be subject to the approval of the President of the College and the rules and regulations of the Board of Regents of Tyler State College.

Article IV

Membership and Composition

Section 1. The membership of the Faculty Senate shall be divided into two classes - ex officio (non-voting) and elected (voting) members.

- A. Voting members shall be elected from full-time faculty who teach a minimum of half-time and from among professional librarians. The Director of Library Services, deans and higher administrative officials are not eligible for election as voting members.
- B. Non-voting ex officio members will be named at the discretion of the Faculty Senate from among persons not presently serving as elected members.

Section 2. Apportionment. Elected seats shall be apportioned among the respective schools of the College and the library. There shall be two elected members for each school and two for the library.

Section 3. Elections. Elections for voting members of the Faculty Senate shall be held in April of each year. Beginning in the spring of 1974 representatives of each school and the library receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for a two-year term. The representative of each school and the library receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be elected for a one-year term. Thereafter each school and the library shall yearly elect a representative for a two-year term. The terms of the newly elected members shall begin on the first day of the fall semester following the election.

Section 4. Vacancy. In case of decease, resignation, or incapacity of any member of the Faculty Senate, the school concerned shall hold a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Article V

Officers

The elected officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

The President shall appoint a Parliamentarian each year to assist in conducting the business of the meeting.

Article VI

Election of Officers and Term of Office

Section 1. Prior to the close of the spring semester the duly elected members of the Faculty Senate for the next academic year shall have an organizational meeting in order to elect officers. The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall chair that organizational meeting.

Section 2. The term of office for the Faculty Senate officers shall be one year.

Section 3. In case of vacancy of an office, the Faculty Senate shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Article VII

Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings and to appoint ad hoc committees.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice President shall be to serve in the absence of the President.

Section 3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to record and maintain the minutes of the Faculty Senate, to compile and maintain a list of the members of the Senate, to compile and maintain a list of faculty eligible for voting membership, to call the roll of the members at every meeting, to record those present and those absent, and provide copies of the minutes for circulation.

Article VIII

Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

- A. Committee on Committees
- B. Student Affairs Committee
- C. Academic Standards Committee

- D. Library Committee
- E. Faculty Welfare Committee
- F. Special Events Committee
- G. Physical Plant Committee

The Faculty Senate President is charged with submitting to each committee the issues and problems deemed appropriate.

Section 2. Committee on Committees.

- A. The Committee on Committees shall be comprised of the senators who are serving the last year of their regular term.
- B. In case of a vacancy the seat will be filled by the senior senator of that school.
- C. The function of the Committee on Committees is to recommend to the Faculty Senate the membership of all standing committees. Approval of all committees shall be by majority vote. The membership of each proposed committee shall be subject to amendment by the Faculty Senate.

Section 3. Committee Chairmanship. The chairman of each committee shall be an elected member of the Faculty Senate.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees. When directed by the Faculty Senate, the President shall appoint ad hoc committees, the membership of which must be approved by the Faculty Senate by majority vote.

Article IX

Meetings

Section 1. The Faculty Senate shall meet once each month during the academic year, beginning in September, and at such other times as the President of the Senate or the Senate deems necessary.

Section 2. Quorum. A simple majority of the duly elected members shall constitute a quorum.

Article X

Amendments

Section 1. The constitution may be amended by the presentation of the proposed amendment in writing at a meeting of the Senate. The proposed amendment shall be voted on at the next meeting of the Senate, and must secure the approval of a two-thirds majority of the Senate.

Section 2. An affirmative vote of a majority of those eligible for membership as voting members in the Faculty Senate must be secured to amend the constitution.

Section 3. No amendment to this constitution shall become effective until approved by the president of the College and the Board of Regents.

Approved:

Board of Regents, March 13, 1974