



# Constitution

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## ARTICLE I

### NAME

**Section I.** The official name of this organization shall be the Fullerton College Classified Senate, hereafter referred to as the Classified Senate.

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE & MISSION

**Section I.** The Classified Senate shall be a permanent organization authorized by the President of Fullerton College with the established purchase to provide representation for the Classified Staff, as defined in Article III, Section I, for participation in governance on matters affecting the college, except where specifically prohibited by law. Objectives of the Classified Senate are to:

- A. Promote and facilitate the exchange of ideas and understanding among classified staff, faculty, and administrators;
- B. Stimulate awareness and commitment to the vision, mission, and core values of Fullerton College;
- C. Involve classified staff in campus committees, which review non restrictive policies, procedures, practices, needs' assessments, and development of new ideas;
- D. Voice the classified needs, concerns, viewpoints, and recommendations on college issues to the college president and district board of trustees; and
- E. Promote the recognition of classified staff as a valued part of the college workforce.

**Section II.** The mission of the Classified Senate is to participate effectively in the formation of college policy and procedure. The Classified Senate expresses the view of classified staff, as defined in Article II, Section I, of this constitution, in the shared governance process, excluding all areas of Collective Bargaining. Specifically, the Classified Senate has the responsibility to:

- A. Provide the classified staff a voice and participation in the initiation, development, and evaluation of College policies and procedures;
- B. Provide the President of Fullerton College with a means of ascertaining the convictions and suggestions of the classified staff on academic and professional matters;
- C. Appoint classified staff to participate in college-wide standing and ad hoc committees.
- D. Accept leadership responsibility for policy recommendations in innovation and professional growth, excluding all areas that would require Collective Bargaining;
- E. Encourage the exchange of ideas, understanding, and cooperation between classified staff, faculty, students, and administration in the interest of enriching the educational environment; and
- F. Promote the recognition of classified staff as a valued part of the college workforce

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP & OFFICERS

**Section I.** For the purpose of this constitution, the term “Classified Staff” shall mean employees designated by the District to be classified employees whose duties do not require an administrative or instructional credential.

**Section II.** All classified staff, as herein defined, shall be eligible for membership in the Classified Senate;

**Section III.** The Classified Senate shall consist of four executive officers and eleven at-large representatives, all with voting privileges;

**Section IV.** Appointment to office must follow the procedures set forth in the bylaws of the constitution and current policies and procedures of the Classified Senate;

**Section V.** Non-voting membership shall consist of the immediate past president, and one representative from the current CSEA Representative as a liaison to the collective bargaining unit.

## ARTICLE IV

### AMENDMENTS

- Section I.** Amendments to this constitution shall be made only at a regular meeting of the Classified Senate and by two-thirds vote of the members present;
- Section II.** Amendments to the bylaws may be enacted, rescinded, or amended only at a regular meeting of the Classified Senate and by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## ARTICLE V

### ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

- Section I.** Any classified staff in good standing may be elected or appointed to hold office;
- Section II.** Elections shall be held in accordance with the specific provisions of the bylaws of this constitution;
- Section III.** Appointed positions shall be filled in accordance with specific provisions of the bylaws of this constitution.