

1 **ACADEMIC SENATE**
2 **Resolution 20/21-08**

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4 **Change to Senate Constitution concerning Part-time**
5 **faculty**

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7 WHEREAS the University benefits from the engagement of part-time faculty in
8 service and governance;

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10 WHEREAS there is a contradiction between the USC Faculty Handbook Section
11 2-C2(c), which states:

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13 4_C 2(c) Each school must have active participation by research-track,
14 teaching-track, practitioner-track, and clinical-track, faculty members in
15 faculty governance, including on faculty guidelines for those tracks, but
16 not including matters concerning tenure and the tenure system. Part-
time faculty are eligible to be elected or appointed to faculty governance
bodies. The Academic Senate Constitution has provisions concerning
participation in faculty governance by research-track, teaching-track,
practitioner-track, and clinical-track, faculty (Article I, Sections 2 and 3).

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22 and both the Academic Senate Constitution, Article I, Section 2, which states:

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24 Section 2. All members of the Faculty Assembly (Article III, Section 1)
25 are eligible to participate in faculty governance including in the Academic
26 Senate and faculty committees. However, only non-retired, full-time
faculty may vote for and serve on school faculty councils, and non-tenure
27 track faculty are restricted from participation in certain bodies and votes
28 (see section 3).

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31 and Academic Senate Constitution, Article III, Section 1, which states:

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33 The membership of the Faculty Assembly consists of all full-time faculty
members (tenured and tenure-track faculty, nontenure-track faculty, and
librarians), and those who have retired from these positions.

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35 WHEREAS the Academic Senate Constitution, an internal Senate document,
36 must be consistent with rules and policies in the Handbook, which is
endorsed by the University President;

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39 WHEREAS the University has adopted the designation "research, teaching,
40 practitioner, and clinical" to replace "nontenure-track";

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42 BE IT RESOLVED that the Academic Senate Constitution Article I, Section 2,
43 shall be revised to read:
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45 Section 2. All members of the Faculty Assembly (Article III, Section 1)
46 are eligible to participate in faculty governance including in the Academic
47 Senate and faculty committees. Each School's Faculty Council will
determine how best to include Part-time faculty in the School's governance
mechanisms. However, research, teaching, practitioner, and clinical
faculty are restricted from participation in certain bodies and votes (see
section 3).

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52 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Academic Senate Constitution, Article
53 3, Section 1, shall be revised to read:

54 The membership of the Faculty Assembly consists of all full-time and part-
time faculty members (tenured and tenure-track faculty; research,
teaching, practitioner, and clinical faculty; and librarians), and those who
55 have retired from these positions.

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61 Resolution Number: 20/21-08

62 Motion by: Executive Board

63 Date: Feb 17, 2021 (1st Read); March 10, 2021 (2nd Read and Vote)

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65 Action taken: 40 Yes, 5 No, and 2 Abstentions

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