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ACADEMIC SENATE

Resolution 20/21-03

Academic Senate Representation

5 WHEREAS the Senate’s Constitution, Art. IV, states in relevant part:

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7 Section 1. The Academic Senate is the representative body of the faculty
8 at large for university-wide issues.

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10 Section 2. The voting members of the Academic Senate are: (a) the
11 elected president or one other elected member of the faculty council in
12 each school, the College, and each Division in the College (or the closest
13 equivalent elected faculty officer, by whatever title); (b) additional
14 delegates from the school faculty councils, selected as provided in
15 Section 4 below; (c) the executive officers of the faculty and Members at
16 Large of the Executive Board.

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18 Section 3. The University Libraries and the Retired Faculty Association
19 shall each be represented in the Academic Senate as separate entities.

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21 Section 4. The faculty of each school, by referendum, will decide how the
22 additional delegates from that school to the Academic Senate will be
23 selected. Unless a school decides otherwise, they will be selected from
24 among those the faculty elects to the school’s faculty council.

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26 Section 5. The total size of the Academic Senate will be at least 40 and
27 not more than 80 members. . . . Apportionment of additional delegates
28 will take into account the proportionate size of the faculty in each school.

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30 but nowhere states how “schools” are determined, nor how the number of any
31 additional delegates is to be determined.

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33 WHEREAS the University Bylaw 9.1 lists the “Schools and Colleges of the
34 University” as:

35 (a) USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences
36 USC School of International Relations
37 USC School of Philosophy
38 USC School of Religion

39 (b) USC Graduate School

40 (c) USC Bovard College

41 (d) USC School of Architecture

42 (e) USC Gordon S. Marshall School of Business

43 (f) USC Elaine and Kenneth Leventhal School of Accounting

44 (g) USC School of Cinematic Arts

45 (h) USC Jimmy Iovine and Andre Young Academy – Arts, Technology and
46 the Business of Innovation

47 (i) USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

48 (j) USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance

49 (k) Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

- 50 (l) USC School of Dramatic Arts
- 51 (m) USC Barbara J. and Roger W. Rossier School of Education
- 52 (n) USC Andrew and Erna Viterbi School of Engineering
- 53 (o) USC Gayle Garner Roski School of Art and Design
- 54 (p) USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
- 55 (q) USC Gould School of Law
- 56 (r) Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
- 57 (s) USC Flora L. Thornton School of Music
- 58 (t) USC School of Pharmacy
- 59 (u) USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
- 60 (v) USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 61 and such other schools and Colleges as the Board may establish.

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63 WHEREAS we must balance the benefits of a smaller Senate (better
64 deliberation) and a larger one (better representativity);

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66 WHEREAS the Senate believes that to have reasonably proportional
67 representation, larger schools should have more than one senator, but no one
68 school should constitute more than one-third of the Senate;

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70 BE IT RESOLVED THAT to the Senate’s Bylaws shall added Bylaw 19:

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72 **Bylaw 19: Senate representation.**

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74 A. Every “school” that (a) is listed in University Bylaw 9.1 and (b) has its
75 own faculty, and (c) has an established Faculty Council shall have at least
76 one elected senator (elected in accordance to the USC Academic Senate
77 Constitution and By-Laws) serving on the Senate. Pursuant to this rule,
78 the Graduate School does not have a senator because it does not have
79 any independent faculty.

80 In addition, because the Libraries and the Retired Faculty Association
81 have faculty who are not affiliated with any “school,” but who are actively
82 engaged in teaching, research and/or service at the university, both of
83 those units shall have an elected senator representing them on the
84 Senate (in accordance with Senate’s Constitution, Art. IV).

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86 B. Senate representation should be based on the total number of
87 Tenure/Tenure-Track and RTPC faculty who work at least 50% time at
88 USC.

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90 C. The number of Senators for each school shall be determined using the
91 following scale based on the total number of Tenure/Tenure-Track and
92 RTPC faculty who work at least 50% time at USC:

- 93 <200=1
- 94 200<300=2
- 95 300<400=3
- 96 400<500=4
- 97 500<600=5
- 98 600<700=6
- 99 700<800=7

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101 900<1,000=9
102 1000<1500=10
103 1500<2000=11
104 2000<2500=12
105 2500<3000=13

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107 D. The allocation of Senators will be reevaluated every five academic
108 years based on a moving average of the past five years' headcounts.
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110 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT, since using this new scale will raise the
111 number of voting Senators by from 35 to 46 and the total number of voting and
112 non-voting Senators from 75 to 86, the Senate Constitution Article IV, Section
113 5, shall be amended to read in part:

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115 Section 5. The total size of the Academic Senate, **including both voting**
116 **and non-voting Senators**, will be at least 40 and not more than **100**
117 members
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119 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Faculty Councils are encouraged to divide
120 voting senator positions among within-school programs or divisions, and to
121 coordinate updates, communication with EB, and other reporting accordingly.
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126 Date: Dec 16, 2020
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129 Action taken: Passed – 13 in favor, no opposed, 4 abstention
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