Information Sheet for

Information, Discussion, and Possible “Next Step” Action   
Academic Senate Agenda Item for 03.09.15  
LMC Academic Senate Nomination and Appointment

of Faculty to Serve on College Committees

KNOWNS, *UNKNOWNS*, and Details

1. Section 53200 - Definition
   1. Our “primary function is to make recommendations with respect to **academic and professional matters**.”

*+Is faculty representation on committees is both an academic and a professional matter?*

* 1. “Academic and Professional matters means the following policy development matters:”
     1. Curriculum, including establishing prerequisites.\*
     2. Degree and certificate requirements.\*
     3. Grading policies.\*
     4. Educational program development.
     5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success.
     6. [College governance structures](http://www.losmedanos.edu/sg/default.asp), as related to faculty roles. (link goes to SGC page; see details below in V. A.)
     7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes.
     8. Policies for faculty professional development activities.
     9. Processes for program review.
     10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.
     11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon.

*+Is number six the one professional/policy development matter pertinent to this discussion?*

1. Additional language on the LMC Academic Senate webpage
   1. “Also, the Academic Senate…
      1. appoints faculty members to serve on [college committees](http://www.losmedanos.edu/intra-out/as/Committees.asp)” (link goes to “Faculty Representatives of Committees” webpage – see details below in V. B.)   
           
         *+Where does this come from, and is any additional information regarding it available?*
2. Section 53203 - Powers
   1. "F. The appointment of faculty members to serve on college committees shall be made, after consultation with the chief executive officer or designee, by the academic senate."

*+What is the current process for attending to this “power” item ?*

1. Senate Member’s statement (paraphrase) regarding the Academic Senate’s current operating method/process nominating and appointing faculty committee membership and service:
   1. When there is a request from a chair of an SGC Committee for a faculty nomination (*or appointment - ?*), the Academic Senate President brings that request to the current Senate members to seek nomination from within/among that body of faculty, and ? (*What is the actual process for nominating and voting? Is there a request to provide a rational for the nomination? Are we trying to determining a ‘fit’ for service? Does the vote take place right there? Are nominees asked to return and make a statement, and then a vote occurs? Etc.*)*.* If there is are no nominations – self or otherwise – the Academic Senate President puts a call out to the entire faculty (*full time and part time, or just full time?*) for nominations for committee service (*with an additional request to present one’s qualifications and/or reasons for the nomination?*). These names are brought to the next Senate meeting, and the Senate votes on the appointments.
   2. When there is a request from any other LMC entity for faculty representation and service on any other committee (*What does this include - non-SCG committees, hiring committees, steering committees, accreditation committees- ?*), task force, or advisory group, the Academic Senate President puts the call out for nominations to (*the entire faculty – full and part time – or ?*) (*along with a request for a statement regarding one’s interest, qualifications, etc.?*) and brings those nominations for an appointment vote to the full Senate.
2. Details about the above
   1. On the LMC website "College governance structure" is a link that goes to the LMC Shared Governance Council webpage which has a position paper indicating information regarding faculty appointment to the SGC. There is nothing regarding faculty nomination and appointment to the SGC committees.
      1. The SGC committees listed are
         * Institutional Development for Equity & Access (IDEA) Committee
         * Planning Committee
         * Professional Development Advisory Committee (PDAC)
         * Safety Committee
         * Sustainability Committee
         * Teaching & Learning Committee (TLC)
         * Technology Advisory Group (TAG)
      2. The SGC Position Paper has a section on SGC membership, which relates to the present topic   
         “b. **MEMBERSHIP:**   
         The Council shall have three voting members from each major constituency (Classified Senate, Academic Senate and Associated Students). These voting members will be elected and ratified by their respective Senates and the Associated Students, for terms to be determined by the Senates and the Associated Students (but no less than one year). The representative members are selected by the criteria chosen by the respective constituency. The Senates and the Associated Students will annually give the President the names of their appointed members, preferably in the Spring semester in anticipation of the next academic year. The President will select the management representatives and notify the Associated Students and the Senates.  
         COUNCIL MEMBERS: The Council has only nine voting members, with equal representation from each non-management constituency. The President or the President’s administrative designee will be the chair of the Council.  
         This model envisions that students may be paid and/or participate in a leadership class(es) for credit. To facilitate Council deliberations various “experts” from within and outside the college community may be called in to attend meetings and provide input and insight. Such experts may, for example, include governance committee chairs, union representatives, or the college research director. These experts will not have voting rights on the Council, but will be key to informed discussion and decision-making.”
   2. The Faculty Representatives on Committees webpage includes the names of 29 committees: some with names of faculty reps and committee chairs, some with links presumably to the committees' webpages. The list is out-of-date. There is no indication of why these 29 committees are listed here (i.e., *why these and not others; are these the committees for which the Academic Senate has a responsibility to nominate faculty; etc*. *Should this list be reviewed and updated and which committees should be included here and why?)*