

Resolution F2024.02

Creation of the Professional Development Council

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Whereas, Section 53200 of Title 5 specifies that the Academic Senate has the primary responsibility for "developing policies for faculty professional development activities," which are vital to maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence and faculty effectiveness; and

Whereas, Professional development is essential for all faculty (full-time, adjunct, credit and continuing education), to stay current with advances in their disciplines, improve pedagogical skills, and enhance student success; and

Whereas, Establishing a Professional Development Council under the Academic Senate would provide a structured, faculty-led body to oversee, coordinate, and evaluate professional development activities, ensuring alignment with institutional goals and academic priorities; and

Whereas, The Professional Development Council would serve as a centralized entity to facilitate collaboration among all faculty, administration, and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of comprehensive professional development programs and would allow for a more focused and strategic approach to faculty development, ensuring that resources are effectively allocated and that professional growth opportunities are equitably accessible to all faculty members;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate recommends the creation of the Professional Development Council, to be composed of faculty members that are full-time and adjunct, and those who serve credit and continuing education students, with representation from key administrative and staff areas as deemed necessary, to oversee all faculty professional development activities in accordance with Title 5, Section 53200; and

Resolved, That the Professional Development Council will be responsible for developing and implementing policies, procedures, and programs related to faculty professional development, subject to review and approval by the Academic Senate.

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