

Sierra College Classified Senate

Constitution

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ARTICLE I
NAME

Section I. The official name of this organization shall be the Sierra College Classified Senate. Herewith in referred to as the Classified Senate or Senate.

ARTICLE II
MISSION AND PURPOSE

Section I. The Sierra College Classified Senate provides Classified Professionals with a formal participatory voice in supporting the College's mission, vision, core values and promoting a successful learning environment for students. As an integral part of the college community, the Classified Senate shall actively contribute to the growth and success of the College.

Section II. The Sierra College Classified Senate is a permanent organization originally sanctioned by the Board of Trustees. It shall be the purpose of Classified Senate to participate in the governance of Sierra College; to actively collect, evaluate, and disseminate information and represent the collective interests of Classified Professionals, except those topics under the purview of the classified union before or on any governance or college committee. Responsibilities of the Classified Senate shall be as follows:

- A. Provide Classified Professionals with a formal participatory voice in shared governance supporting the College's mission, vision and core values, and participation in the initiation, development, and evaluation of District policy and procedures;
- B. Provide communication, understanding, and mutual support among Classified Professionals;
- C. Select representatives from its membership to serve on appropriate college- wide standing committees and any other committees deemed necessary by the college governance structure;
- D. Communicate Classified Professionals needs, concerns, viewpoints and recommendations on college issues to the superintendent/president, governing board, and the campus community;
- E. Articulate the professionalism of Classified Professionals so that they are properly recognized and valued; and,
- F. Provide an opportunity to develop individual leadership among the Classified Professionals, as well as increase the professional standards of its members

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

- Section I.** For the purpose of this constitution, the term “Classified Professionals” shall mean employees designated by the district within the Classified Service as defined by California Education Code 88003 and Title 5, Section 51023.5. Additionally, employees who fall within the collective bargaining agreement for Classified Professionals.
- Section II.** All Classified Professionals as defined in Section I shall be eligible for membership in the Classified Senate.
- Section III.** The Senate shall consist of twelve (12) members, elected by Classified Professionals from across the District.
- Section IV.** The Executive Board shall consist of the officers (President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer) who shall serve in their designated capacities.
- Section V.** Appointment to office must follow the procedures set forth in the by-laws of this constitution and current policies and procedures of the Classified Senate.
- Section VI.** Additional non-voting, honorary members for temporary employees, union representation, student representatives and other special groups may be reserved as needed. The Senate shall determine how best to fill the honorary positions.

ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENTS

- Section I.** Amendments to this constitution shall be approved only at a regular meeting of the Classified Senate and by a two-thirds majority vote of Classified Professionals who vote in the election.

ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Section I.** Elections shall be held in accordance with the specific provisions of the by-laws of this constitution.
- Section II.** Appointed positions shall be filled in accordance with the specific provisions of the by-laws of this constitution.