

## Article I Changes

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### Purpose

To provide an *Academic Constitution and Bylaws* by which faculty members and academic professionals of Arizona State University participate in the governance and administration of the university and the development of university policy

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### Sources

*Arizona Revised Statutes* 15–1601

*Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual*, 1–113 and 6–201

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### Applicability

#### Faculty

Academic professionals

Members of the Academic Assembly

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### Preamble

University governance requires communication and collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and administration. Collective wisdom improves decisions, promotes consensus, and builds trust. The [faculty](#) and [academic professionals](#) of Arizona State University, through this constitution, provide for the organization and procedures by which they may efficiently and effectively contribute to the governance of the university in support of its collective effort to promote the economic, social, cultural, and environmental health of the communities it serves. There are hereby created the Academic Assembly, the University Senate, and the University Academic Council (hereinafter abbreviated as the UAC).

#### I. The Academic Assembly

##### A. Membership

1. all faculty in a tenure-eligible or tenured position
2. all academic professionals with full-time multi-year, probationary, or continuing [appointment](#) positions

3. the president of the university and the provost of the university
4. all full-time faculty with fixed appointments (i.e., instructors, lecturers, senior lecturers, principal lecturers, clinical faculty, research faculty, and professors of practice)
5. members of the Emeritus College
6. the membership of the Academic Assembly may be changed through amendment of this constitution.

#### B. Officers

1. the president of the university
2. the provost of the university
3. the Senate president, and the campus presidents of the Academic Assembly
4. the campus presidents-elect and immediate past presidents of the Academic Assembly
5. the secretary of the Academic Assembly and Senate

The secretary of the Academic Assembly and University Senate shall be appointed from the membership of the Academic Assembly by the UAC, with the advice of the University Senate Committee on Committees and the consent of the University Senate, for a term of two years, beginning June 1.

6. the faculty [ombudsperson](#) of the Academic Assembly.

The faculty ombudsperson of the Academic Assembly shall be appointed from the membership of the Academic Assembly by the UAC, with the advice of the University Senate Committee on Committees and the consent of the University Senate, for a term of two years, beginning June 1. The faculty ombudsperson may not hold any administrative appointment of department chair or higher. Each campus may also have a faculty ombudsperson of the campus for a term of two years, beginning June 1, nominated by the UAC members from that campus with the advice and consent of the senators from that campus. The campus faculty ombudspersons may not hold any administrative appointment of department chair or higher.

#### C. Meetings

1. Regular meetings: Regular meetings of the university-wide Academic Assembly are not envisioned. A campus president of the Academic Assembly may call meetings of the assembly membership for the campus of which he or she is president. The president of the campus on which any assembly meeting takes place, or his or her designee, shall preside. Campus meetings shall be held at least once each semester. The agenda of each meeting shall be published in a form accessible to assembly members at least one week in advance of the meeting.
2. Special meetings: The president of the university or the UAC may call meetings of the Academic Assembly. Any 50 members of the university-wide Academic Assembly may request a special meeting of the whole assembly by writing the chair of the UAC. Any 15 members of a particular campus may request a special meeting of the campus Academic Assembly membership. The purpose of any special meeting must be explicitly stated, and the special meeting shall be

**Commented [CB1]:** Task Force Rationale: a campus past president who gets elected by the UAC to become Senate President would not fall into any of the currently listed categories, so the Senate president position must be specifically named as an officer of the Assembly. This fact is an oversight on the original writing of the constitution and needs to be corrected.

limited to that subject. A specific agenda and any proposals for action shall be sent to each member of the assembly at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

3. Quorum: Twenty percent of the members shall constitute a quorum at either the university or the campus level of the assembly.
4. Voting: The UAC shall determine the method of voting for university-wide assembly meetings; however, a secret ballot shall be ordered upon the request of 25 members. By a majority vote of those present and voting, the Academic Assembly may order all assembly members polled by electronic ballot. For campus-wide assembly votes, the method of voting shall be determined by the campus representative body; however a secret ballot shall be ordered upon the request of ten members.
5. [Rules](#): The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, newly revised, shall prevail unless otherwise specified in this constitution and bylaws.

#### D. Authority and Functions

1. The Academic Assembly shall have the power, subject to the authority of the Arizona Board of Regents, and to the limitations hereinafter provided, to propose on all matters of educational policy, faculty grievance, faculty personnel, faculty-student policies, financial affairs, university support services, and all other matters affecting the faculty and academic professional role in the university, its campuses, research parks, and other facilities. The Academic Assembly normally will exercise this power through its representative body, the University Senate. Nothing in this constitution and bylaws is intended to imply assumption of powers not available by state law or policies of the Arizona Board of Regents.
2. The secretary is responsible for keeping the records of the Academic Assembly for the use of the Academic Assembly and the Arizona Board of Regents.