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Section 5. Removal from Office.

Any Senator may be removed from office after notice from the President by a simple majority vote in a written affirmative ballot of either the Executive Committee or of the division that the Senator represents. Two consecutive unexcused absences from the Executive Committee meetings will result in a written warning from the President of the Academic Senate or his/her designee. Three consecutive unexcused absences from the Executive Committee meetings shall be grounds for removal by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Vacancies.

Vacancies on the Executive Committee of more than one quarter will be handled by the election procedure as outlined in Article VI.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Nomination of Officers.

- a. A Nominating Committee will be appointed at the second meeting of the winter quarter consisting of a faculty chairperson and at least two other faculty from different divisions. The current officers of the Senate Executive Committee will not serve as members of the Nominating Committee.
- b. The Nominating Committee will inform all faculty of vacant positions and seek nominees in the

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- (2) the President upon receiving a written petition signed by 10% of the Academic Senate membership, or
- (3) the Executive Committee, who can
 - (a) petition the President to call a meeting, or
 - (b) by a majority vote, call a meeting.
- b. <u>Power of the Academic Senate</u>. Final executive and legislative powers shall be assumed by the membership at any Academic Senate meeting convened to discuss and act on specific agenda items presented at that meeting.

Section 3. Executive Committee Meetings.

Executive Committee meetings shall be held under the following provision:

- a. Frequency. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each month during the school year.
- b. <u>Availability</u>. All Executive Committee general and special meetings shall be open to all members of the Academic Senate as well as the general public.
- c. <u>Organizational Meeting.</u> The last Executive Committee meeting of the spring quarter shall be primarily an organizational meeting to:
 - (1) introduce all newly-elected Officers and Senators,
 - (2) establish a time for all future Executive Committee meetings that will be convenient for most of the members, and
 - (3) discuss:
 - (a) the role of the Executive Committee,
 - (b) the duties of the Senators as given in Article V,
 - (c) the current Senate Committees, and
 - (d) the written report from the previous year and any current issues confronting the Executive Committee that need discussion and action.

Section 4. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee.

Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called with at least 48 hours notice, by:

- a. the President, or
- b. the President, when a group consisting of one-third of the Executive Committee membership presents the President with a written petition for a meeting. Such a petition must also include an item or items that must be discussed and acted upon.
- c. the President, when a group consisting of 10% of the Academic Senate membership presents to the President a written petition for a meeting. Such a petition must also include an item or items that must be discussed and acted upon.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

The Academic Senate shall have as many committees a



