

Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Representational Restructuring
Preliminary Report of Senate Discussion
Stipulations and Discussion Prompts

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Stipulations

- > The Foothill Academic Senate is constituted as a body of faculty
 - > The Foothill faculty are
 - ~175 FT faculty and ~500 PT faculty totalling ~200 FTEF
 - organized into ~70 academic departments
 - in ~10 instructional or instructional support divisions,
 - with a handful of FT and several PT faculty serving
 - outside the administrative divisional structure
 - > The Executive Committee is a representative body of the Academic Senate,
as opposed to a Committee of the Whole
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Discussion prompts

- > Is the Executive Committee more of a "Senate" or a "House"?
 - > Should Senators represent people? Functions? Some combination?
 - > Need there be a fixed number of seats on the Executive Committee?
 - > Should representation be proportional? If so, to what? FTEF? FTES? Headcount?
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Restructuring Options (Flavors of Perestroika)

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Vanilla

- > Amend the Constitution to specify that the Executive Committee comprises two Senators each from BHS, BSS, Counseling, FA&C, KA, LA, and PSME, plus one Senator representing the Library and two representing part-time faculty.
- > Provide for representation of faculty serving outside current divisions.
Either assign *faculty to a division* or allow them to choose affiliation.

Chocolate Chip

- > Amend constitution to place *authority* to set Senate representational structure with the Executive Committee by its resolution, to require a two-thirds *supermajority* for passage of any resolution altering the representational structure, and to provide *election procedures* for any new representational structure.
- > Pass a resolution specifying Executive Committee composition, Vanilla flavor.

Chocolate Chocolate Chip

- > Amend constitution Chocolate Chip flavor: authority, supermajority, election procedures.
- > Pass a resolution specifying Executive Committee composition organized into five to seven *academic schools* (some suggestions below) rather than administrative divisions.
- > Either assign academic *departments to schools* or allow them to choose affiliation, do the same for faculty outside of all academic departments.
- > Allocate a *fixed number of Senators per school* (e.g., three or four).

Mint Chocolate Chip

- > Amend constitution Chocolate Chip flavor: authority, supermajority, elections.
- > Pass a resolution specifying Executive Committee composition organized into academic schools with all departments and faculty in a school (Chocolate Chocolate Chip flavor)
- > *Fix the number of Senators on the Executive Committee* (e.g., twenty).
- > *Allocate senate seats to schools proportionally* to FTEF or some other measure.

Some suggested "Academic Schools": Academic Support, Career and Technical Education, Liberal & Creative Arts, Life and Physical Sciences, Social Sciences. There are many other possibilities.