

Los Rios Community College District Academic Senate (DAS) Constitution

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Article 1: Name

The organization shall be known as the Los Rios Community College District Academic Senate, hereinafter referred to as the District Academic Senate (DAS).

Article 2: Purpose

The DAS is the legally recognized official voice of the college academic senates of the Academic Senates of the Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD) and comprises the Academic Senate officers from each of the constituent colleges within the district.

It is an official vehicle for communication between the LRCCD Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the Board of Trustees), the LRCCD Chancellor (hereinafter referred to as the Chancellor) and college faculties.

It is recognized as the faculty body to make recommendations to the administration and Board of Trustees with respect to LRCCD Policies and Regulations and to district procedures with respect to academic and professional matters.

(California Education Code 70901; Title 5, Section 53200 of the California Code of Regulations).

Article 3: Membership

Section 1. The officers of the DAS consist of the DAS President and DAS Secretary.

Section 2. The voting membership of the DAS shall consist of the local Academic Senate Officers, not to exceed four people from each college.

Section 3. **Non-voting** ex-officio members of the DAS serve as important liaisons between the DAS and the committees they chair. Their presence is valuable to DAS function and therefore when ex-officio members are not able to attend, a designee from their committee shall be appointed.

Article 4: Functions

Section 1. To provide coordination among the Academic Senates of the colleges within the Los Rios Community College District.

Section 2. To provide the faculty with a formal representative voice for recommending college and district policies addressing academic and professional matters.

Section 3. To provide the Chancellor with recommendations and views pertaining to the academic and professional matters of the district's colleges.

Section 4. To provide the Board of Trustees with recommendations and views pertaining to the academic and professional matters of the district's colleges.

Article 5: Amendment to the Constitution

At a minimum every four years, the DAS Constitution shall be reviewed so as to revise or amend said document. An amendment is defined as any substantive change in the language or intent of an existing article or a proposed new article.

These articles may be amended by introduction of a formal motion followed by a subsequent two-thirds vote of the members of the DAS present. The formal motion for change and the final vote shall not take place at the same DAS meeting.

Changes to the DAS Constitution shall become effective when approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the DAS. Approved changes shall routinely be reported to the constituent college Academic Senates.

Article 6. Ratification

This document was first approved by the DAS on [insert date]

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