



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH CONSTITUTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PREAMBLE

We, the faculty of the Department of Criminal Justice, adopt this Constitution in order to promote, through orderly and equitable internal governance, an environment for faculty, staff, and students which is conducive to the achievement of academic excellence and academic freedom.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization governed by this Constitution shall be known as the Department of Criminal Justice, a division of the College of Health and Human Services at California State University, Long Beach. Its members, as defined by Article II, shall be known as "the Faculty" of the Department of Criminal Justice.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the Department of Criminal Justice shall consist of those individuals who hold: a full-time, tenured appointment as a faculty member in the Department; a full-time tenure-track appointment as a faculty member in the Department; an administrative position within the University, College, or Department that carries retreat rights to a full-time, tenured appointment as a faculty member in the Department; and such others as the members admit to membership under the provisions of the Department's bylaws.
- B. Membership in the Faculty shall not lapse because of a sabbatical or leave of absence, whether paid or unpaid.

ARTICLE III: POWERS AND SOURCES OF FACULTY AUTHORITY

- A. Subject to the laws of the State of California, the regulations of the Board of Trustees of the California State University, the policies and regulations of California State University, Long Beach, and the Memorandum of Understanding for Unit 3-Faculty ("the MOU"), the Faculty shall be the policy-formulating body of the Department of Criminal Justice.
- B. The Faculty may present to the University Academic Senate, and to appropriate administrative officers of the University and/or the College, matters pertaining to the welfare of the Department, the College, or the University.

- C. The Faculty shall have the power to adopt and/or amend a set of bylaws which sets forth the various policies and procedures for the effective operation and governance of the Department so long as said bylaws are not inconsistent with this Constitution. In the event of such a conflict, the provisions of this Constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE IV: LIMITATIONS ON DEPARTMENTAL POWERS

- A. The Department is organized and is to be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3) (references herein to the Internal Revenue Code, hereinafter "IRC," include the corresponding section(s) of any future United States Tax Code).
- B. The Department shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- C. If any portion of this Constitution is in conflict with the Constitution of the Faculty of the College of Health and Human Services, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE V: RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

- A. This Constitution shall become effective upon ratification by a majority of valid ballots cast by the Faculty of the Department as defined in Article II.
- B. Proposals to amend this Constitution may be initiated by the Department Chair or by a petition signed by at least three members of the Faculty.
- C. Any proposed amendment shall be distributed by the Department Chair to the Faculty within ten working days of its receipt.
- D. A general Faculty meeting shall be held to discuss the proposed amendment seven to ten working days after its distribution.
- E. Proposed amendments may not be considered from the end of the spring semester to the beginning of the subsequent fall semester.
- F. At the conclusion of the general Faculty meeting convened to discuss the proposed amendment(s) to this Constitution, or alternatively within seven business days of said meeting, the Faculty shall vote by ballot on each proposed amendment.
- G. Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its ratification by a three-quarters majority of the valid ballots cast by the Faculty.

RATIFIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE FACULTY on February 29, 2008.