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**Selection of Committee Chairs – Proposed Change to the ASCSU Bylaws**

**b. Duties and Authority**

(1) The Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing the agenda, for advising the Chair regarding the conduct of the Senate business, and for such additional duties as the Senate may assign.

(2) The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for the Academic Senate of the California State University between meetings on items requiring action before the next meeting of the entire body.

(3) The Executive Committee shall appoint the members of the standing and special committees of the Senate, and consultants to the Senate, including specialists. No member of the Senate shall be appointed to more than one standing committee.

(3-a) At the March plenary, the Executive Committee shall collect information on senators’ preference for committee membership and leadership.

(3-b) Before convening the May plenary, the Executive Committee shall appoint senators to standing committees based on two expressed preferences.

(4) A majority of the Executive Committee may direct the Chair to call a meeting of the Senate.

(5) The standing and special committees shall appoint their own subcommittees, subject to the approval of the Chair of the Senate, who shall consult with the Executive Committee.

**Bylaw 4 Committees and Specialists**

**a. Standing Committees**

(1) *The Senate shall* have, but not be limited to, the following standing committees:

(a) The Academic Affairs Committee

(b) The Faculty Affairs Committee

(c) The Fiscal and Governmental Affairs Committee, and

(d) The Academic Preparation and Education Programs Committee

~~(2)~~ *~~Appointments~~*

~~The Chairs and the Vice Chairs of standing committees will be appointed annually by the Chair of the Senate, with the approval of the Executive Committee.~~

~~(3)~~ *~~Membership~~*

~~Members of the standing committees shall be appointed annually from the current membership of the Senate. No member of the Senate shall be appointed to more than one standing committee.~~

(2) *Elections of standing committee leadership*

(3-c) Following the Executive Session of the last plenary of the academic year, each new standing committee shall convene a brief session to elect the chair and vice chair of the committee from the list of interested senators provided to the committee by the Executive Committee.