

Foothill College Academic Senate
Resolution and Constitutional Amendment on Constitutional Preamble
February 2017

- I Whereas, the first line of the Preamble to our Constitution contains an erroneous legal reference to the authority for faculty to establish an Academic Senate at a California Community College; and
- II Whereas, the Preamble fails to ground the rationale for an Academic Senate historically; be it hereby

Resolved,

that the Academic Senate offer to its membership for approval a Constitutional amendment to Amend the Preamble as follows:

Delete this text:

As authorized under Title 5 of the California Administrative Code, Article 2, Section 53201(Subchapter A), we, the members of the faculty of Foothill College, are uniting to form the Foothill College Academic Senate, which will act through its Executive Committee. We will vigorously promote the quality of community college education. We believe that the Academic Senate will contribute to the fullest educational and professional potential of each member of the faculty and will further the aims and goals of Foothill College. We pledge our mutual support and cooperation to achieve these ends.

In its place, insert this text:

On behalf of the faculty who collectively led the State of California in establishing and affirming Shared Governance as a core principle and pillar of the California Community College System, we proudly affirm our legal, educational, and ethical right to convene and confer as a Faculty under the structures and functions of the Foothill College Academic Senate as set forth in this Constitution.

We convene this Academic Senate in order that the Faculty may have a formal and effective procedure to participate in the formation and implementation of college and district policies concerning all Matters Academic and Professional, as explicitly permitted by the California Code of Regulations Title 5 Section 53201, and honored as the foundational governance tradition at Foothill College.

This Academic Senate will vigorously promote educational quality and equity at Foothill College and throughout the California Community College System. To achieve these ends we pledge our mutual support and cooperation.

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