

Faculty Senate Constitution

A Faculty Organization of Central Texas College

Article I: Name

The organization shall be known as the Central Texas College Faculty Senate (CTCFS).

Article II: Purpose

The CTCFS exists as a professional organization for the purpose of:

- promoting teaching and learning in higher education,
- understanding and communicating a synthesized vision for the college held by the Board of Trustees, College Administration, and the faculty,
- fostering professional relations among faculty, administration, and staff,
- presenting the views and recommendations of the college faculty to college administration, Board-appointed councils, and/or the Board of Trustees as to policies or procedures on academic and professional matters that relate to the education program and services provided by Central Texas College (CTC),
- sharing an interest in improving student welfare, and
- representing the faculty in all levels of governance at CTC.

Article III: Governing Authority

CTCFS exists as the manifestation of the role faculty is intended to play within an organization of higher education. The rights and authorities granted serve to ensure full application of shared governance as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and affirmed by the Texas Board of Higher Education. Shared governance may loosely be defined as meaningful combined participation by administration and faculty in the management of an institution's operations.

Article IV: Membership

The CTCFS shall be composed of three types of members, full, ex officium, and adjunct. Full and ex officium membership types must be employed as faculty members at CTC and have agreed to a least a nine-month contract with CTC. Adjunct membership must teach a minimum of five courses within the academic year on Central Campus to qualify.

Ex officium members are members of CTCFS by extension of their position as CTC faculty. All full-time faculty members of the college are included as members of the CTCFS body and possess limited participatory powers and voting rights within the organization.

Full membership is reserved to any faculty member who pays the requisite annual membership fee as specified in the CTCFS Bylaws. Full members are granted full voting rights, the honor of running for CTCFS office, and possess full participatory power within the organization.

Adjunct membership is extended to secure limited participatory rights to all part-time faculty members on campus. Adjunct members possess limited participatory rights, but shall have no voting privileges within the organization.

Limited and full participatory power shall be defined in the CTCFS Bylaws.

Article V: Officers

CTCFS shall include the following official offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster. All officers, except for Webmaster, shall be elected by a majority vote of all full members. If no majority is secured on the first ballot, a runoff vote between the top two candidates shall be used to secure a majority. The Webmaster shall be appointed according to terms stipulated in the CTCFS Bylaws.

All officers shall be elected to annual terms which shall begin on the date set for the annual faculty preservice at the beginning of each academic year and continue until the next annual preservice event. All offices shall be restricted to qualifications specified in the CTCFS Bylaws for each office.

At any point, a vote of no confidence may be taken to remove any elected officer for failure to properly discharge the office. Such a vote requires 3/5 vote of all full members for removal.

All other officer considerations shall be specified in the CTCFS Bylaws.

Article VI: Bylaws

Bylaws shall serve to structure the organization in accordance to the will of the faculty. The Bylaws adopted by the Faculty Senate shall be the governing rules of the organization so long as they are consistent with this Constitution. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or rescinded by a 2/3 vote of all full members.

Article VII: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of the faculty of Central Texas College working primarily on Central Campus, provided that more than one-half of the total number of full-time faculty members employed by CTC on Central Campus participate in the voting process, and further provided that two-thirds of the faculty members who vote approve the amendment.

Proposed constitutional amendments require readings of the proposed amendment at two regularly scheduled or specially called meetings of the Faculty Senate. Discussion at a Faculty Senate meetings may only take place after the full text of the amendment has been electronically distributed at least two weeks before the second reading to all members of the faculty. Full voting members must endorse the proposed amendment by majority vote prior to the allowance of a full vote of all faculty members of CTCFS.

An amendment to the Constitution approved by the faculty shall become effective when approved by the Dean of Central Campus.

Date of Faculty Ratification: Ratified on April 27 2017.