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## Key Changes to Constitution<sup>1</sup>

Proposed Constitution	Current Constitution
Updated titles, office names, policies	Contains outmoded policies, old titles and office names from prior to the 2009 unit reorganization
Amendment requires 2/3 majority of Campus Assembly members <i>who choose to vote</i> : lower bar	Amendment requires 2/3 majority of all Campus Assembly members : higher bar
Increased student representation: 90-1 ratio	Student representation at 100-1 ratio
Increased USA representation: 25-1 ratio	USA representation at 50-1 ratio
Removal for neglect clause (members may be removed from assembly for non-participation, must request to be reinstated—all reinstatement requests will be honored)	No clause related to removal or nonparticipation
Rules of Campus Assembly clarified	No articulation of Campus Assembly rules
Reporting lines clarified (who appoints Division Chairs, role of administrators, etc.)	Less detail about roles and reporting
Faculty and P&A have separate committee appointments (dedicated P&A committee slots)	Utilizes category “FPA” for committee representation (either faculty or P&A can fill the slot).
Steering Committee and Membership Committee (instead of current Executive Committee). Both committees are elected by Campus Assembly. The Steering Committee sets Campus Assembly agendas. The Membership Committee staffs all committees of the Assembly and monitors elections.	Executive Committee is elected, deals with Campus Assembly agendas, committee assignments, and other issues as requested by campus or chancellor
Planning Committee and Finance Committee take the place of current Campus Resources and Planning Committee (CRPC). The Planning Committee will focus on long-terms issues and planning while the Finance Committee will focus on budgets and finances.	Campus Resources and Planning Committee (CRPC) deals with many broad issues, including finance and budgets, physical resources (buildings and grounds, etc.), long term campus planning of various sorts.
Removal of subcommittees, all committees report to Campus Assembly	Some committees exist that are labeled “subcommittees” of a larger committee (such as the Curriculum Committee, for example) but the membership is different and the committees function independently.
Standing committees have increased terms of three years of membership	Core committees have two-year membership terms
Overall committee memberships (not including Division Chairs, ex-officio members or administrators): Faculty: 57 <i>FPA total: 75 (increase</i>	Overall committee memberships (not including Division Chairs, ex-officio members or administrators): FPA (no dedicated P&A slots): 67

<sup>1</sup> Much of this material was adapted from a report entitled “Brief Overview of the Proposed New Constitution”, authored by David Roberts with feedback from others.

P&A: 18 Staff: 19 Students: 42 (-2 slots from Teacher Ed committee that no longer exists; +1 slot on Finance and Planning—total of 5 students on these two committees versus 4 on current CRPC; +2 slots on Membership and Steering committees—total of 4, 2 on each committee versus 2 on current Executive Committee; -1 on Student Services Committee; -2 from Grievance Committee that no longer exists)	Staff: 14 Students: 44
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