Substitute Amendment for Constitution Revisions

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E) Policies recommended by the Academic Assembly through a majority vote of the Academic Senate and approved by the President shall be considered binding on all university personnel.

1. Exemptions to these policies may only be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, subject to the approval of the President. At the next meeting of the Academic Senate each exception must be reported during communications and announcements and placed on the consent calendar.
2. Exemptions to these policies made during the summer may only be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Expanded Executive Committee of the Academic Senate (see Bylaws Article XII, Section 1A9), subject to the approval of the President. At the first meeting of the Academic Senate in the Fall Semester each exemption must be reported during communications and announcements and placed on the consent calendar.
3. University Policy and Emergency Situations
   1. An emergency situation may be formally declared by Federal Authorities, the Governor of the State of California, the Chancellor or Board of Trustees of The California State University, the President of the University, or the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.
   2. The President of the University may request, or the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate may seek, flexibility in the interpretation of parts of current university policy due to the extant emergency.
   3. Exemptions made may either be to a specific part of a policy or be an alternative interpretation of a specific part of a policy. The reasons for the exemptions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.
   4. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee is required to approve all Exemptions to existing policy.
   5. If Exemptions to current university policy are sought during the summer, when the Academic Senate is not in session, a two-thirds vote of the Expanded Executive Committee is required to approve all exemptions to existing policy.
   6. All exemptions to university policy shall be reported to the Academic Senate at the next possible meeting (for exemptions during the summer, first Fall meeting), or no later than two weeks after that exemption has been made during the academic year. A special meeting of the Academic Senate may be called if required.
   7. Exemptions to university policy will be reported to the Academic Senate during communications and announcements and placed on the consent calendar.
   8. Exemptions to university policy will be terminated when the declared emergency ends, at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate, or by a majority vote of the Academic Senate.