BYLAWS

OF

The Yosemite Faculty Association

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5. POLICY-MAKING BODY

5.1 Representative Council
The policy-making body of the Association shall be a Representative Council. The Representative Council, comprising members of the Association, derives its powers from and shall be responsible to the membership.

5.2 Composition of Representative Council
The Representative Council shall be composed of the following members:
(a) Executive Board, ex officio;
(b) Full-time Faculty Representatives;
(c) Part-time Faculty Representatives At-Large, non-voting;
(d) Faculty Consultant, ex officio, non-voting;

5.3 Duties of Representative Council
The Representative Council shall

5.3.1 Establish Association Policies and Objectives

5.3.2 Adopt Annual Budget
Adopt the Annual Budget of the Association on or before the first meeting of the school year.

5.3.3 Approve Establishment or Discontinuance of Committees
Approve the establishment or discontinuance of committees as recommended by the Executive Board.

5.3.4 Designate Committees as Appointed or Elected
Designate committees as being appointed by the President with approval by the Executive Board or elected by the membership.

5.3.5 Approve Standing Rules and Procedures
Approve all standing rules and procedures. The vote shall be conducted by ballot of all members of the Representative Council. The vote of each Representative shall be recorded. An affirmative vote by a majority of the members shall be required for approval.

5.3.6 Approve Stipends and Reassigned Time
Approve recommendations from Executive Board in regards to setting stipends or reassigned time for Executive Board Members, members of the Negotiation team, and others as necessary.

5.3.7 Approve Release of Tentative Contract Agreement to the Membership for Ratification

5.3.8 Approve Appointment or Removal of Members of Bargaining Committee
Approve the appointment or removal of members of the Bargaining Committee as recommended by the Executive Board. Removal of a member of the Bargaining Committee shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Representative Council.

5.4 Recall of Committee Members
The Representative Council may recall the Chairperson or any member of a committee by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the Representative Council. Such vote shall be conducted by secret ballot and every Representative shall be provided a ballot.

5.5 Minimum Number and Scheduling of Meetings
The Representative Council shall meet at least once during each school month of the academic year. The date, place, and time of meetings are to be decided by the Executive Board.

5.6 Special Meetings
Special meetings of the Representative Council may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or by the petition of twenty percent (20%) of the membership of the Representative Council.

5.7 Purpose of Special Meetings
Special meetings of the Representative Council shall be called for a specific purpose and no business other than that for which the meeting is called may be transacted.

5.8 Notices and Agendas for Representative Council Meetings
Notices and agendas for all meetings of the Representative Council shall be sent to all members of the Representative Council at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting.

5.9 Emergency Meetings
For emergency meetings of the Representative Council during crisis situations, the Secretary of the Association shall notify all Representatives as to the place, date, and time of the emergency meeting.

5.10 Quorum
A quorum for all meetings of the Representative Council shall consist of a simple majority of its membership.

5.11 Term of Office – Faculty Representatives
Members of the Representative Council shall serve a term of two (2) years. The terms shall be staggered so that one-half (½) of the membership shall be elected each year. A Division/Area with more than one Representative may stagger their representation.