9. BARGAINING COMMITTEE

9.1 Nomination and Approval
The Bargaining Committee and such alternates as the Executive Board deems necessary shall be nominated by the President and approved by both the Executive Board and the Representative Council.

9.2 Chairperson Nomination and Approval
The Chairperson of the Committee shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Executive Board. Under Interest Based Bargaining, a Chairperson may not be necessary.

9.3 Standing Rules on Selection Procedures and Criteria

9.3.1 Term. A member of the Bargaining Committee shall serve until the Membership ratifies the contract negotiated by the Bargaining Committee.

9.3.2 Criteria. The only criteria for appointment shall be the judgment of the President with the approval of both the Executive Board and the Representative Council.

9.3.3 The Appointee Will:
(a) Serve the faculty as a whole, not the interests of a special group or Division.
(b) Accept the direction of the President and the Executive Board.
(c) Argue the faculty’s case at the bargaining table in a reasonable and forceful manner.

9.4 Vacancies
Vacancies created by resignation or inability to serve shall be filled by members nominated by the Executive Board and approved by the Representative Council.

9.5 Removal of Committee Members
The Executive Board, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority, may remove a member of the Bargaining Committee (including the Chairperson) and appoint a replacement; however, removal of a member also requires approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Representative Council.

9.6 Duties
The duties of the Bargaining Committee are to represent and bargain for the bargaining unit.
9.7 **Responsibility and Authority for Bargaining Process**
Responsibility and authority for directing the bargaining process on behalf of the Association is vested in the Executive Board, subject to policies established by the Representative Council and the membership.

9.8 **Survey of Faculty on Contract Demands**
Employees in the bargaining unit shall be surveyed to determine contents of the proposed contract demands, and the contract proposal shall be approved by the Executive Board and the Representative Council.

9.9 **Reporting to the Executive Board**
The Bargaining Committee shall report its activities to the Executive Board in such form and with such frequency as the Executive Board may require.

9.10 **Dissemination of Information Regarding Bargaining**
The Executive Board shall provide for the dissemination of information regarding bargaining and the activities of the Bargaining Committee to the general membership.

9.11 **Ratification of Tentative Agreements**
Agreements reached between the Yosemite Faculty Association Bargaining Committee and the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees or its Representatives shall be considered tentative and not binding upon the Association until such agreements have been ratified by the membership in the unit unless such ratification shall have been specifically waived or otherwise delegated by that membership.