

At its meeting of August 28, 2023, the Executive Committee unanimously passed AS 1857, recommending the constitution of a special committee, the Committee on Senate Representation (CSR). It was presented to the Academic Senate by Senators Curry and Kataoka and approved on Sep 11, 2023.

: As laid out in its Constitution, the purpose of the Academic Senate of San José State University (SJSU) is to provide for effective participation and deliberation by the university's academic community in the formulation of governing policies.

The membership of the Senate, as described in Article II of the [Constitution](#), comprises “representatives from the University administration, faculty, and students,” as well as representatives from the Emeritus Faculty Association and the Alumni Association. Article II Section 3 further states that “faculty” are

“all University staff holding the title of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor or Lecturer, and holders of such other professional and administrative staff positions as may be declared by bylaw to be directly related to the instructional program of the University,”

Related to this, Section 1.2 of the [Bylaws](#) of SJSU's Academic Senate stipulates that those faculty who are eligible to serve as faculty representatives to the Senate are: all members of Bargaining Unit III who are not members of or included in one of the college representative units; and employees classified as Student Services Professional III or IV. Section 1.3 of the Bylaws further states that “the number of faculty senators must be twice the number of senators who are not faculty members.”

In the last two and a half years, four separate referrals pertaining to representation have been submitted to SJSU's Academic Senate:

- 12/20/2020, [Academic Senate Membership Expansion](#)
- 8/27/2021, [Staff Seats on Academic Senate](#)
- 9/14/2022, [Academic Senate Expansion- Request for Special Committee](#)



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