

CONSTITUTION
Florida SouthWestern State College
DISTRICT FACULTY SENATE

PREAMBLE

In order to provide a vehicle for the effective communication necessary to meet the goals and mission of Florida SouthWestern State College, and to encourage development of and maintenance of a climate conducive to excellence in teaching and learning within a framework of academic freedom, professional responsibility, and high ethical standards, the faculty of Florida SouthWestern State College does hereby adopt this constitution for the District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College.

ARTICLE I - - NAME

The body hereby formed shall be known as the District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College.

ARTICLE II - - PURPOSE

The District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College shall have as its purpose the provision of a means through which the faculty can initiate, study, discuss, and recommend those objectives, policies, and procedures which are directly concerned with the ACADEMIC PROCESS. It is noted that items relating to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment are reserved for the collective negotiation process.

ARTICLE III - - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the District Faculty Senate shall be comprised of full-time teaching and non-teaching faculty of Florida SouthWestern State College. Membership and its rights, privileges and responsibilities are automatically provided to all individuals who meet the above criteria.

ARTICLE IV - - OFFICERS

The officers of the District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College shall consist of a President and Vice-President from each campus who shall be elected according to the Bylaws of this Constitution. One campus President shall serve, on an annual rotating basis, as the District Faculty Senate Steering Committee Coordinator. The purpose of the District Faculty Senate Steering Committee Coordinator shall be to coordinate any issue affecting the faculty on a district-wide basis.

ARTICLE V - - DISTRICT FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

The District Faculty Senate Steering Committee shall be established in accordance with the Bylaws of the District Faculty Senate. This Committee may meet and confer with the District President or his/her designee on matters of mutual concern.

ARTICLE VI - - MEETINGS

The District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College shall meet during fall and spring professional development days and additionally as needed as specified in the Bylaws to this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - - AMENDMENTS

This District Faculty Senate Constitution and its Bylaws shall be amended when an amendment proposed by the District Faculty Senate of Florida SouthWestern State College is approved by a two-thirds majority of those

voting members who are present and, if deemed appropriate by voting members at a previous meeting, by absentee ballot.