



District Academic Senate News

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DAS Constitution Approved

After many long months of discussion and debate (and three weeks of voting), the District Academic Senate Constitution was approved with 92.7 % of the total votes cast last Thursday, May 8, 2014. About 7.3% voted against. All faculty members - instructional and non-instructional, tenured or non-tenured, full-time or adjunct – were able to participate. The vote was conducted electronically using software known as Class Climate that had been purchased by ELAC for conducting surveys.

The current DAS constitution is based on the document created by the Association of Faculty Presidents and ratified by District faculty in April of 1964. The changes that were approved were laid out in the document that accompanied the voting link along with the full text of the Constitution. Many of the changes dealt with issues and areas that were products of the passage of AB 1725 and subsequent changes to Title 5 and Ed Code. Some were intended to clarify DAS membership

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