WHEREAS, The position of Academic Senate Chair requires both significant experience in the Senate and serious commitment to it as an institution; and

WHEREAS, The term of office for Academic Senate Chair is limited by the bylaws restriction placed on Senate membership as stated in Article II.B: “A senator can serve a maximum of two [two-year] consecutive, elected terms and shall not again be eligible for election until one year has elapsed”; and

WHEREAS, It is often not until the third or fourth year of a senator’s term that a senator has acquired enough experience to serve as Academic Senate Chair; and

WHEREAS, It would be beneficial if that individual were able to serve as Academic Senate Chair for more than one to two years; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the position of Academic Senate Chair become an at-large position rather than a college caucus position, thereby allowing each college complete voting representation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the at-large position of Academic Senate Chair be a nonvoting position except when the Chair’s vote is needed to break a tie; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the position of Academic Senate Chair have a term limit of three one-year consecutive terms; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Article III.1.(d) of the Constitution of the Faculty be revised to read: “Senators acting in an at-large capacity are the current Academic Senate Chair, the immediate Past Academic Senate Chair, and the CSU academic senators. All at-large positions shall be voting positions except for the Academic Senate Chair which is a nonvoting position except when the Chair’s vote is needed to break a tie”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Article II.B of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be divided into “1. Terms of Office for Senators” [will contain the current bylaws wording under Terms of
RESOLVED: That Article II.B.2 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate read: “Once a senator is elected to serve as Academic Senate Chair, that senator becomes an at-large member of the Academic Senate and the position vacated becomes a college vacancy to be filled by the college caucus. The elected term of office for Academic Senate Chair shall be a maximum of three one-year consecutive terms”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Article I.B.5 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be revised to read: “College Caucus: All of the senators from each college and Professional Consultative Services shall constitute the caucus for that college or Professional Consultative Services. Part-time academic employees and at-large members of the Academic Senate shall not be part of any college caucus”; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Article IV.C of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be revised to read: “Terms of Office: Each officer shall be elected by the voting members of the Academic Senate for a one-year term... The only limitation to the number of terms a senator may hold office as Vice Chair or Secretary are the eligibility requirements in Article II.A of these bylaws and the terms of office restrictions in Article II.B.1 of these bylaws. The number of terms a senator may hold office as Academic Senate Chair is set forth in Article II.B.2 of these bylaws.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
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I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.