SECTION 3 - University Academic Governance

3.1. THE ACADEMIC SENATE-ASSEMBLY (this may need to be changed as there already is the ASMSU Academic Assembly. Suggest Academic Congress as new name).

3.1.1. Composition of the Academic Senate Assembly

3.1.1.1. The voting membership of the Academic Senate Assembly shall be the voting faculty as defined in 1.1.2.1., including except for the President and Provost. (1.1.1.3.) Honorary faculty shall be members with voice but without vote. The presiding officer may vote to break a tie.

3.1.1.2 Full time fixed-term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years and are engaged in the academic activities of the University on a regular basis are voting members of Academic Assembly.

3.1.1.3. The Chairperson of Faculty Senate shall serve as the Chairperson of the Academic Assembly. The Vice Chairperson of Faculty Senate shall serve as the Vice Chairperson of the Academic Assembly.

3.1.1.4 The Chairperson presides at all meetings of the Academic Assembly. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson will preside at the meetings of the Academic Assembly.

3.1.1.5 The President or, in his or her absence, the Provost shall preside at meetings of the Senate.

3.1.2. Functions of the Academic Assembly

3.1.2.1. The Academic Senate Assembly shall act on amendments to the Bylaws for Academic Governance referred to it by Academic Council (3.1.3.2.). Faculty Senate or University Council.

3.1.2.2. Actions of Academic Council may be referred to the Senate for action by a majority vote of Academic Council, by a petition of 40 percent of the Faculty Council or by petition of 20 percent of the voting membership of the Academic Senate.
3.1.2.2. Academic Assembly will deliberate, then endorse or reject items referred to it.

3.1.2.3. On any recommendation brought before the Senate, action by the Senate is restricted to approval of the recommendation or referral back to the originating council for further deliberation.

3.1.3.1. Actions of the Faculty Council on matters reserved to the Faculty Council (3.1.2.1.) may be referred to the Senate for action by a majority vote of the Faculty Council or by petition of 20 percent of the voting membership of the Academic Senate.

3.1.2.3. The Academic Senate Assembly shall also serve as a forum for the dissemination and exchange of ideas and information between the faculty and the administration. No quorum is required for such meetings.

3.1.3. Methods of Calling the Academic Assembly

3.1.3.1. Meetings of the Academic Senate Assembly can be called by the President or the faculty members of the Executive Committee (3.3.2.7.) into session by a majority vote of the faculty representatives of the Steering Committee or by the President.

3.1.3.2. The Academic Assembly must be called into session with specified items to be referred to the Academic Assembly when one of the following actions is taken:

3.1.3.2.1. A vote of at least 50% plus one of Academic Assembly

3.1.3.2.2. A petition of at least 20% of the voting members of Academic Assembly is necessary to call a session, including a statement of the position that is referred for consideration.

3.1.3.2.3. A majority vote of the University Council is necessary to call a session, including a statement of the position that is referred for consideration.

3.1.4. Quorum
3.1.4.1. A quorum of 10% of the voting membership of the body plus one is necessary for the Academic Assembly to consider action items that are referred.

3.1.4.2. In the event a quorum is not reached, items that are referred for consideration from Faculty Senate or University Council will be returned to the respective bodies for consideration and vote.

3.1.4.3. In the event a quorum is not reached, items referred for consideration by petition will be referred to Faculty Senate for consideration and vote.

3.1.4.4. When the Academic Assembly is to act as a forum for the interchange of ideas and information, there is no quorum required. Notes of the session will be kept.

3.1.5. Academic Assembly Agendas and Minutes

3.1.5.1. The agendas for Academic Assembly will be set by the Steering Committee. However, if the Academic Assembly was called by referral or petition, the Steering Committee will include the referred item for consideration. Agendas will be publicly available and circulated at least one week before the meeting.

3.1.5.2. Minutes shall be distributed to all members of the Academic Assembly.

3.1.3.3. Minutes shall be distributed to all members of the Academic Senate and Academic Council.

3.1.3.3. The Senate shall establish its own rules and procedures.