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!)

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. The President or, in his or her absence, the Provost shall preside at meetings of the Senate. The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be the secretary of the Academic Senate Assembly.

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.) either 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.

3.1.2.3. 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.

3.1.2.4. 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. Procedures of the Academic Senate.

3.1.3. Methods of Calling the Academic Assembly

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

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

3.1.3.2.1. A vote of at least 50% plus one of Faculty /senate

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. Membership of Academic Assembly

3.1.4.1. All Regular faculty (1.1.1.1.) are voting members of Academic Assembly.

3.1.4.2. 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.

3.1.5. Chairperson of Academic Assembly

3.1.5.1. The Chairperson of the Assembly is the individual who is the Chairperson of Faculty Senate. The Vice Chairperson of the Assembly is the individual who is the Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate.

3.1.5.2. The Chairperson presides at all meetings of the Assembly. In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice Chairperson presides.
The Secretary for Academic Governance shall be the secretary of the Academic Assembly.

3.1.6. Quorum

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

3.1.6.2. 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.

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

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

3.1.7. Academic Assembly Agendas and Minutes

3.1.7.1. The agendas for Academic Assembly will be set by the Steering Committee. However, if the 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.

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

3.1.7.3. 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.