

NVC Academic Senate Resolution to PBC Faculty Co-Chair
January 24, 2023

Whereas, processes for institutional planning and budget development are 10+1 academic and professional matters, with respect to which the Napa Valley College Academic Senate is empowered, by law, to make recommendations;

Whereas, in 2022 members of the Academic Senate repeatedly expressed concern that the development of the 2022-2023 budget was rushed, out of process, and characterized by a lack of transparency and communication;

Whereas, the Academic Senate is rightly concerned with the college's continued financial stability, as well as the ACCJC's imminent recommendations regarding planning and budget development;

Whereas, it is the duty of the Academic Senate to ensure transparency in discussions and decision-making with respect to both budget development and to institutional planning and budget structures;

Whereas, Napa Valley College's planning and budget structures are outlined in the Academic Senate bylaws, and any changes require the approval of the Academic Senate in business session and mutual agreement with the District;

Whereas, the Faculty Co-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee is a co-equal partner of the Administrative Co-Chair, and must therefore be recognized as an equal participant in the development of agendas and running of meetings;

Resolved, the Napa Valley College Academic Senate hereby directs the Faculty Co-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee to take all appropriate steps to ensure that all activities related to Planning and Budget development are Brown Act compliant;

Resolved, the Napa Valley College Academic Senate hereby directs the Faculty Co-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee to take all appropriate steps to ensure that all discussions and decisions regarding the restructuring of the Planning and Budget Committee include appropriate faculty participation and are transparent and consistent with shared-governance policies and procedures;

Resolved, the Napa Valley College Academic Senate hereby directs the Faculty Co-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee to take all appropriate steps to ensure that meeting agendas are developed in co-equal partnership with the Administrative Co-Chair;

Resolved, the Napa Valley College Academic Senate hereby directs the Faculty Co-Chair of the Planning and Budget Committee to take all appropriate steps to ensure that Final Budget

recommendations are given *two readings* in the Planning and Budget committee, before the committee votes to forward a final recommendation to the Superintendent/President.