PART V(B)

THE SENATE OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

The Senate of the Community College System shall be composed of elected, ex officio, and appointed members.

The elected faculty membership shall consist of and represent proportionately the full-time faculty in the various community colleges, except that no college shall have fewer than three senators. Moreover, each community college shall elect an additional senator for each twenty-five (or major fraction thereof) full-time faculty members above the first twenty-five. At least one of the three senators shall have responsibility in the occupational program area and at least one shall have responsibility in the general education area. The faculty of each community college shall nominate candidates for senator(s) and elect the senator(s) by secret ballot during the month of April preceding the term of office beginning on August 15. Each elected senator shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible for re-election for a second consecutive term but ineligible for further re-election until one year has elapsed.

The <u>ex officio</u> membership shall include the Chancellor for the Community College System, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs for the Community College System, the chairperson of each advisory committee to the Senate, and the president of the student body at each community college. The term of office for a student member shall be one year. An advisory committee chairperson's term as senator shall be coterminous with that individual's term as chairperson of the committee. <u>Ex officio</u> members shall enjoy all the privileges of the elected membership.

The appointed membership shall consist of three community college presidents and three other administrators, each of whom shall be appointed by the Chancellor for the Community College System. In addition, any member of the Community College Council appointed by the Chancellor for the Community College System to correct an imbalance in the elected senators in terms of professional areas of specialization shall be a member of the Senate. The term of office and eligibility for reappointment for an appointed senator shall be the same as for an elected senator. Appointed members shall enjoy all the privileges of the elected membership.

In order that there be a continuity of membership, the present members of the Community College Council shall serve as senators until the expiration of their current terms. The Chancellor for the Community College System shall establish a procedure for initially electing or appointing some senators for other than two-year terms so that the terms of approximately one-half of the senators shall expire during each succeeding year.

A vacancy in an unexpired term on the Senate shall be filled in a manner consistent with the original selection process applicable to that member's category. Service of one year or more in an unexpired term shall constitute a full term.

Consistent with these regulations, the Senate of the Community College System is authorized to develop regulations for the conduct of its functions, which shall be known as the Rules of the Senate of the Community College System. Copies of these regulations shall be furnished the President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and the Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. It may perform its functions directly, through the Community College Council, or through standing, special, or advisory committees which it may appoint or authorize for appointment. The Chancellor for the Community College System shall appoint the members of standing committees from the eligible members of the Senate; i.e., those not serving on the Community College Council. The advisory committees to the Senate of the Community College System (other than the Community College Council.

The Community College Council shall be composed of one duly elected senator from each college to serve a two-year term; two students elected by and from the student senators to serve a one-year term; one president designated by and from the presidents who have been appointed to the Senate, for a one-year term; the Chancellor for the Community College System and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs for the Community College System, who shall serve as ex officio members; and the chairpersons of the standing committees, who shall serve as ex officio members. All Council members must be taken from the membership of the Senate. A Council member's term may not exceed that individual's term as a senator. In the event there is an imbalance in the duly elected senators in terms of professional area of specialization, the Chancellor for the Community College System is authorized to appoint to the Community College Council a maximum of three additional faculty members who shall become members of the Senate.

The Chancellor for the Community College System and a person elected from and by the membership of the Community College Council shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Community College Council.

The Chancellor for the Community College System shall be chairperson of the Senate of the Community College System and shall serve as presiding officer for all meetings except as the Chancellor may delegate this function.

The Senate shall meet annually in regular session at a time and place designated in a call by the Chancellor for the Community College System. Special sessions may be called by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System President, by the Chancellor for the Community College System, or by a petition from at least fifteen (15) senators to the Chancellor for the Community College System.

Full-time and part-time faculty, local board members, Community College System staff members, and Community College System students may attend Senate and/or Council meetings and request the privilege of the floor. They shall not have the right to vote.

The functions of the Senate of the Community College System shall include the following:

Approving academic policies and curricula for the Community College System.
Approving courses and other academic offerings in the Community College System not offered in the University System.
Approving policies and regulations governing admission, classification, probation, and dismissal of Community College System students.
Approving an academic calendar generally consistent with the University System calendar.
Recommending to the University Senate on courses offered in the Community College System which are also offered in the University System.
Recommending to the Chancellor for the Community College System on criteria for faculty appointments, reappointments, promotions, and granting of tenure in the Community College System.
Recommending to the President of the University of Kentucky all candidates for University of Kentucky degrees and certificates from the community colleges. The Senate may delegate this function to the faculties of the community colleges.
Beyond those listed above, the Senate of the Community College System shall have no management or administrative functions either in itself or through the instrumentality of its committees.
The Senate of the Community College System may communicate to the Chancellor for the
Community College System or the Board of Regents of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System through the Chancellor and the President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System regarding any matter of concern to the Community College.

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