



April 27, 2015

College Council  
Coconino Community College  
2800 S. Lone Tree Rd.  
Flagstaff, AZ 86005

Dear Chair Grulke and College Council Members,

Over the past two years, faculty members and members of Academic Affairs have participated in an intentional and inclusive process to develop a faculty senate. Through this process these groups researched other community college senates and structures; vetted ideas and drafts to the faculty and key stakeholders throughout the college; and involved the Deans, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President. This process resulted in a faculty senate constitution that was vetted to legal counsel, the college community and College Council. The resulting constitution is a specific, strong document because of the integrity and collegiality of this process.

The establishment of a Faculty Senate is an historic event in the life of the College. I recognize and appreciate the faculty members who developed the faculty senate and who leave an honorable legacy to the institution.

I am pleased to formally recommend the adoption of the Faculty Senate Charter by College Council as a standing committee of Coconino Community College. I am hopeful that the positive contributions of a Faculty Senate will focus on student success and concentrate on the best interests of the College.

My strong recommendation is that faculty members work with the Faculty Senate Constitution as it stands for two years (through AY 2017) before any changes are made. Following that, I would further recommend that the constitution be assessed each year for the next three years.

Sincerely,

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Leah Bornstein, PhD  
President

Enclosures: Faculty Senate Charter  
Faculty Senate Constitution  
Support Letter from Dr. Russ Rothamer

CC: College Council Archives  
College Council Faculty Representatives (Jeff Jones and Melinda McKinney)  
Dr. Russ Rothamer, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Faculty Committee Co-Chairs (Sarah Benton and Jennifer Jameson)  
Faculty Senate Subcommittee (Bryan Bates, Stephen Franklin, Jennifer Jameson, and Maya Lanzetta)  
President's Office Archives

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