1.2.10 The Departmental Professoriate

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The following italicized section is excerpted from the Articles of Organization of the Academic Council.

Faculty titles have been amended to conform with 1989 and 1990 actions of the Senate of the Academic Council on the recommendations of the Second Committee on the Professoriate.

Section 1a) The Departmental Professoriate shall consist of the Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and members of professorial ranks not in the tenure line in the departments, and only they shall have the right to vote.

1b) The chair of a department shall preside at meetings of that department’s Professoriate and, as administrative head of the department, shall be responsible to the cognizant dean of the school in matters concerning the departmental operating budget, personnel actions, and similar matters, and shall serve as the official means of communication regarding departmental affairs between the department and the President, the Academic Council, and other departments.

1c) The chair or the designees of the chair shall sign all requisitions for supplies and equipment required by the department.

Section 2. The departmental Professoriate shall have the direction of the work of instruction in the department and of the internal administration of the department, subject only to such control as is vested in the Board of Trustees, the President of the University, or the Academic Council.

Section 3a) All matters of internal administration in the department shall be decided in conference or, if necessary, by vote of members of the departmental Professoriate as designated in the departmental by-laws.

3b) In case the chair of the department shall fail to concur in the decision of the departmental Professoriate, he or she shall report in writing the action of the departmental Professoriate: (i) in matters relating to appointment, reappointment, or promotion, to the cognizant Dean, the Provost, and the Advisory Board, or (ii) in academic matters not covered by the above, to the cognizant Dean, the Provost, and the Senate of the Academic Council, or (iii) in administrative matters not covered by the above, to the cognizant Dean, the Provost, and the Advisory Board, with a written statement of the reasons for his or her non-concurrence; and other members of the departmental Professoriate may, at will, make a written statement of their position.

3c) Any member of the departmental Professoriate shall have the right to appeal the decision of the department or of the chair, except in the case of an individual’s own appeal covered by the Statement on Academic Freedom or the Statement on Faculty Appeal Procedures at Stanford University, for which the University has duly established appeal procedures.

3d) The Advisory Board or the Senate of the Academic Council, as the case may be, shall in such cases consider the course to be pursued, and shall submit its opinion in writing to the President of the University, whose decision shall be final.

3e) The cognizant departmental Professoriate shall determine by vote, or other agreed procedures, when students shall be recommended for graduation, and the chair shall report the names of such students to the
appropriate committee.

Section 4. The departmental Professoriate in the several departments may adopt bylaws for regulating the internal affairs of their own departments and shall keep a record of their official acts.

Section 5. Meetings of the departmental Professoriate may be called by the chair or by any two members of the departmental Professoriate.