

### **Proposed Committee Scope**

“Under the direction of the Academic Senate President and the Committee of the Whole, the Adjunct Committee addresses issues relevant to the professional and academic life of adjunct faculty and facilitates communication between the adjunct faculty and the Academic Senate. The committee may provide reports and, where appropriate, recommendations to the Academic Senate on matters affecting adjunct faculty.”

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### **Rationale**

The current committee scope identifies the Adjunct Committee’s role in addressing issues relevant to adjunct faculty but does not specify whether those issues are welcome to be communicated to the Academic Senate, and if they are, how those issues are to be communicated.

Earlier committee materials such as

[https://admin.smc.edu/accreditation/documents/2016/Standard%20IIIA%20Evidence/IIIA\\_8\\_Adjunct\\_Committee\\_webpage.pdf](https://admin.smc.edu/accreditation/documents/2016/Standard%20IIIA%20Evidence/IIIA_8_Adjunct_Committee_webpage.pdf)

explicitly referenced providing input to the Academic Senate, suggesting an established expectation that the committee would communicate its findings. The current bylaws do not make this communication pathway explicit, creating ambiguity. The relevant part currently simply states:

*Under the direction of the Academic Senate President and the Committee of the Whole, the committee addresses issues relevant to the professional and academic responsibilities of the adjunct faculty.*

The proposed Scope clarifies that function by specifying that the committee may communicate issues to the Academic Senate through reports and, where appropriate, recommendations. As part of allowing two-way communication, the phrase “professional and academic responsibilities” is changed to “professional and academic life” of the adjunct faculty.

Without this change, the current scope of the Adjunct Committee effectively points to nothing since the responsibilities of adjunct faculty are most reasonably defined and addressed by their academic departments, the school administration, and the Faculty Association.