B. Promote the general welfare of Modesto Junior College and the Yosemite Community College District.

C. Consult collegially with the YCCD Board on academic and professional matters. The Senate will, after sober and thoughtful deliberation, participate in the formation of District policies by recommending those actions deemed most likely to advance the education of the students of the District. The Senate will be mindful of the importance of its recommendations, recognizing that, in those instances where the Board has elected in Policy 4103 to rely primarily upon the advice and judgment of the Senate, those recommendations may be rejected only in exceptional circumstances and for compelling reasons, and that, in those instances where the Board has elected to provide for mutual agreement with the Senate, those recommendations will be the basis for any new District policy and the current policy must prevail unless continuing with such policy exposes the District to legal liability or causes substantial financial hardship.

D. Participate in the shared governance of the College and District, assisting in the implementation of policy through the Senate committees, through the appointment of Faculty Members to College and District committees, and by directing its officers to carry Senate resolutions to the College and District Councils.

ARTICLE III.
MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1. Membership

A. Any Faculty Member of Modesto Junior College may become a member of the Academic Senate. (Refer to Article I, Section 2.) Members have a right to be recognized in debate, a right to speak as governed by Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised) and the presiding officer, and other participatory rights of the body (Article I, Section 2.C.)

B. One student designated by the Associated Students of Modesto Junior College will represent that body at the Senate. The student representative has a right to be recognized in debate and other speaking rights as governed by Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised) and the presiding officer. The student representative does not have the right to introduce resolutions or to vote at any Academic Senate session.

SECTION 2. Representation

A. Each of the instructional divisions will be represented by one Senator for every ten full-time Faculty Members in the division, rounded to the nearest ten (e.g., a division of 15 to 24 Faculty Members will have two Senators; a division of 25 to 34 Faculty Members will have three Senators.) Every division will have at least one representative. Each spring the Secretary of the Senate will inform the Senators from each of the divisions as to the number of Senators who will represent that division in the next academic year. Senators at-large, the Secretary, President and Vice President do not count as representatives of their divisions.

B. The Library will be represented by one Senator.
C. Student Services representation will be determined as follows:

1. One Senator from Disability Services. One Senator from Special Programs (DSPS, EOPS, Veterans, CalWorks, Health Services, Campus Life) for every ten full-time faculty members in the program, rounded to the nearest ten.

2. One Senator for every ten full-time, certificated counselors, rounded to the nearest ten.

D. Two Senators shall be elected by the general faculty as Senators-at-Large, serving a two-year term.

E. Two Senators will represent adjunct faculty as at-large representatives, serving a two-year term. These Senators may not be full-time Faculty Members. They shall be elected by adjunct Faculty Members.

SECTION 3. Election and Term of Office

A. Each unit or division will determine in democratic fashion the Senators who will represent that unit or division and their terms. Before the first general meeting of each academic year the Senators from each unit or division will forward a list of their names to the Senate office along with a brief description of the election procedure. The list and procedure will be made available to all members of the unit or division. Absent timely objection from members of the unit or division, those on the list will be the Senators representing that unit or division for that academic year. If objection arises, the President will appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the matter and bring a suggested resolution to the full Senate for final determination. If, during the course of the year a Senator is no longer able to serve, the same procedure will be followed for selecting his/her replacement.

B. Senators-at-Large will be nominated in accordance with the Academic Senate Rules.

C. Vacancies in the position of Senators at-Large or Adjunct Senators-at-Large will be filled in accordance with Academic Senate Rules.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. List of Officers

The officers of the Academic Senate shall include the President, Vice President, Secretary, Legislative Analyst, Parliamentarian, and Immediate Past-President.

SECTION 2. Elections

All officers except the President, Vice President, and Immediate Past-President shall be elected at a general session, said election to take place in accordance with the Academic Senate Rules. Officers are to assume their positions July 1st.

SECTION 3. Nomination and Election of the President and Vice President