

KPFA LSB Resolution: Program Council Composition and Authority

*Introduced by Spooner at 17 April 2004 Special Session,
amended and approved 13-10* at the 25 April 2004 Regular Session*

Resolved that:

Whereas, it is the duty of the KPFA LSB: To work with station management to ensure that station programming fulfills the purposes of the Foundation and is responsive to the diverse needs of the listeners (demographic) and communities (geographic) served by the station, and that station policies and procedures for making programming decisions and for program evaluation are working in a fair, collaborative and respectful manner to provide quality programming. @ Bylaws, Article Seven, Section 3.G.

Therefore, the KPFA LSB adopts and approves the programming decision-making policy and procedure agreed upon by the KPFA management and Program Council at their retreat on November 18, 2003, specifically:

We affirm the power of the Program Council to make programming decisions by majority vote, and to [sic] affirm the composition of the program council to include as voting members, management (programming and development), department heads (music, drama and literature, training, news, and future public affairs), unpaid staff (4 plus 2 alternates), and Local Advisory Board, which elects 3, and appoints 3 community representatives, and in timely consultation with KFCF and other Associate Station management, which shall have access to the Program Council, access to all relevant information and input on any programming proposals that impact KFCF or other Associate Stations and their listeners.

Further, the LSB adopts the following policy:

The General Manager may override a programming decision made by the Program Council in the following cases:

- 1. legal issues that pose a threat to the broadcast license,*
- 2. personnel issues where the programming decision conflicts with a disciplinary action taken by the GM,*
- 3. violations of the KPFA union contract, and*
- 4. where the GM believes the decision would cause serious financial harm to the station.*

If the General Manager overrides a programming decision made by the Program Council, the Program Council may appeal to the LSB to override the General Manager.

* In Favor: Beeman, Blanchet, Conley, Friedman, Jackson, Khosrowjah, Lubin, Molina, Saba, Sanders, Speer, Spooner, Williams. Opposed: Berg, Hernandez, Pringle, Randhawa, Ratcliff, Rothman, Simmons, Tattersall, Thompson, Walker.