

**Modesto Junior College  
Academic Senate  
Resolution FL05-D  
College-Provided Student E-Mail Accounts**

- Proposed by:** Virtual Classroom Committee\*
- Whereas:** Regular and effective contact between instructors and students is essential, and
- Whereas:** A stable, consistent email infrastructure would facilitate regular and effective contact, and
- Whereas:** Student email messages to MJC instructors are often sent to the quarantine file by the district's spam filters, and
- Whereas:** Not all students can afford access to reliable email accounts that our server will accept, and
- Whereas:** Students without the means to have their own email account often share accounts with their family members or friends, thereby making private correspondence via email between instructor and student impossible, and
- Whereas:** Students frequently change or abandon their email addresses when they change Internet Service Providers, and
- Whereas:** Budgetary constraints have forced the college to stop most of its conventional mailings, and
- Whereas:** Continuing students are no longer contacted by conventional mail about their registration appointments, causing students not to be able to get the classes they need because they miss the priority deadlines, and
- Whereas:** Students are no longer contacted by conventional mail in a timely manner about their fees owed, which may cause students to be dropped from their classes for nonpayment of fees, and
- Whereas:** The online add card does not verify the validity of email addresses students submit, preventing instructors from notifying students that they can be added to a class, and
- Whereas:** The college is not using Datatel's ability to communicate with groups of students via email because not all students have email addresses and the email addresses some students have submitted are not reliable, and
- Whereas:** There is currently no efficient way to contact all students on a waitlist to notify them when a new section becomes available, and

**Whereas:** There is currently no efficient way to contact an entire class to notify them of instructor illness before the students come to campus, and

**Whereas:** There is currently no efficient way to contact all students to notify them of a campus emergency or campus closure due to emergency;

**Therefore:** **Be it resolved,** that the MJC Academic Senate urges the college and YCCD to research the feasibility and costs of providing email accounts to all students and to report back to the Senate within three months.

\*Members of the Virtual Classroom Committee are:

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**First Reading:** October 20, 2005

**Final Action:**

**Disposition:**