

**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: SP10-B
Opposition to Participation in the CCC-Kaplan MOU**

Proposed by: Senate Executive Board

Whereas: In December of 2009, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kaplan University that allows community college students to take individual online courses at Kaplan University at a steep discount to help them finish their associate degrees; and

Whereas: The California State Academic Senate was not involved in any way in creating this MOU, which clearly falls under the “10+1” areas of senate primacy, nor does the MOU indicate that local senates should be involved in local implementation of the MOU; and

Whereas: Kaplan University is not accredited by ACCJC, nor do a great number of their courses appear to meet any reasonable standard of quality, such as math courses with no prerequisites and science lab courses that are 100% online, which could jeopardize MJC’s accreditation; and

Whereas: There is no indication that the CSU or UC systems will accept transcripts that include courses from Kaplan University, which could put all transfer articulation at risk.

Therefore: **Be it resolved,** that the MJC Academic Senate stands in opposition to any local implementation of this MOU without complete involvement of all constituent groups and extensive use of participatory governance; and

Therefore: **Be it also resolved,** that the Senate President will make this opposition clear to the MJC college leadership team and the YCCD Board of Trustees.

First Reading:

Final Action:

Disposition: