



**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution F11-D
Academic Senate Support for Revision of the
"Decision Making at Modesto Junior College" Document**

- Proposed By:** Allan McKissick and John Zamora, MJC Academic Senate Representatives to the MJC College Council Task Force on the Decision Making at Modesto Junior College document
- Whereas:** The *Modesto Junior College Institutional Self Study Report 2011 In Support of Reaffirmation of Accreditation* makes numerous references to the document *Introduction to Decision Making at Modesto Junior College Fall 2008 - Spring 2010* in the discussion of Standard IV. A: Leadership and Governance (385), and
- Whereas:** The *Report* describes *Introduction to Decision Making at Modesto Junior College Fall 2008 - Spring 2010* as a document “intended to govern the decision-making processes” at MJC (387), and
- Whereas:** The *Report* notes that the *Decision Making at Modesto Junior College* document states that “Senate responsibilities for shared governance have been delegated to the Accreditation/Institutional Effectiveness Committee, the Curriculum Committee, the Planning and Budget Committee, and the Professional Development Committee; this is in contradiction of Academic Senate rules, which are included in the same document.” (388), and
- Whereas:** Such delegation would also contradict YCCD Board Policy 4103, which references Section 53200 of Title 5 of the California Education Code, and describes the MJC Academic Senate as the body which “represents the faculty in collegial governance related to academic and professional matters,” and lists the issues on which the District is obligated to “rely primarily on” or “mutually agree with” the Academic Senate, and the circumstances under which such shared decision making is not required, and
- Whereas:** The *Report* states that *Decision Making at Modesto Junior College* document “has not reached the final draft and ratification stage,” (387) a statement supported in Academic Senate and College Council minutes, and

Whereas: Planning agendas in the *Report's* discussion of Leadership and Governance state the commitment that "During Fall 2011, the college will evaluate, revise, and publish an updated version of the *Introduction to Decision Making at Modesto Junior College Fall 2008 - Spring 2010* using a process that incorporates thorough discussion and ratification by campus stakeholders." (389), and

Whereas: An Academic Senate delegation has been assigned to serve on an MJC College Council Task Force charged with fulfilling that commitment, and MJC President Calderon has proposed expanding that task force to facilitate its efforts,

Therefore: **Be it resolved** that the MJC Academic Senate supports the efforts of MJC President Calderon and the MJC College Council to fulfill our college's commitments in revision of *Introduction to Decision Making at Modesto Junior College Fall 2008 - Spring 2010*, and

Therefore: **Be it further resolved** that the Academic Senate delegation to the College Council Task force is directed to lend all possible assistance in creating a document that clearly and accurately describes shared-governance at MJC, including the appropriate role of the Academic Senate and its standing committees.

First Reading: November 10, 2011

Final Reading: December 1, 2011

Disposition: Carried