

**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution SP15-A**

Collegiality in Academic and Institutional Reorganization

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Whereas a draft of “Design for Success,” a plan for a major reorganization of long-standing academic divisions at Modesto Junior College, was presented to attending faculty, staff, and managers at a forum on February 27, 2015, and

Whereas such a forum can serve as an effective venue for introduction and initial discussion of a proposal with such major implications for delivery of service to students, final disposition of the plan requires much more extensive discussion with the participation of all academic departments and divisions, and

Whereas it was emphasized at the initial presentation of the draft plan that it is subject to change as discussion continues, and the Academic Senate is specifically tasked with and uniquely designed for deliberation between the faculty of all academic departments and divisions, and

Whereas Student Success was presented as the primary purpose for the proposed reorganization, and the Academic Senate is specifically tasked with participation in decisions relating to Student Success (YCCD Board Policy 7-8049), and

Whereas reorganization of the academic divisions will require significant revision of division-level shared governance plans, which requires participation and approval of the Academic Senate (YCCD Board Policy 7-8049),

Therefore be it resolved that The Academic Senate expects that any such plan for reorganization be presented to the Senate, with an evidence-based, written rationale from the originating party or parties, for the initial draft, and all subsequent drafts, and that all necessary arrangements for timely and thorough discussion of the proposal in the Senate will be made, and

Therefore be it further resolved that any academic departments significantly affected by such a proposal should submit a statement expressing any concerns or recommendations directly to the Academic Senate, and

Therefore be it finally resolved that any plan for academic and institutional reorganization that affects Academic and Professional matters should be subjected to due process through the existing, agreed upon participatory governance structure, including all relevant councils and committees, and the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate.

First Reading:

Final Reading: April 2, 2015

Status: Carried