

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
RESOLUTION FL00-D:  
OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED WEST CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
September 27, 2000**

**Proposed by:** Rebecca Ganes, Jim Montalbano and Ben Starr

**WHEREAS,** the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees entertained proposals to commercially develop approximately 80 acres of district property on Modesto Junior College West Campus, and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed commercial development included entering into a Development Agreement, and after further negotiation a Ground Lease; and

**WHEREAS,** the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees held a public hearing before entering into the Development Agreement, but failed to hold a public hearing before entering into the Ground Lease, and

**WHEREAS,** without having a public hearing on the terms of the Ground Lease, faculty and others were precluded from raising their questions and concerns regarding this proposed commercial development on property owned by an academic institution, and

**WHEREAS,** the Yosemite Community College District Board of Trustees have agreed to the spirit of shared governance, but have not adequately involved the Academic Senate nor the College Council, and

**WHEREAS,** the academic advantages of the proposed commercial development are not clearly defined or guaranteed, and

**WHEREAS,** the financial advantages of the proposed commercial development have not been adequately described to the faculty and others

**THEREFORE,** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Academic Senate opposes the West Campus Development Project unless the District Council agrees to rely upon an *ad hoc* Senate committee which will represent the Senate in the planning, implementation, and assessment of any academic partnerships associated with the Project.

**First Reading:** October 12, 2000

**Final Action:** November 2, 2000

**Disposition:** Carried

Presented to Board of Trustees at their November 7, 2000 meeting; met with Chancellor Fisher November 9, 2000.