

Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution: SP08-B
Placement of Student Services Building

Proposed by: Charles Mullins and Jenny Netto

Whereas: The proposed construction of a new Student Services Building implies the expenditure of a large amount of public funds and a significant impact on the character of the Modesto Junior College campus that will last for decades to come; and

Whereas: The process of locating the proposed Student Services Building has thus far taken place outside the campus development process and input has not been sought from all campus stakeholders via the methods by which those stakeholders operate, i.e., allowing enough time for those bodies to meet and develop consensus among themselves before they are asked to report to the larger campus community; and

Whereas: An open forum can serve a valuable service in disseminating information and facilitating discussion, it cannot and should not replace the established process for creating consensus.

Therefore: Be it resolved, that above all, the location of the building should be further discussed among the stakeholders, with every effort made to reach a timely consensus.

Therefore: Be it further resolved, that if the Modesto Junior College faculty is not afforded that opportunity through their representative body, the Academic Senate, the following is the official position of the MJC faculty at this time:

The proposed Student Services Building, or its functional equivalent, should be constructed in such a way as to minimize the elimination of developed green space. To that end:

1. First, if feasible, existing building space/footprint should be used.
2. If that is not feasible, any new building should be constructed on the West Campus.
3. If it is determined that a new building must be constructed on the East Campus, it should be constructed at the North Drive Shift site, from among the East Campus sites presented for consideration.

First Reading:

Final Action: April 10, 2008, the rules were suspended.

Disposition: Carried