

**Modesto Junior College
Curriculum Committee
A Standing Committee of the Academic Senate
Resolution: SP11-CC2
A.A. Degree and A.S. Degree**

Proposed by: Barbara Adams, Curriculum Co-Chair

Whereas: Per SB 1440 legislation, the transfer model curriculum (TMC) degrees are called “An associate (in arts or science) in _x_(major) for Transfer” and the short designations that will be used are “AA-T” and “AS-T”; and

Whereas: The CCC Chancellor’s Office does not allow the selection of both A.A. and A.S. degrees on program applications for transfer model curriculum (TMC) and other program applications; and

Whereas: In 2008, the Academic Senate recommended (resolution 9.03 F08) and the Board of Governors subsequently approved in July 2009 a change in degree names as follows: Associate in Science is for degrees in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines and most career technical education (CTE) programs and the Associate in Arts is for all others. (Certain CTE programs e.g., graphic arts might be in arts, and is locally determined.); and

Whereas: While this recommendation was NOT put into Title 5, because the Department of Finance believed it would be an unfunded mandate; and

Whereas: The Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) are recommending that these new degrees reflect this change because it will lead to more clarity and uniformity in communicating to students, universities, the workplace and the public.; and

Whereas: The MJC Curriculum Committee will review for approval program proposals that utilize transfer model curriculum (TMCs) and other program degree proposals; and

Whereas: Title 5 Section 55063(a) clearly indicates the minimum number of units required for a major or area of emphasis; and

Therefore: **Be it resolved** that determination of A.A. or A.S. designation for program proposals will no longer be based on minimum number of units required.

Therefore: **Be it further resolved,** the MJC Curriculum Committee recommends the degree names as follows: Associate in Science is for degrees in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines and most career technical education (CTE) programs and the Associate in Arts is for all others. Certain CTE programs, e.g., graphic arts, might be in arts

and is locally determined. Certain programs, e.g., athletic training/sports medicine, which include numerous required science courses, might be in science and is locally determined.

Therefore: **Be it further resolved,** the MJC Curriculum Committee recommends the MJC Academic Senate approve the change in degree names for transfer model curriculum (TMC) and other program degree proposals.