

Resolution F'11-01
Funding Support for Academic Senate
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Whereas, Title V guarantees the role of faculty in shared governance;

Whereas, local Academic Senate's serve as the official "voice" of the faculty in advocating for faculty roles in "Academic and Professional Matters;"

Whereas, to be effective the Mendocino College Academic Senate requires at a minimum, membership to the State Academic Senate and participation in State Academic Senate activities such as area meetings, plenary sessions, and other important workshops and conferences;

Whereas, Academic Senate must be fully informed of the most recent developments in the State and Area levels for shared governance;

Whereas, Academic Senate can more fully support the faculty and engage in its duties of shared governance by actively participating in the discussions, debates and informational exchanges with their colleagues at other institutions;

Whereas, local senates are subject by law, to provisions of the Brown Act, requiring among other things, that all documentation related to Senate agendas and minutes is official and is prepared and disseminated in a specified and specialized manner.

Whereas, resources are necessary in meeting the Academic Senate obligations to promote and protect effective participatory governance on behalf of faculty at Mendocino College;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mendocino College district provide annual funding to ensure effective Senate operations for:

- Clerical support no less than 8 hours per month.
- State Senate yearly dues.
- Two plenary sessions per year for two senators each.
- Leadership conference for incoming Academic Senate President, every other year.
- Expenses associated with attendance to Area B meetings – one person, twice a year.
- Funds for miscellaneous operational supplies.