

Resolution F'05-'01 _____
Campus Cleanliness
Initiated by: Nancy McLelland
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October 12, 2005

Whereas, the Mendocino-Lake Community College District has the responsibility of doing its best to provide a clean and safe environment for students, faculty, and staff, attention should be given to cleanliness. This means taking sufficient precautionary measures to prevent vector-borne illnesses caused by common viruses, bacteria, and/or fungi.

Whereas, these simple practices of cleaning and disinfecting the high use, heavy contact areas are not being followed, especially in MacMillan Hall. Even untrained observers will note that door handles and doors are filthy. Desk tops are sticky and many chairs have been rendered unusable by a discernable layer of grime. The four outside doors are dirty and the window panes in the doors are most often smudged with hand prints.

Whereas, other campus buildings are also dirty, especially the high-contact spots like doors and door handles; however, MacMillan Hall is an accident waiting to happen. Should there be an especially virulent flu; the District is not taking the appropriate prophylactic measures to prevent its spread.

Whereas, the District, like the rest of the country, may be concerned about disaster readiness, the lack of simple sanitizing practices leaves us unnecessarily vulnerable to outbreaks of illness of viral, bacteria, and/or fungal origin.

Whereas, even under relatively normal conditions, student, faculty, and/or staff absences from common colds and flu cost the District money and, in many cases, take a toll on enrollments.

Whereas, one of our strongest recruitment tools has been our beautiful campus. Unfortunately, a dirty, somewhat run-down campus does not make a good first impression on prospective students and/or their parents.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mendocino College Academic Senate considers this an important public health issue and resolves that the District review the custodial duties and current practices; that these practices conform with or exceed the current standards dictated by experts in the field of public health and epidemiology; and that these practices are carried out regularly and systematically.

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Mendocino College Academic Senate considers that a serious public health problem exists at Mendocino College, especially in all the high student use, heavy contact areas, exemplified by, but not limited to, MacMillan Hall. Although all employees are affected, the Senate's primary concern is with the health and welfare of our students. Because a clean and safe environment is a basic necessity for our public institution of higher education and because it is the District's responsibility to take sufficient precautionary measures to prevent vector-borne illnesses caused by common viruses, bacteria, and/or fungi, the Academic Senate resolves the following:

- The District reviews the custodial duties and current cleaning practices in all campus buildings.
- The District addresses the question of compliance, ie. whether these practices conform to or exceed the current health standards dictated by experts in the field of public health and epidemiology.
- If the practices are substandard, the District rectifies the situation and ensures that appropriate cleaning practices and health standards are carried out regularly and systematically.

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