

Associate of Arts Degree – Liberal Arts & Sciences
Resolution 2008-05

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction, for student preparation and success, and for degree and certificate requirements (Board Policy 3255);

Whereas, the Title 5 regulations effective Fall 2008 have clarified the use of majors and areas of emphasis in Associate degrees;

Whereas, the graduation requirements for the Associate of Arts degrees as listed in the 2007-08 catalog are uniform and Title 5 compliant.

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports the current graduation requirements for the Associate of Arts degree be upheld;

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports the creation of a single Associate of Arts degree entitled Liberal Arts & Sciences with Emphasis in [Area], but does not limit content experts from creating other Title 5 compliant Associate of Arts degrees with majors following established procedures through the Educational Design Committee;

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports the creation of “Areas of Emphasis” such as, but not limited to, Mathematics, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Language Arts, Natural Sciences, Communication, Fine Arts, and Health & Kinesiology to be included in the Associate of Arts degree: Liberal Arts & Sciences;

Resolved, the Academic Senate directs Curriculum & Instruction to create Catalog language in compliance with this resolution and to bring forward any “areas of emphasis” to the Senate for approval.