

**American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment
Resolution 2014-05**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters, including processes for institutional planning, budget development, and education program development (Title 5, 53200; Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, the scale and scope of global climate change, caused by the production and emission of greenhouse gases (GHG), threatens to produce significant damage to environmental systems throughout the world and region; and

Whereas, the "Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change" indicates that "total anthropogenic GHG have continued to increase from 1970 to 2010 with larger decadal increases toward the end of this period. Despite a growing number of climate change mitigation policies, annual GHG emissions" continue to increase, with total anthropogenic GHG emissions at the highest in human history during the period of 2000 to 2010¹; and

Whereas, "climate change has the characteristics of a collective action problem at the global scale, ...[cooperative] action is therefore required to mitigate GHG emissions and address other climate change issues"² locally and regionally; therefore, it is

Resolved, the Academic Senate recommends that the College president and the Board of Trustees adopt and implement the "American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment" pledge to develop an institution-wide plan at Mt. San Antonio College to achieve climate neutral emissions by the institution within a given time frame; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate recommends that College officials and faculty "exercise leadership in their communities...by modeling ways to minimize global warming emissions," and by integrating elements of sustainability [studies] into their respective curricula³ and the educational programs of the College.

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Attachment: "American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment"

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¹ Fifth Assessment Report, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. "Summary for Policy Makers" (5).

² IBID. (4).

³ American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment.