

**The Value of Mt. SAC's Dance Program
Resolution 2009-01**

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; and Education Program Development (Board Policy 3255); and

Whereas, the District mandated an overall cut of sections for summer 2009 by 50% and has stated that a priority was placed on basic skills courses, career training courses, science labs needed for student preparing to enter health careers, and key courses necessary for transfer and completion of degrees; and

Whereas, the Dance Program was required to cut 100% of the summer sections yet offers key courses necessary for the transfer and completion of degrees; is an academic program with minimum qualifications equivalent to any other academic program; includes degree appropriate and transferable courses, includes courses that are part of the Kinesiology and Wellness AA degree emphasis and includes courses required for general education requirements; and

Whereas, the elimination of all dance sections in the summer will have a negative impact on transfer and degree seeking students and students who participate in the fall repertory concerts and may result in dance students leaving Mt. SAC to attend other colleges, thereby negatively impacting the Dance Program's future enrollment; and

Whereas, the elimination of all dance sections in the summer will result in a large number of part-time dance faculty searching for employment elsewhere, thereby making it difficult or even impossible to staff dance sections with qualified faculty in the future.

Resolved, the Academic Senate does not support the District's clear discrimination against the Dance Department in the elimination of all summer sections; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate strongly recommends the restoration of 50% of the Dance sections that were originally scheduled in order to be fair and equitable in comparison to other departments on campus; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports and values the Dance program as an essential component of the academic programs offered at Mt. SAC.

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This resolution was withdrawn by the authors on March 5, 2009.