

Catalog Rights  
Resolution 2010-01

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5, Article 2, section 53200; and BP 3255 makes faculty primarily relied upon for student preparation and success;

Whereas, catalog rights are considered a local policy decision (legal opinion 09-04 from the Chancellor's Office) and an academic and professional matter, and while there is no established Administrative Procedure on catalog rights, the District's past practice has been to honor catalog language in absence of an established procedure; and

Whereas, the college catalog defines "catalog rights" as:

"The specific set of general education and other graduation requirements, as established in the catalog for a specific year, which the student must satisfy to qualify for a degree, certificate, etc. Students may choose to qualify for graduation (general education and major) under the requirements in effect at either: 1. the time they entered the college, or 2. they may use any catalog thereafter, as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as attendance during every primary term (Fall and Spring) after initial enrollment at Mt. San Antonio College."

Whereas, a legal opinion from the CCC Chancellor's Office (09-04) office concludes that "catalog rights exist between a student and college and generally support the view that students should not be subjected to changes after entering the institution.....and there is nothing to prevent a college from voluntarily recognizing the old catalog rights."

Resolved, the Academic Senate recommends that the College catalog language be honored as the contractual agreement between the institution and the student; and be considered the standard for catalog rights until an AP can be created and approved through our governance process.

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