

**Academic Senate Process for Responding to Time Sensitive Issues
Resolution 2012 –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, education program development, for student preparation and success, and for degree and certificate requirements (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, the Senate is subject to frequent criticism for the amount of time it takes this body to take action; and,

Whereas, for a variety of reasons, there is increasing pressure for the Senate to provide prompt feedback on some matters, and the failure to do so may jeopardize the potency of faculty voice in matters of institutional governance;

Resolved, the Senate president is authorized and directed to make immediate appointments to a task force which will develop recommendations for addressing the pace of Senate business as well as a special Senate process and timeline for time-sensitive matters; and,

Resolved, this task force will provide recommendations directly to the Academic Senate Executive Board as a discussion item within thirty days of the passage date of this resolution; and,

Resolved, the Senate Legislative Liaison, in consultation with the Senate Secretary, will design a system for quickly informing Mt. SAC faculty of significant legislative action and offering opportunities for faculty to immediately respond to such issues.

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