

**In Support of Counseling Faculty  
Resolution 2013-10**

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, degree and certificate requirements, education program development, and policies related to grading, student preparation and success, and faculty professional development (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, counseling is a discipline included in the State approved faculty disciplines list that ensures that counselors have professional education and training at the Master's level leading to appropriate counseling knowledge, competencies and skills; and,

Whereas, the State Academic Senate, Academic Senate at Mt. San Antonio College, and the Counseling Department at Mt. San Antonio College have previously adopted the papers "The Role of Counseling Faculty in the California Community College" (Fall 1994) and "Standards of Practice for California Community College Counseling Programs" (Spring 1997); and,

Whereas, the State Academic Senate and the Counseling Department at Mt. San Antonio College have adopted the papers "The Role of Counseling Faculty in the California Community College" (revised Spring 2012) and "Standards of Practice for California Community College Counseling Programs" (revised Fall 2008) as they include updates to such areas as minimum qualifications and technological tools for delivering counseling services and continue to serve as guides for counseling faculty; and,

Whereas, the California Legislature has passed the Student Success Act of 2012, and this legislation will impact counseling and counseling services;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Mt. San Antonio College re-affirm the aforementioned revised papers and the professional role of counseling faculty as presented therein; and,

Resolved, with respect to best practices as outlined in these papers and within the context of local policies, procedures, and practices, that the Academic Senate of Mt. San Antonio College recommend the College refer to these papers when making, or reviewing, policy development and implementation recommendations on "student preparation and success" (Title 5. Section 53200 Subsection [b.5]), program evaluation, hiring priorities, planning and budget, and other related areas.

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