

**Emergency COVID-19 Response:
Recommendation to Transition to Online Instruction for the
Remainder of Spring 2020
Resolution 2020-02**

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 grading policies, for student preparation and success, and for degree and certificate requirements (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California declared a State of Emergency due to the outbreak and spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

Whereas, On March 16, 2020, the California Community College Chancellor's office shared that The COVID-19 health emergency is expected to continue through the month of June and encouraged colleges to shift their immediate planning horizons to this new timeframe; and

Whereas, On March 13, 2020 Mt. San Antonio College has encouraged faculty to move their face-to-face instruction to temporary remote instruction and on March 16, 2020 with the authorization from the Board of Trustees, cancelled all Mt. SAC classes through March 28, 2020 to prepare for increased online instruction;

Resolved, The Academic Senate asserts that a safe learning environment for students and faculty is an academic and professional matter; and,

Resolved, The Academic Senate recommends to the campus administration that all lecture and discussion courses be delivered remotely for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester to minimize face-to-face instruction to the greatest extent possible in order to enhance social distancing while also enabling any quarantined or ill instructors or students to access all educational materials remotely; and,

Resolved, The Academic Senate recommends to the campus Administration that all courses deemed by departments as unable to move to remote instruction (various lab courses, clinicals, courses requiring campus materials that cannot be replicated through remote instruction, etc.) be modified, with faculty input, to limit the number of students in an instruction space to 10 at-a-time with a minimum of 6 feet of distance between students as recommended by CDC guidelines to limit COVID-19 transmission in the community; and,

Resolved, The Academic Senate supports the continued efforts of campus constituents to provide equitable learning environments in a safe manner for all students and faculty.

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