

**Emergency COVID-19 Response:  
Authorization for Academic Senate Officers to Take Necessary  
Actions on Behalf of the Academic Senate to Prepare and Respond  
Effectively on Academic and Professional Matters Related to Campus  
Plans Related to COVID-19  
Resolution 2020-03**

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, The Mt. San Antonio Academic Senate Constitution Section VI provides that it shall be the duty of the Executive Board to act on behalf of the Academic Senate whenever an issue in question cannot reasonably be postponed to the next scheduled full Senate meeting and the Academic Senate Rules provide that the Academic Senate President serves as the official spokesperson for the faculty on academic and professional matters and will be in charge of all communications between the Academic Senate and any other person or organization; and,

Whereas, Rapid decision-making is imperative during times of emergency;

Resolved, The Academic Senate Executive Board empowers the Academic Senate President and/or their Academic Senate Officer designees to act on behalf of the Academic Senate to represent faculty voice on academic and professional matters during the COVID-19 emergency.

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