

Resolution 2016 – 08
In Affirmation of Faculty Support of Students

Whereas, the 2016 electoral season included divisive rhetoric targeted at women, LGBTQ people, persons with disabilities, Muslims and other religious minorities, immigrants, and people of color; and,

Whereas, in light of the results of the 2016 election, Mt. San Antonio College students have expressed, in both public and private, confusion, anxiety, fear, concern for their physical safety and well-being, and concerns about their individual rights, all of which may negatively impact the achievement of their educational goals; and,

Whereas, the College's mission statement indicates that we will "support all students," and the core value of student focus requires us to "address the needs of students...in our actions," and the core value of positive spirit asks us to "work harmoniously" and "show compassion";

Resolved, the Academic Senate reaffirms its commitment, as a representative body of the Mt. SAC faculty, to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all students free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and fear; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate encourages faculty members to use the learning environment to show compassion and support for students who may be experiencing anxiety, uncertainty, and fear in the current political climate; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate reaffirms the Mt. SAC faculty's commitment to upholding the College Mission Statement's pledge to "serve our community through...advancing civic engagement, enhancing personal well-being, promoting critical thinking" for all students who wish to pursue their educational goals at Mt. San Antonio College.

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