

Resolution of Concern Regarding a Campus Police Department 2016

Whereas, Mt. San Antonio College has historically had an office of Public Safety that was not a police department and only in recent years has become one so as to more easily access training funds; and,

Whereas, small police departments and campus police departments have well documented problems including training issues¹ and racial issues²; and,

Whereas, campus police, by virtue of their supervision by executive management, have the potential to be influenced in the performance of their duties by said management³;

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Faculty Association does not support the presence on campus of a small police agency, regardless of its jurisdiction or organization; and,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Faculty Association does not support the presence of a campus police department which by necessity would be overseen by a College vice-president or the College President; and,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Faculty Association supports and encourages other actions that would improve campus safety, including contracted patrols by the L.A. Sheriff's Department, an enhanced safety escort program, and foot or bicycle patrols by Public Safety employees; and,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Faculty Association directs its president to convey this resolution to the College President, the College's Board of Trustees, and the public.

Adopted April 5, 2016

¹ <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/06/23/small-police-departments-standards-training/28823849/>

² <http://www.amren.com/news/2014/12/campus-police-departments-struggle-with-issues-of-race/>

³ http://www.redandblack.com/uganews/could-ban-solve-college-politics-campus-police-problems/article_c67190e4-5aee-11e4-8771-001a4bcf6878.html