

**Travel & Conference Funding and Protocols  
Resolution 2014-02**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters, specifically including “policies for faculty professional development activities” (Title 5, 53200; Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, faculty have ongoing professional responsibilities to engage in regular training, certification, participation in professional conferences, and conference-appropriate travel as a means to ensure currency and professional expertise (AB 1725 Sect. 4(r)(3)); and,

Whereas, the Academic Senate and the College have previously agreed that professional development, equity in conference and travel appropriations, and regular, stable funding of professional development are vital to the mission and accreditation of the College (Academic Senate Resolution 2009 – 03); and,

Whereas, the College president has eliminated the established agreed to protocols that ensured appropriate institutional review and approval of faculty requests for travel and conference funding, and has excluded Professional Development Council (PDC) engagement in establishing appropriate fiscal allocations for faculty travel and conference requests;

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that the College reinstate the review and approval processes for travel and conference funding; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that the College implement the regular engagement of PDC in establishing yearly, adequate budget allocations for faculty travel and conference attendance.

Submitted by: Executive Board of the Academic Senate

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