

Department Chair Role in Shared Governance
Resolution 2010-10

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200)

Whereas, the role of the department chair "has a long history and tradition in higher education and can serve to ensure that faculty discipline expertise informs educational program development, planning and review, and that decisions that most directly affect students are kept close to those who interact with students in classrooms, counseling offices and libraries) (ASCCC 2004); and,

Whereas, "there is often confusion and lack of clarity regarding the relationship and responsibilities of department chairs to local academic senates" (ASCCC 2004);

Resolved that the Mt. San Antonio College Academic Senate recognizes department chairs as "essential to ensure faculty primacy in our 11 areas of responsibility" (ASCCC 2002); and,

Resolved that the Academic Senate will develop a mechanism that promotes broader faculty leadership by encouraging routine, effective communication between department chairs and Academic Senate leaders, committees, and councils (ASCCC 2004).

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References:

Roles and Responsibilities of Faculty Academic Chairs: An Academic Senate Perspective. A paper adopted by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Spring, 2004



Best Practices for Faculty Chairs. A resolution adopted by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Fall, 2002. <http://academic senate.mtsac.edu>
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