

Comprehensive Strategy for Budgetary Retrenchment  
Resolution 2011-04

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters, including processes for institutional planning and budget development (Title 5, 53200); and,

Whereas, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking retraining; and,

Whereas, the last day the State of California did not have a budget deficit was July 12, 2007 (Suddath, 2009), impacting the College with a \$3.5M - \$18M shortfall for 2011-12; and,

Whereas, the College has principally balanced the budget through the attrition of personnel and course reductions (50% for winter and 25% for summer sessions starting in 2009, 5% for fall and spring semesters starting in 2010, and 3.5% for fall and spring semesters starting in 2011);

Resolved, that Mt. SAC establish a comprehensive strategy to deal with continued budget deficits; and,

Resolved, that this strategy should include comprehensive measures that might include, for example, student enrollment management modifications, program/service modifications (reductions, suspensions, discontinuances), retraining of staff and faculty, and a focusing of priorities with a corresponding increase of support to those areas that support the strategy; and,

Resolved, that this strategy be created and regularly reviewed with significant input from faculty within the established College shared governance process.

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