

**Addressing Science Lab Space Concerns
Resolution 2017 – 07**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, § 53200), and is primarily relied upon for educational program development, student preparation and success; and shall reach mutual agreement with the Board of Trustees and the College President on processes for institutional planning or other related matters that will have a significant effect on students; and,

Whereas, the Natural Science Division at Mt. San Antonio College has grown rapidly, especially in the areas of Engineering, Biology, and Chemistry, with courses and facilities operating at or above capacity levels during most times of the week; and,

Whereas, capacity constraints on lab space in these areas will have several detrimental effects including: the restriction of setup time between labs; the limitation of the College's ability to capture growth in science and engineering programs; and the inability of students to complete degree requirements in a timely manner due to limited lab sections;

Resolved, the Academic Senate requests that the College investigate the feasibility of modifying and expanding existing lab space and/or adding temporary lab space until planning and construction of long-term solutions are completed; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate directs its appointees to the Facilities Advisory Committee to place this item on a meeting agenda for discussion and report the results to the Academic Senate no later than September 2017.

Submitted by:
Academic Senate Executive Board

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