SENATE AFFIRMATION OF THE CURRICULUM PROCESS

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Whereas: It is the right and responsibility of the Academic Senate to be involved in college decision-making in matters of curriculum, student success, and education program development; and

Whereas: The California State Education Code and Yosemite Community College District Board Policy 7-8049 requires that the YCCD shall rely primarily on the MJC Academic Senate in matters of curriculum; and

Whereas: The preeminent area in which the Academic Senate, in its role as the representative of faculty in academic and professional matters, must be considered to have primacy in the area of curriculum; and

Whereas: For a great many years the Curriculum Committee has been a model of participatory decision making, which includes MJC Administration representatives and has consistently welcomed discussion of any administrative concerns; and

Whereas: The Academic Senate is confident that the Curriculum committee will continue to perform due diligence on any concern raised by faculty, administration, or staff in the process of curriculum review; and

Whereas: The unit value assigned to a course is directly related to its content and necessary contact time, and is thereby an issue of curriculum under faculty purview, and

Whereas: Recent actions by the administration that blocked Curriculum committee consideration of certain courses caused confusion regarding all of the above; and

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the MJC Academic Senate asserts faculty primacy in matters of curriculum, and the role and operation of the Curriculum Committee; and

Therefore: Be it further resolved, that the MJC Academic Senate directs its Executive Committee to work with the MJC administration and the Curriculum Committee to prevent any further disruption of the curriculum review process; and

Therefore: Be it finally resolved, that the MJC Academic Senate President is directed to report back to the Academic Senate in a timely way regarding the resolution of these issues.

First Reading: April 3, 2014
Final Action: April 17, 2014
Disposition: Carried