

**Modesto Junior College**  
**Academic Senate**  
**Resolution: FL05-B**  
**Academic Standards Committee Change in Status**  
**From Ad Hoc To Permanent Academic Senate Committee**

- Proposed by:** Dan Onorato (on behalf of the Academic Standards Committee)
- Whereas:** The Academic Standards Committee was created two years ago to discuss and deliberate over important academic concerns and make policy recommendations to the Senate, and
- Whereas:** The Academic Standards Committee, in response to the perceived rise in cheating on campus, made important recommendations to the Senate regarding initiatives that would help create a climate of academic integrity at our college, and
- Whereas:** The Academic Standards Committee, among these initiatives, recommended that the Senate distribute to all faculty the committee's proposed Statement of Academic Integrity, along with its Statement on Plagiarism, for possible use in faculty syllabi, and
- Whereas:** The Academic Standards Committee also recommended that the Senate urge each academic department to discuss how best to inform students clearly about plagiarism, using examples pertinent to each discipline, and
- Whereas:** The Academic Standards Committee studied the issue of whether attendance should be allowed to be included in determining student grades, and involved the faculty and the Dean of Instruction in an open discussion that led to a resolution regarded as reasonable by all, and
- Whereas:** One of the issues the Academic Standards Committee will discuss this year is whether or not to adopt plus/minus grading, and
- Whereas:** The issues the Academic Standards Committee reviews and makes recommendations on are of great importance and consequence to both faculty and students because they affect the quality of the education we offer our students.
- Therefore:** The Academic Standards Committee recommends that the Senate change the status of the Academic Standards Committee from an ad hoc committee to a standing committee of the Senate.
- First Reading:** September 15, 2005
- Final Action:** October 6, 2005
- Disposition:** Carried
- Dan Onorato, Chair of the Academic Standards Committee, notified of approved change to permanent Senate committee status.