

Modesto Junior College  
Academic Senate  
Resolution SP07- E  
Requesting a District W Policy

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Whereas: MJC is now requiring students who have received any combination of two withdrawals or substandard grades from the same course to petition for a third attempt; and

Whereas: The implementation of this procedure, in the case of students with two withdrawals, or one withdrawal and one substandard grade, is not based in current district policy or any position expressed in a recorded resolution by the Academic Senate; and

Whereas: The current implementation of this procedure has inappropriately disallowed students from enrolling in classes, and blocked students from enrolling in classes that have no crowding issues; and

Whereas: The current implementation of this procedure has caused an excessive work load for the petitions committee, and caused confusion in the absence of a clear policy to follow in regards to granting or denying these petitions; and

Whereas: Concerns about student success and concerns about fairness in classes with severe crowding and long wait lists still show a need for intervention when students do not pass a course in a reasonable amount of attempts; and

Whereas: Such a procedure starts with a district policy created by the Board of Trustees;

Therefore: Be it resolved, that the Academic Senate ask the Board of Trustees to create a district policy which directs each YCCD campus to create and implement a procedure addressing the issue of repeated Ws in a class in a manner that is consistent with law and the district's commitment to fiscal responsibility, fairness, and student success.

Be it also resolved, that the Academic Senate intends to move rapidly to design a college-specific implementation of this policy.

First Reading: April 5, 2007

Final Reading: May 17, 2007

Disposition: Carried