

**Modesto Junior College
Academic Senate
Resolution SP09-A2
Grading and Academic Policy**

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Board

Whereas: It is consistent with Education Code that an instructor may at his or her discretion fail a student for the semester in an instance of academic dishonesty, and

Whereas: Some assignments are considered to be key-stones in matriculation agreements and that if a student were to fail this assignment due to an instance of academic dishonesty then the student has likely not achieved subject mastery, and

Whereas: Although current legal opinion may be that one incident may be small in terms of the overall effect of the student's progress in the class, one incident, may also (given the above) be *sufficient* for an instructor to fail a student for the semester, and

Whereas: Grading has always been at the discretion of the instructor of record and the incident of academic dishonesty may be deemed by the instructor to be *sufficient* to determine failure to demonstrate subject mastery,

Therefore: **Be it resolved** that it is the opinion of the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate that instructors should be given power to base a student's final grade on one single incident of academic dishonesty.

First Reading: April 23, 2009

Final Reading: September 24, 2009

Disposition: Failed