

**MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
OCTOBER 31, 1997**

RESOLUTION FL97-N: WELFARE TO EDUCATION THEN TO WORK

- Proposed by:** Academic Senate for California Community Colleges
- WHEREAS,** occupational and liberal arts education programs are valid, documented avenues to meaningful nonsubsidized employment and career development, and
- WHEREAS,** current federal and state legislation prohibits education/training programs longer than 18 months, thus denying numerous employment and career opportunities to TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families) recipients who want and who would benefit from such education, and
- WHEREAS,** it is anticipated that TANF recipients will be directed to find employment within four weeks and only those who cannot be placed will be referred to educational programs and that these students will require more, not less, education, particularly in basic skills;
- THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate promote education as the primary option in the welfare to work state and federal legislation, and
- THEREFORE,** be it further resolved that the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate pursue legislation that allows:
- 1) Additional time for program completion for those students who are nearly college- or training-ready and who need to address basic skills deficits
 - 2) Additional time for program completion for those students pursuing degrees and certificates longer than the 18 months allowed by current state legislation
 - 3) All Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) recipients to be assessed and referred for training/education prior to mandating work placement
 - 4) One hour of classroom time to generate three hours of work credit following federal law regarding Carnegie Unit requirements, and
- THEREFORE,** be it finally resolved that the Modesto Junior College Academic Senate urge the State Board of Governors to seek federal legislation that would change the TANF federal code to allow TANF recipients the option of pursuing a college education in a welfare-to-work plan.
- First Reading:** November 13, 1997
Final Action: February 12, 1998
Disposition: Carried