

MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
RESOLUTION SP96-L: SUPPORT OF MULTI-PLATFORMS FOR ACADEMIC COMPUTING

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- WHEREAS, Modesto Junior College is currently receiving funding for the upgrading of computer technology for faculty and staff and
- WHEREAS, the College Council, in conjunction with the Computer Review Committee, has established that disciplines, divisions, individuals and/or groups of faculty amend their Comprehensive Plans and attach Requests for Proposals as concept papers to be attached to Comprehensive Plans and
- WHEREAS, the criteria for prioritizing expenditures for academic computing includes “recognizing multi-platform needs”, and
- WHEREAS, the college has been following a de facto, unwritten assumption that the primary platform for computers is and continues to be DOS-based and
- WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be a history of interest in and commitment to a multi-platform policy (multi-platform is defined as “a compute environment which allows machines to run different central processing units and operating systems.”) by a sizable portion of the faculty, and
- WHEREAS, the fact that the issue of multi-platforms continues to go unresolved and continues to be a source of contention and division,
- THEREFORE, be it resolved that it is the position of the Academic Senate for Modesto Junior College to recommend the creation of a College Council policy of institutional support that includes both advocacy for and fund of multiple platforms for academic computing and strongly supports instructors in their pursuit of multi-platform computing.

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FINAL ACTION: Never brought back for further action  
DISPOSITION: N/A