

RESOLUTION TO BAN RELIGIOUS INVOCATIONS AT COLLEGE EVENTS

Adopted by the Academic Senate of Saddleback College on October 11, 2006

Whereas, Saddleback College serves a diverse population, including people with a wide range of religious beliefs and practices, and

Whereas, given that our mission is to provide education, it is not within the scope of our authority to represent students, faculty, staff, or the wider community in religious matters, and

Whereas, we fully respect the right of individuals to determine whether, how, when, and whom to worship, and

Whereas, we believe that this right is violated by the inclusion of a religious invocation in college events, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Saddleback College opposes the inclusion of a religious invocation in the Scholarship Awards Ceremony; the Commencement ceremony; or in any other official college event at which faculty, staff, and students are in, or might reasonably be expected to be in, attendance, and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate does not oppose the inclusion of a moment of silence in any such event, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the State Academic Senate with the recommendation that it adopt a similar resolution.