

ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
RESOLUTION
March 3, 2004

Randy Anderson, Past President, moved, it was seconded, and was passed by voice vote to approve in principle the following resolution:

Whereas, Academic Senates are coming under increasing legal attack by local College Administrations, Boards of Trustees and individuals in an effort to undermine their influence in the shared governance processes;

Whereas no current definition for the Community College Academic Senates is given or detailed in the California Education Code; and the Scope and Authority given to Academic Senates in Title 5 carries limited influence in a court of law and

Whereas, local Academic Senates and individual faculty within their membership have been named as both petitioners and respondents in recent civil court proceedings;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges undertake a comprehensive legal review of enabling legislation, statute and case law that identifies the purpose, scope and authority of State and Local Senates;

Be it Further Resolved, that upon completion of this review and with the assistance of legal counsel, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges dedicate all its resources to facilitate legislative and legal clarification of both the California Education Code and Title 5 in order to make clear the mission and authority of the State and Local Senates.