

So You Say You Want a Resolution...

(The breakout formerly known as “Resolutions: Why All the Bother?”)



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Why Use Resolutions?

At the statewide level, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopts resolutions which become the bases for future Senate policies and which drive the work of its standing and ad hoc committees.

- From the ASCCC Plenary Session Resolution Process

Why Use Resolutions?

Locally, resolutions are designed for local senates to urge or recommend policy or action to the Board of Trustees, college administrators, other local groups, or the state Academic Senate (ASCCC). They are designed to solicit a rapid response *in writing*.

- From the ASCCC Resolution Guide for Local Senates

Statewide Resolutions

- Develop positions for the ASCCC
- Direct the creation of papers or other resources
- Make recommendations
- Support local senates or other groups
- Work with Chancellor's Office or other organizations
- Others?

Writing Statewide Resolutions

- Identify a relevant topic:
 - Through local senates
 - Through Senate committees
 - Through Senate area meetings
 - As an individual (you don't have to be a delegate!)
 - In the cocktail lounge during a plenary session (don't laugh!)

Writing Statewide Resolutions

- Consider feasibility and appropriateness:
 - If it gives the organization direction (writing a new paper, conducting a study, etc.), can the work be done in a timely manner
 - If it takes a position, will it reflect well on the organization if it passes?

Writing Statewide Resolutions

- Do your homework!
 - Current events, looming policy changes, educational and political trends
 - Research past Senate resolutions and papers
 - Research Ed Code and Title 5

How Does the Process Work Statewide?

- Resolutions can come from a variety of sources:
 - Executive Committee
 - ASCCC Standing or Ad Hoc Committees or Taskforces
 - Area meetings prior to Plenary Session
 - Local Senates
 - Individuals
 - Inspiration from Plenary breakout sessions

**All resolutions, other than urgent resolutions, must be submitted by the Thursday afternoon of Plenary to be considered by the body.

Process (continued)

- Resolutions are reviewed by the Resolutions Committee (chaired this year by our L.A. City College presenter...aren't you impressed!) to ensure that they:
 - Are not duplicative
 - Do not reverse a position previously taken by the ASCCC (unless that is the intent)
 - Are being brought forward by an approved group
 - Make sense and will make sense to the field

Process (continued more...)

- Resolutions are discussed by delegates at the pre-plenary area meetings, by local senates on home campuses, and at the session area meetings.
- Amendments can be added to clarify resolutions (requires four seconds by registered delegates!)
- When the Saturday of plenary session rolls around, it is time for debate...

Okay, It's Not QUITE This Bad...



At Session

- The body debates the resolutions and votes on them
 - It is also possible for the body to refer the resolution to the Executive Committee for perfection, research, or other actions.
 - Resolutions which change an existing position require a 2/3rd majority.
 - Amendments are not taken from the floor.

What Happens Next?

- It depends on what the resolution calls for:
 - Action by the president is taken directly by the ASCCC president
 - Other resolutions are given to committees or task forces for completion, which is then reported at the bottom of the resolution on the website
 - Some resolutions are deemed infeasible due to lack of resources or other issues

Resolutions on the ASCCC Website

Great tools allow you to search by subject, author, specific resolution number, etc.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the ASCCC Resolutions page. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.asccc.org/resources/resolutions. The website header includes the ASCCC logo and navigation links for Log In, Get Involved, Calendar, and Directory. A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Enter a search phrase" and a "FIND" button. The main navigation menu includes links for ABOUT US, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMUNITIES, EVENTS, AWARDS, SERVICES, PUBLICATIONS, and RESOURCES. The "AWARDS" menu is expanded, showing options for Exemplary Award, Hayward Award, and Regina Stanback-Stroud Award. The main content area is titled "Resolutions" and features a "RESOURCES" sidebar with links to Resolutions, Board of Governors, Disciplines List, Directory, Surveys, Links to Other Resources, Forms, CO Correspondence, and Subscribe to Listservs. A search form for Resolutions includes fields for "Resolution Number" and "Title" with a "FIND" button. Below the search form is a table of resolutions.

#	Year	Session	Title	Topic
01.01	2013	Spring	Caucuses Procedures and Guidelines and Bylaws Revision	Academic Senate
01.02	2013	Spring	Periodic Evaluation of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges	Academic Senate
01.03	2013	Spring	Senator Emeritus for Jane Patton	Academic Senate
01.04	2013	Spring	Academic Senate Annual Report on Accomplishments and Operations	Academic Senate
01.05	2013	Spring	Institute and Plenary Sessions on Facilities Planning	Academic Senate
05.01	2013	Spring	Call For Statewide Conversation on Funding Formulas to Maintain Comprehensive Course and Program Offerings	Budget and Finance
07.01	2013	Spring	Timely Notification of Changes to Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) Narratives and Templates	Consultation with the System Office
09.01	2013	Spring	Investigate Regional Coordination of Course Offerings	Curriculum
09.02	2013	Spring	Regional Conjoint Programs	Curriculum
09.03	2013	Spring	Conditions of Enrollment for Online Instruction	Curriculum
09.04	2013	Spring	Investigate and Determine Appropriateness of Massive Open Online Courses	Curriculum
09.05	2013	Spring	Eliminating the Word "Discipline" in the Taxonomy of Programs	Curriculum
09.06	2013	Spring	Dance TOP Codes	Curriculum

<http://asccc.org/resources/resolutions>

Local Senates

- Guide processes
- Take positions
- Express concerns
- Others?

**As stated in the ASCCC document, the purpose of resolutions locally is to receive a response quickly and in writing

Local Senate resolutions can be used for a variety of purposes, and tend to be geared more specifically to concerns from the faculty at the college or other local concerns...



*The Academic Senate
of
Los Angeles City College*

Resolution #02-F12: Collegial Consultation Agreement with the College President

Whereas,

The district governing board or its designee, with the designee being the College President, shall consult collegially with the academic senate on academic and professional matters as defined in Title 5 section 53200 and Chapter XVIII, Article I of the LACCD Board Rules;

Whereas,

The College President shall, through the collegial consultation process, rely primarily upon primarily upon the advice and judgment of the academic senate or reach mutual agreement with the academic senate on recommendations made by the academic senate on academic and professional matters;

Whereas,

It is recommended that districts and colleges adopt policies on collegial consultation that delineate which academic and professional matters are designated "rely primarily" and which are designated "mutual agreement," as stated in the Community College League of California and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges joint paper "Participating Effectively in District and College Governance" adopted in Fall 1998, and is an important part of succession planning;

Whereas,

The proposed Collegial Consultation Agreement was developed and finalized in a collegial manner and agreed to by the President of Los Angeles City College;

Resolved,

That the Academic Senate of Los Angeles City College approve the Collegial Consultation Agreement and recommend to the President of Los Angeles City College submission of this agreement to the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District for final approval.

One Form of Resolution Disposition

Resolution # and Title:
Resolution #02-F12: Collegial Consultation Agreement with the College President

Resolution Type:

Recommendation to the President

Sense of the Senate



John E. Freitas
President, Academic Senate

Academic Senate Disposition

Approved

Rejected

11/1/2012

Date

Summary of Recommendation(s) (attach additional documentation as needed):

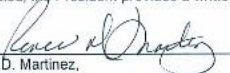
The Academic Senate of Los Angeles City College approve the Collegial Consultation Agreement and recommend to the President of Los Angeles City College submission of this agreement to the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District for final approval.

College President Disposition of Recommendation(s)

Approved

Rejected

(If rejected, the President provides a written explanation to the Academic Senate, per Title 5)



Renee D. Martinez,
Interim President, Los Angeles City College

11/6/12

Date

The Dreaded No-Confidence Resolution

- Not to be taken lightly!!!
- An expression by the faculty that they want an action, typically dismissal, taken against an administrator
- There will be serious tensions and hard feelings...even when it has widespread support
- It will be taken personally...even by administrators that aren't targeted by the resolution
- It will affect your working relationship as a leader with the administration

Resources

- Your Resolutions Committee chair (John Freitas) or past chairs (David Morse, Dolores Davison)
- Your area representatives (Kim Harrell (A), Dolores Davison (B), Lesley Kawaguchi (C), and Cynthia Rico (D))
- <http://asccc.org/resources/resolutions>
 - All adopted Senate resolutions are posted here in. Check this first before writing resolutions!
- <http://asccc.org/communities/local-senates/leadership-resources>
 - Includes resolution writing guide for local senates and explanations about the process during the plenary session

If You Come to Enjoy the Resolutions Process As We Both Have, You Might Need One of These:



Questions?



Thank You!