



Resolution in Affirmation of Faculty Support of Students

Whereas, the 2016 electoral season included divisive rhetoric targeted at women, LGBTQIAA people, persons with disabilities, Muslims and other religious minorities, immigrants, and people of color; and,

Whereas, in light of the results of the 2016 election, Mt. San Jacinto College students have expressed, in both public and private, confusion, anxiety, fear, concern for their physical safety and well-being, and concerns about their individual rights, all of which may negatively impact the achievement of their educational goals; and,

Whereas, the College's value statement indicates that we will "nurture a caring community," and the core value of diversity states "we respect and embrace the power of sharing our differences in thought, opinion, culture and background to optimize our collective strength,"

Resolved, the Academic Senate reaffirms its commitment, as a representative body of the Mt. San Jacinto College faculty, to fostering a diverse, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all students free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and fear; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate encourages faculty members to use the learning environment to show compassion and support for students who may be experiencing anxiety, uncertainty, and fear in the current political climate; and,

Resolved, the Academic Senate reaffirms the Mt. San Jacinto College faculty's commitment to upholding the College Mission Statement's pledge to "empower students with the skills and knowledge needed to participate meaningfully in today's complex world" for all students who wish to pursue their educational goals at Mt. San Jacinto College.

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