



**Resolution 06.3.2 – Shared-Governance and Academic Concerns, as Related to 4-Week Course Schedules:** J. McLeod

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Whereas, The San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate recognizes the decrease in the spring enrollment at San Diego Mesa College and is concerned about the financial consequences of enrollment falling below its funding base; and

Whereas, The Senate realizes the urgency of recouping lost FTES, as soon as possible, to mitigate these potential funding losses; and

Whereas, The District has announced a 4-week Intersession, commencing June 6 and running for four weeks, until June 30, though this Early Summer Intersession was not presented, at the proposal stage, for the review by the Academic Senate; and

Whereas; The Education Code, Sections 70901 and 70902, establish that the local senates assume primary responsibility for making effective recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards; and

Whereas; The San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate stands on this charge; and, therefore be it

Resolved, That the San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate requests that discussions ensue immediately, between administrators and faculty in the disciplines, including Department Chairs, on the appropriateness of scheduling 4-week sessions in the various academic and vocational programs on campus; and be it

Resolved, That this discussion shall be carried out in a context consistent with best practices of shared governance and with full recognition of the Senate's authority over pedagogical matters and academic standards; and therefore be it

Resolved, That we direct the Academic Affairs Committee to develop a position paper on the pedagogy and academic standards regarding the efficacy of short term courses.

Presented to Senate Executive Committee: March 6, 2006

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