

Foothill College Academic Senate

Draft Resolution: Senate Action Required for Senate President to Sign College Documents on Behalf of Faculty

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- I Whereas, through passage of AB1725 (1988) and adoption of Education Code 70901, the California Legislature established local community college academic senates to develop, recommend, and implement policies with respect to academic and professional matters in conjunction with local governing boards; and
- II Whereas, through adoption of Title 5 § 53200-53203, the Board of Governors of the California Community College System strengthened the role of local academic senates in college and district governance by requiring local governing boards to consult collegially with academic senates on academic and professional matters, and through adoption of Board Policy 2223, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees the affirmed its collegial consultation role with the Academic Senate; and
- III Whereas, many college plans and reports requiring the signature of the academic senate president have broad implications for areas within the academic senate's purview of academic and professional matters (e.g., curriculum, educational program development, faculty professional development, etc.) and as such, our local governing board/administration is obligated to consult collegially with the academic senate on these plans and reports; and
- IV Whereas, the academic senate president signing such a document in their official capacity does so on behalf of all Foothill faculty; be it hereby

Resolved, that the Foothill College Academic Senate must take formal action to direct its president to sign such college documents; and, be it further

Resolved, that in the absence of such formal action, the Foothill College Academic Senate directs its president to refrain from signing such documents on behalf of faculty.

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