

**In Opposition to External and For-Profit Honors Programs  
Resolution 2015 – 08**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, 53200), and is primarily relied upon for curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, education program development, and policies related to grading, student preparation and success, and faculty professional development (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, in Resolution 9.11 adopted at the Fall 2015 plenary session, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) “encourage[d] local senates to oppose the involvement of external organizations providing honors program opportunities and the insinuation of supplemental fees for honors program participation;” and

Whereas, American Honors, Inc. (AHI), a for-profit corporation has been contacting California community colleges seeking to bring existing honors programs under their control, which could result in students being charged up to \$2,000 per year in supplemental tuition and fees to participate in their honors programs<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, the Mt. San Antonio College Honors Program has been recognized as an exemplary program with high transfer, retention, and success rates.

Resolved, the Academic Senate reiterates its strong support of the Mt. SAC Honors Program; and

Resolved, the Academic Senate strongly opposes any efforts to relinquish control of the Honors Program to an external or for-profit organization and to impose supplemental fees or differential tuition for participation in the Honors Program.

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Second reading:

Approved:

Approved by AMAC:

<sup>1</sup>Perez-Pena, Richard. "Top Students at Community Colleges to Have Chance to Raise Ambitions." *New York Times* 13 Dec. 2103: A20. The New York Times. The New York Times, 12 Dec 2013. Web. 04 Nov 2015.