

**Opposed California Assembly Bill 515 (Brownley)
Resolution 2011-09**

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters, such as student equity and success, curriculum, educational program development, and faculty development (Title 5, § 53200); and,

Whereas, California Assembly Bill 515 (Brownley) would authorize the governing boards of community colleges to establish and maintain a fee-for-service extension program offering regular credit courses in “civic, vocational, literacy, health, homemaking, technical, and general education,” and prohibits the expenditure of General Fund monies to establish and maintain such courses; and,

Whereas, CA AB 515 would create a two-tier system of identical credit courses with different fee structures—a publicly-supported system of credit classes and a pay-for-service system of credit courses available to those able to afford such fees as established by the local governing board; and,

Whereas, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has previously voted to oppose AB 515 (Res. 06-06; 2011);

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Mt. San Antonio College immediately oppose the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 515 because it undermines the mission and purpose of the community college system by allocating the use of “human, physical, [technological], and fiscal resources to a fee-for-service system”; and,

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of Mt. San Antonio College direct the Academic Senate President, to write, petition, and/or speak publicly on behalf of this resolution.

Submitted by: Thomas Edson

First Reading: June 9, 2011

Second Reading: None (rules suspended)

Approved: June 9, 2011

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References:

1. Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Resolution 06.06 (2011): “Oppose Shift of CCC Credit Instruction to a Pay-for-Service Model”
2. California Assembly Bill (AB) 515: http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0501-0550/ab_515_bill_20110215_introduced.pdf