

**Requiring Affirmative Consent from Students Prior to Auto-Awarding Degrees and Certificates  
Resolution 19-01**

Whereas, the Governor's Student-Centered Funding Formula promotes the awarding of degrees and certificates as a means of allocating funds to California community colleges; and

Whereas, in response, many community colleges across the state, including Mt. SAC, are exploring the option to automatically award students degrees and/or certificates as a means to increase funding and to improve success and completion metrics for our students and programs;

Whereas, the decision to seek a specific degree or certificate is an individual decision of the student, involving numerous factors and objectives associated with each student's unique educational and professional goals; and

Whereas, there are implications, known and unknown, with awarding students' degrees and certificates that may impact their short-term and long-term educational opportunities;

Resolved, that the Academic Senate President and Vice-Presidents work with the College's managers to ensure that student interests remain primary among any decisions to auto-award degrees and certificates to students, both current and past;

Resolved, that Mt. San Antonio College will take appropriate steps to ensure that no degrees or certificates will be auto-awarded without the expressed and informed affirmative consent of each student; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate encourages the college to determine any effect on a student's financial aid prior to auto-awarding degrees and certificates.

Submitted by:

The Academic Senate Executive Board

1st Reading: November 28, 2018

2nd Reading: March 07, 2019

Approved: March 07, 2019

Notice to AMAC: March 13, 2019

Forwarded to Board of Trustees: *Pending response from Administration*