

Bachelor Degree Pilot Program Proposals:

A Motion to Suspend the Rules to vote on this item as an Action Item was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

A Motion to Approve was made and seconded. The Baccalaureate Degrees Pilot Program Task Force supported participation in the Baccalaureate Degrees Pilot Program and recommended that the Histotechnology program be submitted to the Chancellor's Office for consideration in the Pilot program. Other BA programs considered were Respiratory Therapy, Pre-medical Studies, and Applied Geosciences.

- A. Proponents of participation in the Baccalaureate Degree program felt that
 - a. faculty interest should be supported,
 - b. students would benefit from access to Bachelor's Degrees, and
 - c. it would be advantageous for Mt. SAC to participate in the development of these programs.
- B. Opponents expressed reservations about
 - a. the feasibility of these degrees in terms of funding,
 - b. deviating from the current mission of California Community Colleges,
 - c. lack of faculty involvement from general education areas,
 - d. lack of a curriculum approval process for Bachelor's degree courses or degrees,
 - e. faculty minimum qualifications for these degrees,
 - f. the impact on students earning Associates Degrees,
 - g. the fact that there was not sufficient time to have meaningful conversations on campus with the relevant constituencies to make a well-informed decision.
- C. The Motion failed with 7 "nays" and 6 "ayes".