



Associated Students

Resolution 2

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Whereas: The MakerSpace stands as a vital resource in our campus, serving a variety of students from all backgrounds to achieve their academic and career goals in a supportive environment. However, due to the lack of financial support from Mt. San Antonio College, the MakerSpace is seeing itself be forced to shut down permanently.

Whereas: Shutting down the MakerSpace permanently due to a lack of funding would immensely hurt the student population in our campus as classes, RSCOs, and faculty/staff use the space to bring about their academic, extracurricular, and personal projects. This space has allowed the Mt. SAC community to build a sense of belonging and innovation with their peers while exercising their creative leadership skills and utilizing equipment they would not have access to elsewhere.

Whereas: As of the 2023-2024 academic school year, the MakerSpace has had 612 new members, making a total of 4,262 members. The MakerSpace has had more than 351 hours of class visits along with more than 231 hours of RSCO usage. 46 unique sections of 24 classes from 9 departments in 6 divisions have made use of the MakerSpace. Regardless of their location on campus and lack of funding, the MakerSpace has shown their ability and effort to grow in outreach and providing services to our College Community, being one of the most promising programs to enrich student equity and community. As Associated Students, we cannot allow such a beneficial resource for our students to be shut down due to a lack of support from our college.

Whereas: Personal anecdotes of RSCOs and students about how they have used the MakerSpace and how it has benefited them that we have gathered is provided in the additional document attached.


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Whereas: Associated Students urge the college to support the MakerSpace financially and also prioritize the program that has dedicatedly served our College Community. From the internal statistics provided by the MakerSpace and personal anecdotes by RSCOs and students, it's not exaggerated to say the MakerSpace has been a hub for community and a greatly beneficial resource for our students and RSCOs. Shutting down the MakerSpace permanently would be a disservice to our students and would be detrimental to the development of our College Community.

Therefore: Associated students are calling for institutional funding for the maker space to facilitate operations in the foreseeable future. The space's resources it provides to our RSCO and the student body maintains its continued importance while highlighting the significant impact its absence would incur. The maker space provides a worthwhile service for the investment by providing a workshop that empowers the student body to be a more active member of the campus and the larger community. Continued funding should be made accessible for the space to continue operations and expand to provide more tools for the student body to pursue their academic and activism projects.

Therefore Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approves MakerSpace Resolution.

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