



### **RESOLUTION 03.2.1 – DSPS Budget Cuts:**

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Whereas, the paradigm of California education has, for the past four decades, increasingly called for the development and implementation of policies and programs of inclusion for all populations serviced by California school, college and university systems,

Whereas, both State and Federal education code, as well as basic respect of human diversity and need, call on California institutions of public education to provide services and programs to facilitate the inclusion of students with disabilities and special needs,

Whereas, students with disabilities and special needs represent some of the most vulnerable members of the population served by California institutions of public education, and, as such, are particularly dependent on the scope and quality of programs of inclusion that facilitate their ability to participate in public education,

Whereas, mid year budget cuts ordered by the Governor's office of the State of California to reduce the budget of Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) dramatically and negatively impacts upon the ability of offices of DSPS, both at San Diego Mesa College and state-wide, to address the needs of extremely vulnerable members of our student community,

Where, the budget cuts proposed by the Governor's office of the State of California to DSPS programs in California community colleges, amounting to, when combined with mid year budget cuts, an almost 50% reduction from fiscal year 2002-2003, are draconian in scope, inhumane in impact, potentially illegal under law, and a blatant refutation of 40 years of educational policy, code, pedagogy and common sense,

Resolved, the Academic Senate of San Diego Mesa College expresses its strongest possible objections to the mid year budget cuts implemented in DSPS programs for spring 2003 and expresses its further absolute objections, to, and concerns over, budget cuts proposed to DSPS for the 200-3-2004 fiscal year.

Resolved, the Academic Senate of San Diego Mesa College requests the California State Assembly and State Senate rescind 2003 mid year budget cuts already ordered to DSPS and restore funding for DSPS to at least 90% of its 2002-2003 budget allocation for the 2003-2004 budget year.

Resolved, the Academic Senate of San Diego Mesa College requests that the Governor of the State of California signs legislation providing funding for DSPS restored to at least 90% of its 2002-2003 budget allocation as passed by the California State Assembly and State Senate.

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