



Resolution 99.8.1 – Opposing Board of Trustees’ Proposed Adoption of Changes to Policy 1001.24 for Establishing Standing Committees: Jim Wales

August 30, 1999.

Whereas the Board of Trustees is considering changes proposed by Trustee Moser to Board Policy 1001, Section 1001.24, which would establish standing committees consisting of two board members with authority to deal directly with the administration and management of district policy and funds, and

Whereas these standing committees will "oversee specified policy areas" and are granted by the Board the authority to 'give final approval to all expenditure of funds in that area...' and

Whereas these standing committees would therefore have direct day-to- day administrative and managerial involvement in the budgetary affairs of the district, and

Whereas it has been demonstrated at other community colleges--Lassen, Compton, Saddleback and Irvine Valley, among others--that direct involvement by trustees in district administrative affairs has had serious negative effects on accreditation, and

. Whereas good practice and accreditation are the very heart and soul of the legitimacy of an institution, and

Whereas the SDCCD Shared Governance Policy specifically states (Section 0003.1.1.1) that "The Board shall rely primarily on advice and judgment of the Academic Senates for the following policy development:

...(h)Processes for institutional planning and budget development," and

Whereas this proposed change to board policy would limit the Academic Senate's ability to advise the Board and make recommendations regarding issues of mutual interest and concern, and

Whereas this limitation would be contrary to district policy and AB1725 concerning Shared Governance.

(Therefore, be it resolved that the Mesa College Academic Senate advises and recommends to the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees, in the strongest possible terms, that this change to the Board Policy 1001, Section 1001.24 which establishes two-person standing committees to "oversee specified policy areas," and which grants those standing committees the power

to 'give final approval to all expenditure of funds in that area...' be categorically rejected and under no circumstances adopted.

Approved by the Academic Senate: September 13, 1999 (Unanimously)