**San Diego City College Academic Senate**

**Resolution re: District-wide MOOC Discussion**

• Whereas curricular decisions are primarily the purview of faculty;

• Whereas the president of SDCC submitted a grant to establish a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) for Psychology 101 despite opposition of Psychology faculty and Academic Senators, and an application for the same grant was submitted by a faculty member at Mesa to offer English 101 as a MOOC without consulting the English Department;

• Whereas no MOOC has been designed or gone through the SDCCD established and deliberate curriculum approval process;

• Whereas individual professors or departments should not be used to circumvent curriculum decisions that are a part of the shared governance process;

\* Whereas MOOCs are “teacher-less classrooms,” which undermine the academic integrity of the institution and demean the value of the education that our students receive;

• Whereas Chancellor Carroll has recognized the need for greater discussion regarding MOOCs and has proposed a task force, composed of Academic Senate faculty from each school, to research MOOCs and issue recommendations;

Resolved the San Diego City College Academic Senate requests that the SDCCD Board of Trustees ensure that the task force proposed by Chancellor Carroll is primarily composed of faculty, and ensure that no MOOCs be offered until there has been a district-wide discussion and *approval* by *all* Academic Senates of the appropriateness of this radical change in our pedagogy.