

Resolution on using the 2008/2009 divisional structure as the interim basis for allocating Senate and Curriculum Committee representation

WHEREAS, the Foothill Library/Learning Resource Center was subsumed into the Language Arts Division in June 2009, losing its longtime status as an autonomous division; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this loss of divisional status, the Foothill Library faculty also lost their representation on the Academic Senate Executive Committee and the Curriculum Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Association of College & Research Libraries, in its *Standards for Faculty Status for College and University Librarians*, states that "librarians should be eligible for membership in the faculty senate or equivalent governing body. They should have the same degree of representation as other academic units on all college or university governing bodies"; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges at its Fall 1994 Plenary Session adopted a resolution on the *Role of Librarians in Curricular Process* that urged local senates to "support the essential role of librarians in the curriculum process," and recommended "that a librarian be a voting member of each college's curriculum committee"; and

WHEREAS, in the current budget environment it may be considered necessary for additional mergers and consolidation of academic divisions to occur; and

WHEREAS, such division consolidation results in a net reduction in the number of faculty representatives on the Academic Senate Executive Committee and Curriculum Committee, as well as loss of representation for the subsumed division's faculty, thus diminishing the Senate as a broadly representative body;

RESOLVED, that the division structure that was in place in the 2008/2009 academic year will be used as the basis for allocating Academic Senate Executive Committee and Curriculum Committee representation, until such time as the Academic Senate votes to amend it.