

# *The Academic Senate of Sierra College*

**Title: Adjacent Acreage**

**Resolution Number: 2016-01**

**Assigned to: Sierra College Board of Trustees**

**WHEREAS**, According to Title 5 section 53200 (b) of the California Education code, the primary function of the Academic Senate is to make recommendations with respect to the following 10 +1 areas;

**WHEREAS**, Area 10 is defined as “processes for institutional planning and budget development.” Institutional planning involves creating and developing academic programs that often require land space. Numerous times, proposed academic programs have been denied fruition due to the lack of physical space. Institutional planning should involve the discussion of all college-owned properties and their uses, giving the Academic Senate a voice in regards to how the adjacent acreage is used;

**WHEREAS**, The “+1” area is defined as “Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the Academic Senate.” “Professional matters” should include the physical campus and environment on which faculty teach as well as the proposal of new educational programs that require land space;

**WHEREAS**, The current Facilities Master Plan avoided using the properties because the task force was told that the trustees would not approve a Facilities Master Plan that included the adjacent properties; however, utilizing the adjacent properties would allow the college to serve the college community and local communities in a multitude of ways that would be mutually beneficial;

**WHEREAS**, The Academic Senate has taken an official stand opposing the “surplus” of the adjacent acreage and instead would like to retain the land so that it may be utilized for educational purposes; many ideas for educational uses of the properties have been suggested over the past five years alone by a variety of people from the college community and the general public;

**RESOLVED**: On behalf of all faculty, the Academic Senate entreats the Sierra College Board to vote “No” on declaring the adjacent 72 acres and 35 acres as “surplus.”

**RESOLVED**: The Academic Senate is opposed to any non-educational usage on Sierra College’s adjacent acreage.