

The Academic Senate of Sierra College

Title: Selling Surplus Properties

Resolution Number: 2016-03

Assigned to: Sierra College Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate took an official stand against surplusing the adjacent acreage (ref. Academic Senate Resolution 2016-01) and is opposed to selling the surplus land and believes it should be used for educational purposes only; many innovative ideas for educational uses of the properties have been suggested by the college community and the general public;

WHEREAS, Selling any portion of the property provides only *one-time* revenue; fees collected as a result of the sale do not represent a legitimate revenue stream commensurate with other development options that provide *ongoing* revenue;

WHEREAS, Selling the property eliminates any possibility of using the property for educational purposes in the future;

WHEREAS, According to ACCJC Standards I. C. 14, the institution ensures that its commitments to high quality education, student achievement, and student learning are paramount to other objectives such as generating financial returns for investors, contributing to a related or parent organization, or supporting external interests; therefore, providing a high quality education should be a higher priority than generating financial returns; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the District has typically approached the end of the fiscal year with budget surpluses that met or exceeded the maximum desirable range (8-12%) spelled out by Board Policy, and therefore does not *need* to sell the property for income.

RESOLVED: The Academic Senate is opposed to any non-educational usage on Sierra College's surplus property.

RESOLVED: On behalf of all faculty, the Academic Senate asks the Sierra College Board to vote "No" on any developments proposed that requires selling any portion of the 72 acres and 35 acres.