

**RESOLUTIONS
&
THE ETERNAL SUNSET**

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RESOLUTIONS

WRITING

- Limited to four (4) Whereas sections and Resolved sections.
- Review previously passed resolutions at studentsenateccc.org.
- The Whereas should introduce the issue at hand, and offer counterpoints to in arguments in opposition.
- Write out acronyms.
- Be as direct as possible.
- Don't lump multiple Whereas and Resolved sections together.
- Be as professional as possible.
- Remember that resolutions should only pertain to the subject matter jurisdiction of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.
- Consider the feasibility of your resolution.
- Use facts, and always cite your sources.

SUBMISSION PROCESS OVERVIEW

- Associated Student Organizations, Regions, and the Student Senate Council may submit resolutions.
- Associated Student Organizations may sponsor unlimited resolutions, but must obtain two (2) delegates as seconders.
- Regions may sponsor up to three (3) resolutions each.
- The Student Senate Council may sponsor up to five (5) resolutions.

TIMELINE

- Passed resolutions are disseminated thirty (30) days prior to the General Assembly.
- Resolutions are submitted to the Committee seventeen (17) days prior to the General Assembly.
- The Resolutions Packet is disseminated fifteen (15) days prior to the General Assembly.
- Amendments are due to the Committee twelve (12) days prior to the General Assembly.
- The Amended Resolutions Packet is disseminated ten (10) days prior to the General Assembly.

RESOLUTIONS SESSION

- Resolutions and amendments are considered moved and seconded when they hit the floor.
- The author, or his/her designee, shall have two (2) minutes to introduce the resolution.
- Only Delegates may speak at the Parliamentary Microphone, but all attendees may speak at the Pro & Con Microphones.
- Amendments to a resolution will be considered before the resolution to establish a perfected motion.
- Fifteen (15) minutes will be allotted for each resolution, and any accompanying amendments. Ten (10) minutes for pro and con debate, and five (5) minutes for parliamentary procedure.
- Debate ends.
- Voting is conducted.

DISPOSITION

- All resolutions are kept on file.
- All adopted resolutions are disposed to a Student Senate Council Standing Committee.
- All Student Senate Council Standing Committees shall draft resolutions implementation reports to be sent to the Resolutions Committee.
- The Resolutions Committee shall draft a Resolutions Accountability Report to be presented at the next General Assembly.

URGENT RESOLUTIONS

- The content of the resolution became available after the new resolution deadline.
- Action must be taken before the next General Assembly.
- The content involves a natural disaster.
- The Student Senate Council convenes the night before the General Assembly to discuss urgent resolutions.



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Spring 2013

Resolution 23.01

John Fraser, Pasadena City College, Region VII

Whereas, The Student Senate for California Community Colleges currently holds the expectation that each delegate comes to the General Assembly familiar with the entire history of the Student Senate and has used previous resolutions to reference for his or her own submissions;

Whereas, This expectation creates an unreasonable learning curve for the delegates from General Assembly which will only get steeper and therefore more unrealistic as content continues to increase indefinitely, unabated by self-imposed limitations;

Whereas, It is incredibly difficult to even ascertain whether current practices are in compliance or are out of compliance with resolutions of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, There are frequently unintended consequences which follow the implementation of bolder resolutions and affording the General Assembly with a simpler process for remedying those unintended consequences allows the Student Senate for California Community Colleges the ability correct itself without resorting to the more difficult process of rescinding or amending something previously adopted;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges adopts necessary constitutional, bylaw, and procedural changes to the effect of implementing a short-term 'baking period' in which all resolutions passed at a General Assembly shall be considered 'reaffirmed' at the following assembly unless a number of senators or the committee to which the resolution was originally referred bring it back to the body where those resolutions brought back will be reaffirmed only by a majority vote of the body;

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges adopts necessary constitutional, bylaw, and procedural changes to the effect of implementing a long term 'eternal sunset' of all General Assembly resolutions after five (5) years, unless those resolutions about to expire are individually reaffirmed by the Student Senate Council for another number of years specified in the reaffirmation; and

Resolved, That the Student Senate for California Community Colleges be empowered to enact this resolution immediately, with any effective date(s), and by any committee or committees that it may be referred to for action.

BAKING PERIOD

- Short-term.
- One semester in length.
- At the following General Assembly, all resolutions are immediately considered reaffirmed.
- Unless brought back by the committee which the resolutions was disposed to, or a number of Senators (not yet specified).
- Allows the Student Senate Council to determine the feasibility of the resolution.

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- Long-term.
- Expires all resolutions more than five years old.
- Unless individually reaffirmed by the Student Senate Council for a number of years specified in the reaffirmation.
- Allows the Student Senate for California Community Colleges to regularly refresh its policy foundation, sort out conflicting resolution issues, and protect resolutions deemed to be of high importance.

IMPLEMENTATION

- This resolution was disposed to the Resolutions Committee.
- Projected Implementation Deadline: Spring 2015 General Assembly.
- The Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions Procedures all need to be updated for accommodation.
- The public needs to be thoroughly informed of the numerous resolutions that will be eternally sunset.
- The Student Senate Council must determine which resolutions will be exempt from the eternal sunset.



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