

**A Resolution of the MiraCosta College Academic Senate
Distance Education and the Course Schedule (R. 2-20)**

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate has heard concerns from Associated Student Government Representative regarding multiple student reports of concerns about incongruence between course schedule and actual course offerings, specifically around courses requiring synchronous meetings of students when the course was published in the schedule as fully online (asynchronous); and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate Past President, Figueroa co-wrote the Faculty Memo for Fall Planning¹ with the Vice President of Instruction, Dieckmeyer and sent it to all faculty on May 15, 2020, which included definitions for the three course options for fall 2020 (online, scheduled online, and hybrid) and outlined the parameters and flexibility that faculty have including when faculty could provide required or optional asynchronous and synchronous formats based on how the course was published in the course schedule; and

WHEREAS, all employees are held to the Institutional Code of Ethics (Administrative Procedure 3050), which states employees “make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning” including ensuring that students have sufficient information to understand the specific course section format and meeting times to make informed choices to enroll in and create a course schedule that will lead to their academic success;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Academic Senate asserts that all instructional faculty must adhere to the published course schedule, whether the course is online, scheduled online, or hybrid, including meeting times and modality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Academic Senate work with the Office of Instruction and the Associated Student Government to inform faculty of the flexibility and guidelines in offering synchronous sessions, inform students on the various course offerings, and to clarify expectations of both faculty and students regarding this issue.

¹ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NUel4rnMysUE8Z3GdTVsYoE8it9onNVD/view?usp=sharing>