

**A SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE BOARD DECISION FOR A GREEN BUILDING POLICY**

First Reading: September 29, 2003

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WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, San Diego voters approved the “City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges Classroom Repair and Public Safety Education Measure” authorizing the San Diego Community College District to issue \$685 million in general obligation bonds to fund facilities construction and renovation projects specified in the ballot; and

WHEREAS, this large amount of money authorized by the voters carries a large responsibility to use it wisely for the benefit of the San Diego community, its people, and its environment, now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, “Green Buildings” utilize an integrated approach to land use, building design and construction strategies that reduces environmental impacts while creating resource-efficient buildings that support the health and productivity of their occupants without compromising the building’s purpose and function, or the integrity of the campus’ architectural theme; and

WHEREAS, recent studies show that the healthful, well lit, and well ventilated indoor environment provided by “Green Buildings” promotes faster learning rates, while lowering absenteeism and exposure to “sick building” liability claims; and

WHEREAS, “Green Buildings” use substantially less energy than conventionally built facilities, saving the earth’s resources, as well as money that could be better used in direct support of instruction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Green Building Council has developed the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards for sustainable construction that have been adopted by dozens of cities, agencies, and colleges worldwide, including the City of San Diego, Los Angeles Community College District, and the University of California statewide system; and

WHEREAS, with the growing number of LEED-certified designers and builders, “Green Buildings” can be constructed within essentially the same budgets and timelines as conventional structures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City College Academic Senate endorses the SDCCD Board of Trustees September 11, 2003, commitment to a leadership role in environmental stewardship and resource efficiency that is not only good for the students we serve, but also for the health and productivity of our faculty and staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of San Diego City College supports the adoption of a “Green Building Policy” for Prop. S projects in compliance with the LEED standards developed by the U. S. Green Building Council.

Results of First Reading on September 29, 2003 - Approved
Results of Second Reading on October 13, 2003 _____