

In Support of Reproductive Rights Resolution 2022 - 04

Whereas, The Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, §53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction, for grading policies, for student preparation and success, for degree and certificate requirements, and for professional development activities (Board Policy 3255); and,

Whereas, in light of the recent leak of a Supreme Court decision that would reverse outstanding legal precedent as outlined in Roe v. Wade, and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, some members of the Mt. SAC community, including faculty and students, are experiencing outrage, anxiety, and concern for their fundamental rights and health, thus negatively affecting student success; and,

Whereas, Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) mission statement pledges it will “provid[e] an engaging and supportive teaching and learning environment for students of diverse origins, experiences, needs, abilities, and goals”; and,

Whereas, as a public institution of higher education, Mt. SAC plays an integral role in fostering knowledge, building understanding, and for the active engagement of all in creating pathways to freedom and justice for all people,

Resolved, the Mt. SAC Academic Senate condemns the repeal or reversal of individuals’ fundamental rights and autonomy over their own reproductive health by any state or federal branches of government; and,

Resolved, the Mt. San Antonio College Academic Senate expresses support for and affirms the fundamental right to privacy, reproductive health, and mental health of all students, faculty, administrators, and staff; and,

Resolved, the Mt. San Antonio College Academic Senate urges the College administration and Board of Trustees to take action to avoid supporting or financing discrimination and oppression by limiting school sponsored travel to states that enact laws that have the effect of restricting fair and equitable access to reproductive healthcare; and,

Resolved, we encourage ongoing dialog, critical reflection, and further study of how the repeal or reversal of rights can have detrimental educational outcomes, and how individuals’ mental health can be affected by the deterioration of presumed rights and liberties.

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