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Resolution 97.9.3 – Distance Education Courses: Jonathan McLeod/Albert Ickstadt

WHEREAS, the Education Code of the State of California and the California Code of Regulations (CCR) specifically require faculty scrutiny of all new courses or courses substantially altered (i.e., modified for "distance learning" formats); and,

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community College District, on August 28, mailed a letter to faculty advising them of an October 1997 "critical training program" preparing them to utilize "two-way video classroom" teaching formats, and implying that the technology is available now for such instruction, but without any comment on the scrutiny process; and,

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that the content of the District's Distance Education Training program will not include information on the legal requirements for the scrutiny of distance education courses; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate requests that the Chair of the Mesa College Curriculum Committee prepare a synopsis of the legal procedures for the scrutiny of courses transformed into a distance education delivery format, which synopsis be circulated to all faculty; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution and the synopsis be sent to the Academic Senates of the City and Miramar campuses, and to the Chancellor with the request that the synopsis be included prominently in the content of the Distance Education Training program.

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