

## Academic Senate Resolution

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**ASR-040726: Resolution on Fiscal Responsibility, Integrated Planning, and Accreditation Standards**

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*Whereas*, in October of 2023, [ASR-101023](#) Resolution Regarding Strategic Enrollment, urged “DPAC to recommend the revision of the SEM plan by Fall 2024 so it identifies a path to reach and surpass the Hold Harmless Goal with aspirational benchmarks to return the College to enrollment levels that pay for growth and to articulate accountability as to how and by whom the plan will be implemented”;

*Whereas*, in April of 2025, [ASR-042925](#) Resolution for a Detailed Plan to Exit Hold Harmless, Maximize Student Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and Ensure Student Access to Courses and Services, “continued to urge the District to develop a detailed plan to exit hold harmless, including explicit rationale for the proposed actions, and to maximize opportunities within the SCFF while ensuring robust student access to courses and support services”;

*Whereas*, over the course of several years three Academic Senate presidents and Senate bodies, through DPAC Budget deliberations and public statements - along with the Department Chairs - have repeatedly called for the development of a transparent, long-term fiscal plan for budget recovery and;

*Whereas*, to date, the Board of Trustees and senior leadership have failed to produce such a plan, and this negligence has undermined integrated institutional planning and effective resource allocation, resulting in measures that negatively impact institutional effectiveness, student retention and success, and the larger campus community;

*Be it Resolved*, the Santa Monica College Academic Senate calls on senior leadership and the Board of Trustees to fulfill their responsibility as fiscal stewards of the College in a manner that aligns with our shared values, honors our faculty role in established shared governance processes, and protects the support resources that enable our students to thrive;

*Be it Resolved*, the Santa Monica College Academic Senate calls on senior leadership and the Board of Trustees to engage transparently with faculty leadership to present a long-term plan for budget recovery aligned with the SCFF that includes a written plan with enrollment targets, revenue projections, and

timeline that reaffirms the commitment to maintaining SMC’s academic quality and equity-centered mission;

*Be it Resolved*, that per the Academic Senate 10 +1 purview, “processes for institutional planning and budget development” the Santa Monica College Academic Senate continues to be willing to partner with and should be engaged in developing a long-term plan for budget recovery as part of shared governance processes.

*Be it Resolved*, that the Santa Monica College Academic Senate finds that the administration’s failure to develop and present a fiscal plan constitutes a serious and documented failure of fiscal stewardship and integrated planning, directly jeopardizes compliance with ACCJC Standard III, and warrants notation and scrutiny in the upcoming midterm accreditation review.