

Porterville College Academic Senate Resolution – Adjunct Faculty

WHEREAS the Academic Senate recognizes adjunct faculty are valuable to Porterville College and its students, and

WHEREAS the quality of education at Porterville College is our primary purpose and most important quality, and

WHEREAS minimum qualifications for community college faculty under Title 5, Sections 53400-53430 apply to both full- and part-time faculty, and

WHEREAS resources to teaching faculty should be made equally available to both full- and part-time faculty, and

WHEREAS adjunct faculty are generally not provided an office space, telephone (including voice mail), computer access, office supplies, classroom materials, and compensation for office hours, and

WHEREAS it is agreed that the current practice of reliance on adjunct faculty is cost-saving to the College and District, and

WHEREAS faculty contact with students outside of the class is often a course requirement and/or critical to student success, then

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Academic Senate of Porterville College requests the College's Administration provide adjunct and part-time faculty on-campus resources including office space, telephone, (including voice mail), computer access, office supplies, classroom materials, semester-to-semester parking access, and compensation for office hours, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that office space, computer and telephone be provided in location(s) convenient to the needs of adjunct faculty, full-time faculty, and students alike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adjunct faculty be properly welcomed and oriented to Porterville College.

(The Senate recognizes that this will require a substantial change of mind-set and also a substantial investment of capital and, potentially, facility, but in raising standards and promoting the highest caliber educational opportunities, part-time faculty must be afforded the same considerations in facility and in support as full-time faculty.)

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