



Hartnell College Academic Senate

Resolution 5.08

Subject: Establishment of Emergency Response and Planning Committee
Date: May 13, 2008

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Division/Department: Counseling
Secunder: Carol King
Division/Department: Language Arts
Passed: Unanimously

Whereas, the California Education Code requires a safe school plan (35294.2); and,

Whereas, a Fall 1987 resolution by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recognizes the inevitability of a major California earthquake and recommends the development of emergency preparedness plans; and,

Whereas, a Standardized Emergency Management System / National Incident Management System / Incident Command System (SEMS / NIMS / ICS) compliant emergency preparedness plan must be updated and regularly rehearsed to ensure the coordination of emergency operations, and reduce the possibility of death and injury on the campus (section 33031 Frequency of Drills); and,

Whereas, eligibility for state and federal disaster / emergency reimbursement is dependent on the college's compliance with SEMS / NIMS / ICS training mandates for staff, and documentation of SEMS / NIMS / ICS protocol; and,

Whereas, colleges, as state agencies, are required to provide services in an emergency, and state employees are mandated emergency workers (Calif. Gov. Code, Title I, Div. 4, Ch.8, section 3100 Public Employees as Disaster Service Workers); and,

Whereas, every state agency is required to identify its role for mutual aid to the county / city during an emergency, and coordinate emergency operations with other Emergency Preparedness agencies per the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement, Joint Powers Agreement (JPA); and,

Whereas, two SEA LAND storage containers for Incident Command System (ICS) Operations Team materials (from flashlights to First Aid) require regular maintenance, updating, and inventory; and,

Whereas, all emergency response and planning requires coordinated implementation, so the college is capable of fulfilling its directive to preserve the orderly continuity of college functions while protecting lives and property; and,

Whereas, Hartnell College is not adequately prepared to effectively manage an emergency, and has no shared governance committee dedicated to emergency response and planning,

Therefore be it resolved that the Academic Senate for Hartnell College recommends that the Board of Hartnell Community College establish through its appropriate administrative officer a shared governance emergency response and planning committee to (1) review the current emergency response and evacuation plan, and (2) recommend appropriate action and resources to implement the emergency response and evacuation plan.