Academic Senate Resolution 4.09

Courses Taught in compressed Time Frames and Alternative Delivery Formats

Adopted Unanimously 11-25-08

Moved by Heidi Ramirez, Seconded by Larry Adams

Whereas, there is increased interest and desire for creative course delivery and accelerated course programs from the community, and

Whereas, a need exists for alternative scheduling to meet the varied needs of our student population, and

Whereas, Hartnell College could increase its student population through shorter term course offerings, and

Whereas the integrity and rigor of a course must be achieved regardless of the delivery format or time frame of the offering, and

Whereas, students should be assured that the curriculum and objectives stated in the course outlines are not sacrificed when courses are offered in compressed time frames, and

Whereas, the Curriculum Committee approves course curricula only after discipline approval, and

Whereas, the planning for the January 2009 Intersession has been respectful of the expertise of the faculty in determining appropriateness of offering, and the Senate would like to have policies and processes in place to make such respectful planning easier,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Hartnell College Academic Senate direct the Curriculum Committee to establish, for use in future planning, a process by which any course proposed for a compressed time frame or alternate delivery undergo discipline approval before the course is offered that way, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Hartnell College Academic Senate direct the disciplines to establish and approve minimum time frames for which each course is appropriate.