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RESOLUTION

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RESOLUTION NO. 4-18

Subject: Distance Education Handbook Adoption

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Whereas The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), on June 23, 2017 gave Merced College a recommendation for compliance with regards to Distance Education (DE) which stated:

Recommendation #2

In order to meet the standards, the team recommends that the College engage in processes that ensure the quality, integrity and effectiveness of its distance education program, including:

- a. A framework that identifies the rationale for which courses are delivered in the DE format. (II.A.1)
- b. Mechanisms for determining selection of faculty for teaching in distance education and the training of those faculty. (II.A.6)
- c. The development and evaluation of DE courses to ensure faculty initiated regular and substantive contact. (Commission Policy on DE and federal regulation)
- d. The disaggregation and review of data SLO data by mode of delivery and an evaluation of the implications of the DE program. (II.A.3)
- e. The development of equitable and accessible student support services and processes for evaluating for quality, demand and sufficiency. (II.C.1)

Whereas The Distance Education Committee assisted in the creation of the Merced College Distance Education Faculty Handbook http://www.mccd.edu/faculty-staff/online-classes/downloads/DRAFT_MC_DE_Handbook_9.19.17.pdf;

Whereas The Distance Education Committee is a sub-committee of the Curriculum Committee which is a sub-committee of the Academic Senate;

Whereas The Curriculum Committee has primary responsibility for implementing, through a collaborative effort, the philosophy and mission of the College in the development, review, and renewal of all Merced College instructional programs and courses ([AP 4020](#));

Therefore be it resolved that the Merced College Academic Senate endorses the efforts of the Distance Education Committee and Dean of Learning Resource Center and Distance Education in the development of the Merced College Distance Education Faculty Handbook.