

# Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate

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Aguilera, Leonor 2017  
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Cannon, Cari 2017  
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### *Fine & Performing Arts and Communication*

Womack, Melinda 2016

### *Library*

Freidenrich, Leah 2016

### *Mathematics and Sciences*

Bailey, Denise 2017  
Cummins, Shawn 2016  
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Taylor, Mike 2017  
Frost, Alicia 2017

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## Resolution S2016.17

### Opposition to For-profit Company Involvement in Honors Program Opportunities

Moved: Professor Taylor

Seconded: Professor Frost

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has recognized the value of honors programs, encouraged their creation, and been concerned that they equitably serve California's diverse population (Spring 1998 20.01, Fall 1998 20.04, Fall 1999 20.04, Spring 2007 03.01, Fall 2011 13.12);

Whereas, Many presidents in the California Community College system with honors programs have been contacted by American Honors, Inc. (AHI), a for-profit company, seeking to bring existing honors programs under their corporate control, bypassing the local Academic Senate, its curriculum committees, and existing honors program faculty;

Whereas, Students enrolled in AHI programs pay an average of \$2,800 per year to the company in supplemental tuition and fees for participation in their honors programs,<sup>1</sup> and the company is reported to be seeking establishment of differential fees in California community colleges<sup>2</sup>;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has confirmed its "opposition to any bill that attempts to establish a two-tiered system" (2012 06.04); and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has resolved to "support legislation and policy directives that limit need-based financial aid packages to public and private nonprofit colleges only" (Spring 2012 06.01);

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College works with SCC administration, the Chancellor's Office, and other system partners as appropriate to oppose the intrusion of for-profit honors programs into the established Honors Program; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College opposes the involvement of for-profit companies in provision of honors program

opportunities and the insinuation of supplemental fees for honors program participation that if enacted, would marginalize many disproportionately impacted groups who benefit from accessible and affordable Honors Programming.

1. Moritz, B. (2014). "Mission-Driven and For-Profit: Not Mutually Exclusive." *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*, 15(1), 29-34. (The author is Vice President for Academic Affairs for American Honors, Inc.)

2. <http://www.scpr.org/blogs/education/2013/12/14/15403/two-california-colleges-part-of-new-for-profit-col/>

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