

# Santiago Canyon College Academic Senate

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## Resolution SP2014.4: Accelerated One-Year Degree

Moved: Professor Shekarabi

Seconded: Professor Elchlepp

Whereas, An accelerated scheduling of sequence of courses or an accelerated degree has financial and human resource implications; can require substantial changes to policy regarding placement, course content, or course sequencing; and could create shifts in expectations for students and faculty;

Whereas, Without additional funding, an accelerated program may adversely impact Counseling, Learning Resources (Centers & Tutoring), and Library Resources;

Whereas, An accelerated program has a potential for high rates of student attrition, high numbers of students on probation, high burn-out rates for otherwise high achieving students;

Whereas, An accelerated program may not allow for adequate student preparation for upper-division coursework, enhanced development of critical thinking and study skills, and/or acceptance into universities, ultimately, setting students up for failure; and

Whereas, Title 5 §53200 identifies curriculum, educational program development, standards and policies for student success, degree and certificate review as an academic and professional matter; RSCCD Board Policy 2410 requires collegial consultation with the Academic Senate regarding these matters; the Board of Trustees will rely primarily upon the advice of the senate, and Education Code §70902 (B)(7) assures academic senates the right to assume “primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College rejects the offering of an accelerated program or degree at this time; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College continue to discuss alternative program/degree offerings to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Date Presented: 18 February 2014

Date Approved: **4 March 2014**

*Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, to act, to communicate and to think critically. We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing accessible, transferable, and engaging education to a diverse community. (Approved 9/10/13)*