

## **Academic Senate Resolution** **Field Trips**

**Whereas** the faculty has the primary responsibility in the formulation, development, and recommendation of district and college policies and procedures that will have an effect on teaching and learning, and

**Whereas** the college administration and district Board of Trustees shall rely primarily on the advice and judgment of the Academic Senate regarding academic and professional matters, which include field trips and excursions as part of college curriculum, and

**Whereas** Title 5 allows for field trips or excursions "to and from places in the state, or any other state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country" (section 55450), and

**Whereas** open enrollment may be established through early registration and/or early announcement and scheduling of field trips, and

**Whereas** students, according to Title 5 (section 55450), can be asked to pay for lodging, meals, travel, and incidental expenses for all field trips, and

**Whereas** both Title 5 (section 55450) and the California Community College Chancellor's Office establish the waiver form as being sufficient to cover liabilities of field trips out-of-state and out-of-country, and

**Whereas** out-of-state field trips are essential to both curricular and athletic activities at Yuba College, and

**Whereas** out-of-country field trips expose students to other cultures, value systems, and a diversity of ideas while enriching Yuba College's curriculum,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Yuba Community College District Board of Trustees continue to approve out-of-state and out-of-country field trips on a case-by-case basis.

**Be it further resolved** that, since no student shall be prevented from participating in a field trip or excursion because of a lack of "sufficient funds" (Title 5, section 55450), the Yuba Community College District establish a financial need mechanism with which to define "sufficient funds" and to determine whether a student actually lacks them.

**And be it further resolved** that the Yuba Community College District "coordinate efforts with community service groups to supply funds for students in need of them" (Title 5, section 55450), specifically for students who wish to participate in field trips.