

# So You Say You Want a Resolution...



# Why Use Resolutions?

At the statewide level, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopts resolutions which become the bases for future Senate policies and which drive the work of its standing and ad hoc committees.

From the ASCCC Plenary Session Resolution Process



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# Statewide Resolutions

Develop positions for the ASCCC

Direct the creation of papers or other resources

Make recommendations

Support local senates or other groups

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Others?





# Writing Statewide Resolutions

Consider feasibility and appropriateness:

If it gives the organization direction (writing a new paper, conducting a study, etc.), can the work be done in a timely manner

If it takes a position, will it reflect well on the organization if it passes?





# How Does the Process Work Statewide?

Resolutions can come from a variety of sources:

- Executive Committee

- ASCCC Standing or Ad Hoc Committees or Taskforces

- Area meetings prior to Plenary Session

- Local Senates

- Individuals

- Inspiration from Plenary breakout sessions

**\*\*All resolutions, other than urgent resolutions, must be submitted by the Thursday afternoon of Plenary to be considered by the body.**





# Process (continued)

Resolutions are reviewed by the Resolutions Committee (chaired this year by our L.A. City Councilmember) to ensure that they:

- Are not duplicative

- Do not reverse a position previously taken by the ASCCC (unless that is the intent)

- Are being brought forward by an approved group

- Make sense and will make sense to the field



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# What Happens Next?

It depends on what the resolution calls for:

Action by the president is taken directly by the ASCCC president

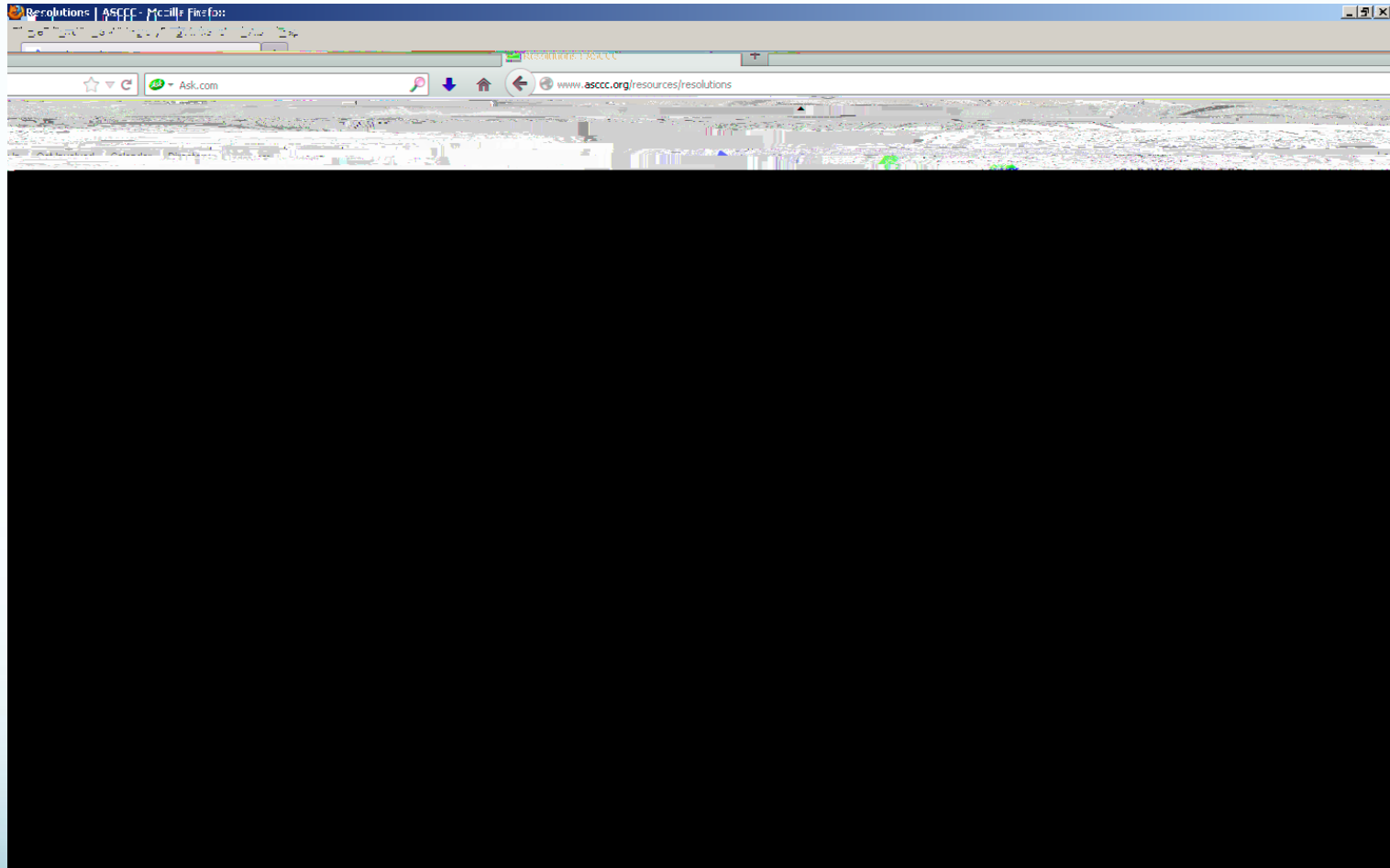
Other resolutions are given to committees or task forces for completion, which is then reported at the bottom of the resolution on the website

Some resolutions are deemed infeasible due to lack of resources or other issues



# Resolutions on the ASCCC Website

Great tools allow you to search by subject, author, specific resolution number, etc.



<http://asccc.org/resources/resolutions>

# Local Senates

Guide processes

Take positions

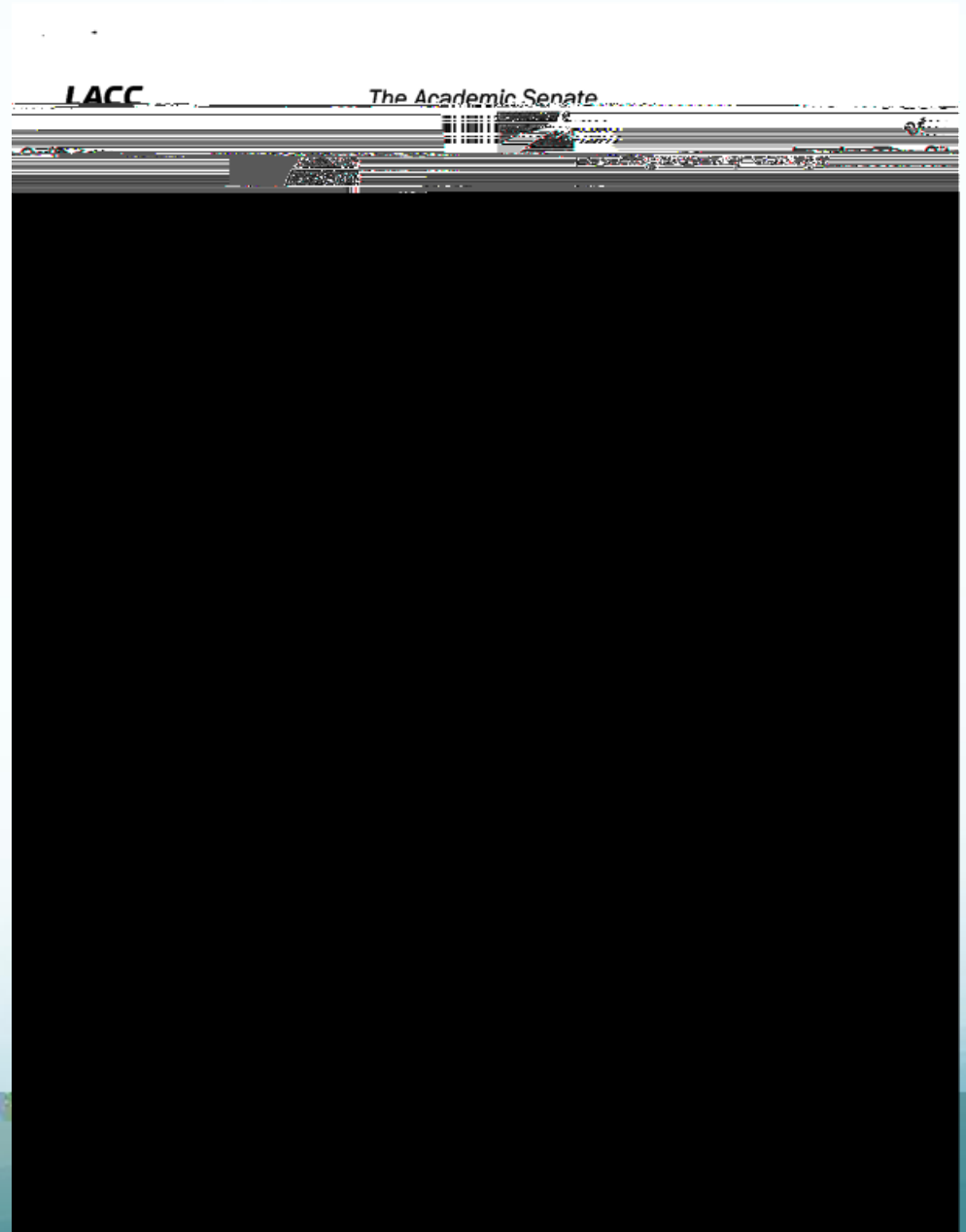
Express concerns

Others?

\*\*As stated in the ASCCC document, the purpose of resolutions locally is to receive a response quickly and in writing



Local Senate resolutions can be used for a variety of purposes, and tend to be geared more specifically to concerns from the faculty at the college or other





# One Form of Resolution Disposition

Resolution # and Title: Resolution #02.F12: Collegial Consultation Agreement	
<b>Resolution Type:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation to the President <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of the Senate	<b>Academic Senate Disposition:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
 John E. Feitas President, Academic Senate	11/1/2012 Date

# The Dreaded No-Confidence Resolution

Not to be taken lightly!!!

An expression by the faculty that they want an action, typically dismissal, taken against an administrator

when it has widespread support



# Resources

Your Resolutions Committee chair (John Freitas) or past chairs (David Morse, Dolores Davison)

Your area representatives (Kim Harrell (A), Dolores Davison (B), Lesley Kawaguchi (C), and Cynthia Rico (D))

<http://asccc.org/resources/resolutions>

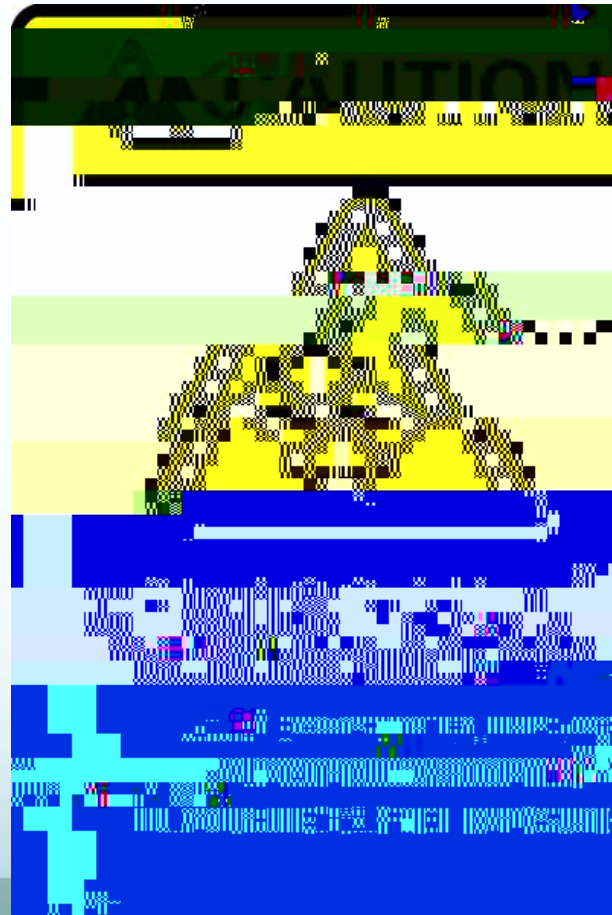
All adopted Senate resolutions are posted here in. Check this first before writing resolutions!

<http://asccc.org/communities/local-senates/leadership-resources>

Includes resolution writing guide for local senates and explanations about the process during the plenary session



If You Come to Enjoy the Resolutions Process As We Both Have, You Might Need One of These:



# Questions?



Thank You!