

ACADEMIC SENATE FOR COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS RESOLUTION ON CIVIC CENTER USE

Whereas, According to the Mission Statement, “College of the Canyons offers an accessible, enriching education that provides students with essential academic skills and prepares students for transfer education, workforce-skills development, and the attainment of learning outcomes corresponding to their educational goals;” and

Whereas, College of the Canyons believes in “fostering a broad range of community partnerships,” and, thus shared use of the District’s properties for the community and local businesses demonstrates this value; and

Whereas, Education Code 82537(d) states “the use of any community college facility and grounds for any meeting is subject to reasonable rules and regulations as the governing board of the district prescribes, and shall not interfere with the use and occupancy of the community college facilities and grounds, as is required for the purposes of the community colleges”; and

Whereas, College of the Canyons’ Board Policy 6700, Civic Center and Other Facilities Use, states that “public use of District property shall not interfere with scheduled instructional programs or other activities of the District on behalf of students;” and

Whereas, The civic center use including filming activities has negatively impacted instructional programs and other activities for students resulting in lost instruction time, such as:

- blocked access to classrooms, student health center, parking, and other areas of campus,
- barriers to access for disabled students and faculty, due to loss of designated disabled parking or barriers to elevators,
- students being denied access to faculty office hours, delayed opening of tutoring centers, cancellation of student club fundraising events,
- changing of classroom sets ups that delayed, damaged, and/or prohibited instructional use,
- cancellation of classes, and more; and

Whereas, There is little to no advanced communication to students and faculty about filming or civic center use activities on campus.

Resolved, The Academic Senate for College of the Canyons urges that instruction and activities for students takes priority over filming activities and filming is not permitted at the expense of student, staff, and faculty access; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate for College of the Canyons urges that direct communication to students, faculty, and staff, related to civic center use, such as filming, be done in a manner that consists of advanced notification of areas to be affected, and in the case of filming, includes advanced posting of film permits in public areas on campus; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate for College of the Canyons urges that civic center use, such as filming, should not occur if it is at the expense of students’ access to their curricular or co-curricular activities.