



THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION

21-02

STANDARDS OF TRUTH AND INTELLECTUAL HONESTY IN ACADEMIA

WHEREAS, the foundational purpose and rationalization of institutions of teaching, learning and education are to advance and progress human and global existence based on truth, critical reasoning, empirical evidence, and intellectual honesty;

WHEREAS, College of the Canyons must be, and is, committed to teaching our students the differences between objective truth and subjective belief; it is institutionally charged with the task of preparing logical, critical thinkers not only to enter the work force, but society, and thus has an indispensable and direct role in cultivating the advancement and success of all societal institutions, norms of behavior and importantly, character, integrity and citizenship;

WHEREAS, College of the Canyons is an institution that fosters the balanced study of diverse, complex and multifaceted academic disciplines and is committed to doing so with integrity to enable students to become substantial, whole individuals contributing to the world they live in;

WHEREAS, educators should welcome the opinions of one another and importantly, our students, as essential to the pursuit of knowledge and also instill that informed opinions are best and that any opinions based on obvious misinformation should be, by duty, refuted by faculty and to teach students to be educationally and intellectually honest about how they arrive at their opinions;

RESOLVED, the Academic Senate declares the need for College of the Canyons to reemphasize and commit to a robust, quality general education for our students providing the foundation of learning necessary to the creation of social stability and openness of thought and knowledge to enable widespread support of all disciplines for the betterment of human and global development; and

RESOLVED, the Academic Senate and the faculty it represents reaffirm their professional and ethical commitment to the pursuit of truth, accuracy, and honest self-reflection in the practice of teaching and learning, as well as in campus wide collaboration and community outreach; and

RESOLVED, the Academic Senate and the faculty recognize that where truth proves elusive, they will, through honest reflection and consideration of information, provide students with valuable tools and skills to seek answers to yet unknowable aspects of disciplinary knowledge; and

RESOLVED, that all faculty members at College of the Canyons maintain currency in their acquired fields of study and expertise with confidence, but with the humility necessary to model their openness to the life long process of introspection and learning that serves to advance the continued progression of College of the Canyons as an institution of higher education.

Adopted, Academic Senate 03/18/2021