

# BP 5001 Institutional Code of Ethics

Reference:

*Accreditation Standard IIIAd*

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Linda/PACC, the following is the Academic Senate's response after reviewing the proposed Ethics policy at the April 2, April 23, and May 7 Academic Senate meetings. We realize that with our suggested deletion of the first sentence that the remaining two sentences don't make as much sense. Nevertheless, we didn't think it was our role to try and wordsmith any further.

Thanks,

-Fred

## **Academic Senate response to proposed Board Policy 5001: Institutional Code of Ethics**

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The Academic Senate suggests deleting the first sentence, which refers directly to the MPC mission statement. MPC does not begin any of its other board policies with the mission statement. Why should it begin this one with the mission statement?

The Academic Senate is also concerned with the terms "MPC community" and "college community", and the connotation that these terms may include students. The Academic Senate is concerned about including students in these statements about ethics. How can MPC claim that all of its students--a group of people whose thoughts, actions, and beliefs the college does not seek to control--"exemplify" and are "committed to" these ethical principles? This section of the proposed policy might better be targeted towards "MPC employees" or "faculty and staff", than the entire MPC community.

Furthermore, the final sentence might read better if it said "will exemplify" rather than only "exemplify". As is, the statement reads like a description of the folks at MPC rather than a description of what people at MPC are directed to strive towards.