

Cañada College Academic Senate Resolution

Resolution: Establishment of a Secure Digital Media Server

WHEREAS student access to all forms of media (such as movies, documentaries, music etc.) that are integral to faculty curriculum is of primary importance, and the ability to access said media is vital to the success of our student population; and

WHEREAS students and faculty may not always be able to rely on any given media being available on subscription streaming services for any length of time (evidence available if needed); and

WHEREAS by law distance education students cannot be required to use materials that are put on reserve in the library, and therefore need consistent online access to said required materials; and

WHEREAS fully online classes that lack consistent remote access to required media materials that would normally be presented and available in face-to-face and hybrid courses, are less robust in their content and are more limited in options for curriculum development; and

WHEREAS our students are frequently not able to access required media, due to limited availability in the library and their own time constraints, and therefore are looking for increased accessibility via streaming options; and

WHEREAS U.S. Federal Courts¹ and lower courts have ruled in favor of academic usage of media via secured streaming for the enhancement of curriculum; and

RESOLVED that the Cañada College Academic Senate request that a media server be available to students and faculty; and

RESOLVED that said media server be compliant with all copyright laws, yet give faculty the freedom to add content to their courses; and

RESOLVED that the District provide appropriate training to faculty on the usage of said media server and provide maintenance on said server.

¹ See United States District Court, Central District of California Case No. CV 10-9378 CMB (MANx), Association for Information Media and Equipment, et.al., versus The Regents of the University of California, et.al, 2011. Decision can be found at: <https://www.scribd.com/document/68615049/AIME-v-Regents-Univ-Cal-Streaming-Video>