# Assessment Center AS Resolution Draft

WHEREAS, The Santa Ana College Assessment Center’s Make-Up Exam & Extended-Time Service Hours for Spring 2022 are provided only to students who are enrolled in an in-person class, are limited to Tuesdays 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and Thursdays 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, require appointments to be scheduled five (5) business days in advance, and place some students at a disadvantage by having them choose between receiving their make-up and/or accommodations or attending class; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 84850 establishes funding to ensure “specialized support services or instruction, or both, to disabled students enrolled in state-supported disabled student services programs or courses,” and Title 5 Sections 56000-56076 establish Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) requirements as well as funding standards for colleges to provide comparable services (as defined in Section 56066, including assessment) to students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Some accrediting agencies and SAC Partner Vendors require strict in-person proctoring of student testing to ensure exam integrity and security, and flexibility in testing dates and times is an equitable practice which allow instructors to accommodate working students and/or those who cannot take exams at the scheduled time due to extenuating circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Students are negatively affected when instructors are forced to use lecture time, office hours, or time for other contractual obligations, to proctor make-ups and/or provide federally mandated accommodations, and instructors should not be expected to use personal time to provide proctoring services outside of scheduled class hours; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Santa Ana College Academic Senate emphasizes the critical role of the Assessment Center in providing testing accommodations to students with disabilities as mandated by the State of California, in ensuring exam integrity and security as required by accrediting agencies and SAC partner vendors, as well as in supporting more equitable assessment practices by allowing instructors to provide flexibility when appropriate; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Santa Ana College Academic Senate urges its administrative colleagues to provide necessary staffing and funding for a robust Assessment Center where

* Make-Up Exam & Extended Time Services are available during the hours when classes are scheduled to provide equitable access to students, and
* An overflow room and proctor are available to accommodate times when large influxes of students need make-up exam and/or extended time services simultaneously, and
* Students are able to make next-day appointments.