WHEREAS, Foothill College has offered an Honors program since its inception in 1957; and

WHEREAS, The current Honors Institute Director, Bernie Day, is stepping down on June 30; and

WHEREAS, The Honors program has been significant in its contribution to the college and community; and

WHEREAS, The Honors Institute is the largest learning community at Foothill College; and

WHEREAS, The Honors program has increased to over 500 students and it has been vital in the recruitment efforts for international students; and

WHEREAS, There has been concerted and successful efforts put forth in addressing equity concerns; and

WHEREAS, The TAP program requires that the Honors Institute be directed by a faculty member as opposed to an administrator or member of the classified staff; and

WHEREAS, In previous years the Honors Institute consisted of one 100% faculty director and one 100% administrative support position; and

WHEREAS, Due to past budget cuts, the Honors direction position was reduced to 10% faculty direction position and one 50% administrative support position; and

WHEREAS, It is not sustainable to continue to support the Honors Institute with the current staffing percentages for these positions; and

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate expresses strong support for the Honors Institute Program; and,

RESOLVED, That the Academic Senate proposes that the Honors Institute Program consists of one 100% faculty position for the Honors Institute faculty director position and one 100% administrative support position.