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Disclaimer: The enclosed resolutions do not reflect the position of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, its Executive Committee, or standing committees. They are presented for the purpose of discussion by the field and are to be debated and voted on by academic senate delegates at the Academic Senate Spring Plenary Session held on April 22, 2023, in Anaheim, CA.

PLENARY RESOLUTIONS PROCESS

In order to ensure that deliberations are organized, effective, and meaningful, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges uses the following resolution procedure:

- Pre-session resolutions are developed by the Executive Committee (through its committees) and submitted to the pre-session Area meetings for review.
- Amendments and new pre-session resolutions are generated in the Area meetings.
- The Resolutions Committee meets to review all pre-session resolutions and combine, reword, append, or render moot these resolutions as necessary.
- Resolutions and amendments must be submitted to the Resolutions Committee using the online form before the posted deadlines each day.
- New resolutions submitted on the second day of the plenary session are held to the next session unless the resolution is declared urgent by the Executive Committee.
- The resolutions are debated and voted upon in the general sessions on the last day of the plenary session by the delegates.
- All resources and appendices are available on the [ASCCC website](#).

Prior to plenary session, it is each attendee's responsibility to read the following documents:

- Senate Delegate Roles and Responsibilities (found in [Local Senates Handbook](#))
- Resolution Procedures (Part II in [Resolutions Handbook](#))
- Resolution Writing and General Advice (Part III in [Resolutions Handbook](#))

CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolutions may be placed on the Consent Calendar by the Resolutions Committee for any of the following criteria: 1) believed noncontroversial, 2) do not potentially reverse a previous position of the Academic Senate, 3) do not compete with another proposed plenary session resolution. Resolutions and any subsequent clarifying amendments that meet these criteria have been included on the Consent Calendar. If an amendment is submitted that proposes to substantially change a resolution on the Consent Calendar, that resolution will be removed from the Consent Calendar.

To remove a resolution from the Consent Calendar, please see the Consent Calendar section of the Resolutions Procedures for the plenary session. Reasons for removing a resolution from the Consent Calendar may include moving of a substantial amendment, a desire to debate the resolution, a desire to divide the motion, a desire to vote against the resolution, or even a desire to move for the adoption by the body by acclamation.

The following legend has been used to identify consent calendar items, new resolutions, and new amendments:

- Consent Calendar resolutions and amendments are marked with *
- Resolutions and amendments submitted at Area Meetings are marked with +
- Resolutions and amendments submitted after Area meetings through Thursday are marked with #
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1.0 Academic Senate

1.01 S23 Add a Designated At-Large Part-Time Representative to the Executive Committee

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) has had a long-standing commitment to participation of part-time faculty as demonstrated in resolutions¹ and papers, as they bring vital and unique authentic voices and experiences to discussions of academic and professional matters in alignment with the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Antiracism and Accessibility commitment of the ASCCC;

Whereas, Resolution S96 01.05² called for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) to develop a proposal to ensure participation of part-time faculty on the Executive Committee and a paper titled "Participation of Part-time Faculty on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges" was developed in 1998 with recommendations to support the opportunity for part-time faculty inclusion, the paper recommended several changes to the ASCCC bylaws to make it possible for part-time faculty to run for election, yet the paper fell short of "assuring participation on the Executive Committee"³;

Whereas, Since the 1998 paper "Participation of Part-time Faculty on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges" only one known part-time faculty member has successfully run for a seat on the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Executive Committee, showing that changes to the bylaws alone will not ensure that there will be a part-time faculty voice on the ASCCC Executive Committee and there are still significant barriers to part-time faculty running for election including the qualification requirements; and

Whereas, According to the California Community Colleges Datamart Dashboard, in Fall 2022 part-time faculty (labeled as "academic, temporary" in Dashboard) made up approximately 67% of the faculty workforce encompassing over half of the faculty in the California Community College system,⁴ and part-time faculty are important voices that are currently not represented on the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Executive Committee;

¹ Resolution F95 17.02 Part-time Faculty Involvement in Local Senates: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/part-time-faculty-involvement-local-senates>.

² Resolution S96 01.05 Participation of Part-time Faculty on the Executive Committee: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/participation-part-time-faculty-executive-committee>.

³ "Participation of Part-time Faculty on the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges." (1998). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. <https://www.asccc.org/papers/participation-part-time-faculty-executive-committee-academic-senate-california-community>.

⁴ California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. *Management Information Systems Datamart*. "Faculty & Staff Demographics Report." Retrieved March 10, 2023, from https://datamart.cccco.edu/Faculty-Staff/Staff_Demo.aspx. Data table can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/10PwvOLbRqlyPoF-gvU_Az70_ecs4KnNn/view?usp=sharing.

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) revise its bylaws to create a fifteenth elected member of the Executive Committee as a designated at-large part-time faculty member and review policies to support part-time faculty's ability to run for the ASCCC Executive Committee and that these changes be brought back to the body by the 2024 Spring Plenary Session;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) review its eligibility requirements for Executive Committee members and support equitable opportunities for part-time faculty to run for the ASCCC Executive Committee; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges provide professional development opportunities for part-time faculty on the role of the Executive Committee and opportunities for participation to encourage part-time faculty to run for any position for which they qualify.

Contact: Anastasia Zavodny, Palomar College, Part-time Faculty Committee

***1.02 S23 Adopt the 2023–2026 ASCCC Strategic Directions**

Whereas, Strategic planning is a critical component of successful organizations, which provides clear direction and stability and ensures that the organization's leadership is responsive to its members;

Whereas, Since the 2018–2023 Strategic Plan⁵ of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is set to expire in 2023, the ASCCC Executive Committee engaged in comprehensive and public strategic planning sessions from December 2022 through February 2023;⁶

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Executive Committee considered ASCCC's mission and vision, resolutions, recommendations from the periodic reviews, as well as current issues impacting academic and professional matters to guide the planning; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Executive Committee has proposed the 2023–2026 Strategic Directions⁷ for consideration and adoption by the delegates of the ASCCC to be actualized annually through a planning process;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt the 2023–2026 ASCCC Strategic Directions.

Contact: Ginni May, Executive Committee

⁵ "The Academic Senate for California Community College [sic] Strategic Plan, 2018-2023." (Power Point). https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/ASCCC_Strategic_Plan_2018-2023_final.pdf.

⁶ "Reimagining with Purpose: ASCCC 2023 - 2026 Strategic Planning December 2022 to February 2023." (Power Point). <https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/ASCCC%202023-2026%20Strategic%20Planning%20R.pdf>.

⁷ 2023—2026 ASCCC Strategic Directions—see slide titled "Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Strategic Plan Directions 2023–2026." (Power Point). <https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/23-26%20Strategic%20Plan%20Directions%20ASCCC.pdf>.

***1.03 S23 Flexible Area Meetings**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges Area A and Area B meetings have been consistently held on a Friday, and the Area C and Area D meetings have been consistently held on a Saturday, which is often outside of the traditional work week;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) explore options for Area meetings that align with the needs and best interest of each individual Area while also balancing logistical considerations of the ASCCC Executive Committee and ASCCC office team starting with the Fall 2023 Area meetings.

Contact: Pablo Martin, San Diego Miramar College

***+1.04 S23 Remote Attendance and Presentation Guidance for Virtual Events**

Whereas, Resolution F21 1.05 states in-part “the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges should make remote attendance an option at all Academic Senate for California Community Colleges-organized events⁸” without consideration of resources and technology requirements associated with the provision of remote attendance;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges promote and provide a variety of organized events in addition to plenary sessions, such as regional events, institutes, conferences, workshops, and other forums through the most appropriate format available given resource considerations including financial and technology support costs; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges desires to ensure access to members while supporting opportunities for interaction in person to the fullest extent possible;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) provide guidance and consideration factors for deciding when remote options should be available and when remote options place undue challenges on the ASCCC; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges provide guidance and support for presenters and attendees when remote attendance options are provided, including posting of recordings or asynchronous access for which remote attendance for the event was an option.

Contact: Sharyn Eveland, Taft College, Area A

+1.05 S23 Higher Education and the Health of Democracy: In Solidarity with CSU Faculty Colleagues to Preserve the American Institutions Requirement

⁸ Resolutions F21 01.05 Remote Attendance Option for ASCCC Events: <https://asccc.org/resolutions/remote-attendance-option-asccc-events>

Whereas, The California Community College system, with 1.8 million students at 116 colleges, is the largest system of higher education in the country⁹ empowered with the Vision for Success from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to remain “accessible and personal institutions that can help students on an individual level regain their hopes and rebuild their futures” and the “California Community Colleges have always been an instrument for achieving broad access to higher education,”¹⁰ where the core vision of the California Community Colleges is to put students first;

Whereas, The United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement, commonly known as the American Institutions Requirement, in California Code of Regulations, title 5 §40404, “ensure(s) that students acquire knowledge and skills that will help them to comprehend the workings of American democracy and of the society in which they live to enable them to contribute to that society as responsible and constructive citizens”¹¹ is a vital part of the California Community College mission, not just California State University system, and is as vital today as it was 60 years ago when it was written into law to ensure an educated, empowered, and informed citizenry contributing to public life¹² and civic engagement;¹³

⁹ “Key Facts” (2023). *California Community Colleges*. California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Key-Facts>.

¹⁰ “Update to the Vision for Success: Reaffirming Equity in a Time of Recovery.” (July 2021). pg. 5. <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCO-Website/Reports/vision-for-success-update-2021-a11y.pdf>.

¹¹ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §40404: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-5-board-of-trustees-of-the-california-state-universities/chapter-1-california-state-university/subchapter-2-educational-program/article-5-general-requirements-for-graduation/section-40404-requirements-in-united-states-history-constitution-and-american-ideals>.

¹² Based upon a 2022 survey conducted, employers ranked critical thinking, communication, and teamwork—complex skills fundamental to historical study—as the most important competencies for job candidates. See source: Gray, K. and Collins, M. (18 October 2022). “New College Graduates and Employers Agree on Key Competencies, But at Odds About New Grad Proficiency.” National Association of Colleges and Employers. <https://www.nacweb.org/about-us/press/new-college-graduates-and-employers-agree-on-key-competencies-but-at-odds-about-new-grad-proficiency/>.

¹³ “Americans’ Civics Knowledge Drops on First Amendment and Branches of Government.” (13 September 2022). Annenberg Constitution Day Civics Survey. Annenberg Public Policy Center. <https://www.asc.upenn.edu/news-events/news/americans-civics-knowledge-drops-first-amendment-and-branches-government>.

Whereas, The California State University (CSU) History Council, a group of historians from across the CSU system, have published in their March 2023 American Institutions Memo (“CSU History Council, American Institutions Memo Opposing Changes to American Institutions Requirement”¹⁴) “insist[ing] that the American Institutions requirement is an essential requirement, and is more important than ever to an accessible, equitable, and comprehensive higher-level education for California’s diverse college students” and “contends that understanding the history and government of American Institutions and values as mandated by Title 5 has become even more important to the education of all students of California’s public colleges and universities and should be preserved in a manner that effectively meets the needs of all students”¹⁵; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges in 2019 resolved¹⁶ its support for and belief in the importance of the current United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement and committed to explore possibilities to add a similar requirement to the associate’s degree requirements for the California Community Colleges;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges renew its commitment to the importance of the current United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement and communicate to the Academic Senate of the California State University its support for this as lower division requirement, accessible to the greatest number of students in our college systems;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges stand with the hundreds of history and political science faculty from throughout the California Community Colleges who have signed a petition¹⁷ to support the California State University History Council’s memo in recognition of the essential role these American Institutions courses provide for our students as pathways to understanding their essential rights and responsibilities in this policy; and

¹⁴ California State University History Council, March 2023:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O6ZcNrBURhwgaDeLhAtcD9y5bgTiAhclLdSfx7EJzQ/edit?usp=sharing>.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Resolution S19 15.09 Support for the CSU United States History, Constitution and American Ideals Requirement, Commonly Known as the American Institutions Requirement: <https://www.AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/resolutions/support-csu-united-states-history-constitution-and-american-ideals-requirement-commonly+fn1>.

¹⁷ Petition of California Community College Faculty to Support the CSU History Council on American Institutions AI/Title 5 Outreach to California Community Colleges:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g4o0og8W9z9B6BsXKp1C998GV7Zxvw-/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115492749693624265068&rtpof=true&sd=true>.

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges stand in solidarity with the message articulated in the March 2023 American Institutions Memo from the California State University (CSU) History Council to oppose “any reduction to or weakening of the American Institutions requirement and strongly oppose a wholesale move of American Institutions to an upper-division requirement”¹⁸ and call for “transparency with the CSU Chancellor’s Office, the CSU Academic Senate, and respective representatives in the California State Assembly . . . to actively seek input and guidance from stakeholders and disciplinary experts from all three segments of public higher education in California, as curricular discussions continue”¹⁹ and report the message of solidarity to all intersegmental committees and workgroups by fall of 2023.

Contact: Kelly Rivera, Mt. San Antonio College, Area C

+1.06 S23 Honoring Wheeler North with Senator Emeritus Status

Whereas, The bylaws of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges include procedures and criteria for conferring the status of Senator Emeritus for the purpose of recognizing the meritorious service of a faculty member upon or after retirement, and Wheeler North has satisfied those requirements as a faculty member of the California Community Colleges system whose service has well exceeded the required five years of significant service to the Academic Senate;

Whereas, Wheeler North was a tireless advocate for career education programs and ensured that the needs of career education students were part of all campus, district, and statewide discussions;

Whereas, Wheeler North served as chair or co-chair of many statewide committees including the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges’ (ASCCC) Curriculum Committee, the ASCCC Vocational Education Committee, and the Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Committee (TTAC); and

Whereas, Wheeler North was always available to provide advice, albeit "weedy" at times, and assistance to any faculty member and could provide them with any needed citation from title 5 and education code;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges confer upon Wheeler North their highest honor of Senator Emeritus and thank him for his contributions to the faculty and students of California.

Contact: Pablo Martin, San Diego Miramar College, Area D

¹⁸ California State University History Council, March 2023:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O6ZcNrBURhwaDeLhAtcD9y5bgTiAhclLdSfx7EJzQ/edit?usp=sharing>.

¹⁹ Ibid.

3.0 Diversity and Equity

***#3.01 S23 In Support of Identifying and Addressing the Need for LGBTQIA+ Student Centers on all California Community College Campuses**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) embraces equity principles for all in its Values Statement,²⁰ which states, “The ASCCC empowers faculty from diverse backgrounds and experiences, promoting actions resulting in inclusion, diversity, equity, anti-racism, and accessibility through its publications, resources, activities, policies, and presentations” and “believes that collaboration with others and faculty engagement improve professional decisions made locally and at the state level”;

Whereas, The LGBTQIA+ community is currently being targeted by harmful legislation nationwide with the American Civil Liberties Union tracking²¹ a total of 460 anti-LGBTQ [IA+] bills in the United States this year, in which 218 of these are education-related;

Whereas, Existing research²² demonstrates that one in three (33%) LGBTQIA+ college students seriously considered suicide in the past year, seven percent reported a suicide attempt in the past year, and where the rates of college students considering suicide were higher among LGBTQIA+ college students of color (35%), and “LGBTQ[IA+] college students with access to LGBTQ[IA+] student services through their college had 44% lower odds of attempting suicide in the past year compared to LGBTQ[IA+] college students without access,” demonstrating the potential positive impact of a college’s effort to intentionally support LGBTQIA+ students; and

Whereas, A 2016 study²³ on faculty supporting LGBTQIA+ college students found that faculty serve an important function in supporting [LGBTQIA+ students] towards success,” and that “faculty are in a position to assist LGBTQ[IA+] students in leaving the margins and seeking the center of the higher education experience”;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with system partners, such as the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, to survey local California community colleges regarding existing LGBTQIA+ resources or the lack thereof;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with system partners to collect and synthesize survey findings and conduct further or follow-up research to gain a better understanding of the needs of LGBTQIA+ students in the California community colleges; and

²⁰ ASCCC Values Statement can be found at: <https://www.asccc.org/about/values-statement>.

²¹ American Civil Liberties Union has tracked and mapped Attacks on LGBTQ Rights in U.S. State Legislatures; research can be found at: <https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights?impact=>.

²² The Trevor Project Research Brief on Suicide Risk and Access to Care Among LGBTQ College Students can be found here: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/September-Research-Brief-September-Research-Brief.pdf>

²³ Nguyen, D. et al. (2016). Faculty as Sources of Support for LGBTQ College Students. *College Teaching*, 64(2), 55 – 63. Accessed at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/87567555.2015.1078275>

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges explore options to support local colleges in the development of LGBTQIA+ professional learning opportunities and also in the creation of LGBTQIA+ Student Centers at local colleges that focus on meeting unique educational and basic needs of LGBTQIA+ students in a safe and welcoming environment.

Contact: Sean Moore, Compton College

4.0 Articulation and Transfer

***#4.01 S23 Faculty Approval of High School Articulation Agreements**

Whereas, California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55051 states that “the term ‘articulated high school course’ means a high school course or courses that the faculty in the appropriate discipline, using policies and procedures approved by the curriculum committee established pursuant to section §55002, have determined to be comparable to a specific community college course,”²⁴ which suggests that policies and procedures guiding the established high school articulation agreements are within the purview of local academic senates; and

Whereas, It was reported at the 2018 Curriculum Institute²⁵ that California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 5, §55051 was being revised to include language that states “the nature and content of the articulated course and examination process shall be determined solely by faculty in the discipline who normally teach the course for which credit is to be granted in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the local curriculum committee established pursuant to section §55002,” and further that “the faculty shall determine that: (a) Content of the articulated course substantially corresponds to the content and rigor of the course outline of record and; (b) The examination adequately measures mastery of the course content as set forth in the course outline of record,” yet such revisions to CCR, title 5, §55051 have yet to be made;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Chancellor’s Office and appropriate system partners to revise California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55051 to ensure that high school articulation agreements are clearly identified as an academic and professional matter, that such articulation agreements uphold the content and rigor of college courses as established in the course outlines of record, that such articulation agreements are developed and approved only with the consent of the college faculty with the appropriate discipline expertise, and bring forward its recommendations for review and consideration for action by the 2024 Spring Plenary Session; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges develop guidance and resources for local academic senates by Spring 2024 that provide standards and effective practices for the establishment of high school articulation agreements that uphold the standards and established course outline of record of college courses.

²⁴ 2018 Curriculum Institute breakout session “Dual Enrollment – How Do We Move Forward?,” slides 30-32.

²⁵ “Dual Enrollment – How Do We Continue to Move Forward?” (PowerPoint).

<https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/Dual%20Enrollment%20CI%202018.pptx>

Contact: John Freitas, Los Angeles City College

#4.02 S23 Separate CSU Approval for “Golden Four” Courses

Whereas, The minimum transfer admission requirements to the California State University for California community college students are the completion of 60-units of baccalaureate-level coursework with a grade point average of 2.0, which must include the satisfactory completion of courses in the so-called “Golden Four” areas of oral communication, written communication, critical thinking, and mathematical and quantitative reasoning;

Whereas, The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) general education pattern will be the only intersegmental general education pattern available to students enrolling in the California community colleges beginning in fall 2025;

Whereas, The standards for approval of California community college courses in oral communication, written communication, critical thinking, and quantitative and mathematical reasoning for inclusion in the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) general education pattern will be subject to the minimum standards of the University of California, which are more stringent than the current standards set by the California State University for inclusion in those so-called “Golden Four” areas in the California State University General Education (CSUGE) Breadth pattern, which will exclude current courses approved for the “Golden Four” areas in the CSUGE Breadth from the Cal-GETC pattern; and

Whereas, The exclusion of courses currently approved for the so-called “Golden Four” areas in the California State University General Education Breadth from the California State University General Education (CSUGE) Breadth pattern has the potential to create inequities in student achievement and completion by increasing the difficulty of coursework approved for the “Golden Four, and subsequently harm the ability of students to transfer to the California State University, unless the California State University establishes policies and procedures for certifying California community college courses for the “Golden Four” separate from approval for inclusion in the Cal-GETC pattern;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges advocate to the Academic Senate of the California State University for the establishment of policies and procedures for certifying California community college courses in the areas of oral communication, written communication, critical thinking, and mathematics and quantitative reasoning, as meeting California State University transfer admission coursework requirements, regardless of whether or not such courses are approved for inclusion in the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) pattern.

Contact: John Freitas, Los Angeles City College

6.0 State and Legislative Issues

***6.01 S23 Support AB 607 (Kalra, 2023), If Amended**

Whereas, AB 607 (Kalra, as of February 17, 2023)²⁶ proposes to modify California Education Code §66406.9²⁷ by adding the requirement that the California Community Colleges “prominently display, by means that may include a link to a separate internet web page, the estimated costs for each course of all required course materials and fees directly related to those materials, for no less than 75 percent of the total number of courses on the online campus course schedule. 'Course materials' as used in this paragraph includes digital or physical textbooks, devices such as calculators and remote attendance platforms, and software subscriptions”;

Whereas, California Education Code §66406.9²⁸ currently uses the term “course materials” and “digital course materials” to refer to course resources that are exclusive of devices and supplies such as calculators;

Whereas, Resolution F20 20.02 Ensure Course Cost Transparency for Students encourages “local academic senates to advocate for the implementation of a process for consistent, clear, and transparent messaging to students prior to registration regarding all material and supply costs in appropriate locations including the schedule of classes and the bookstore”²⁹; and

Whereas, California Code of Regulations, title 5 §59402³⁰ states that required instructional materials “means any materials which a student must procure or possess as a condition of registration, enrollment or entry into a class; or any such material which is necessary to achieve the required objectives of a course,” establishing “instructional materials” as inclusive of textbooks, supplemental materials, and course supplies;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support AB 607 (Kalra, as of February 17, 2023), if amended to replace “course materials” with “instructional materials” to ensure that definitions within California Education Code §66406.9³¹ are consistent to prevent the introduction of a definition into law that is inconsistent with a definition that is presently in regulation.

Contact: Michelle Pilati, Open Educational Resources Initiative

+6.02 S23 Centering Inclusion and Access for Local Academic Senate and Academic Subcommittee Meetings Governed by the Brown Act

Whereas, On September 14, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill 2449 (Rubio)³² (scheduled to sunset in January of 2026) authorizing guidance for videoconferencing guidelines

²⁶ AB 607 (Kalra): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB607.

²⁷ California Education Code §66406.9: <https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/education-code/edc-sect-66406-9.html>.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Resolution F20 20.02 Ensure Course Cost Transparency for Students: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/ensure-course-cost-transparency-students>.

³⁰ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §59402: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-6-california-community-colleges/chapter-10-community-college-administration/subchapter-7-instructional-materials/section-59402-definitions>.

³¹ California Education Code §66406.9: <https://codes.findlaw.com/ca/education-code/edc-sect-66406-9.html>.

³² AB 2449 (Rubio): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449.

for local Brown Act bodies that impact local academic senate meeting modalities, per California Government Code §§54950—54963,³³ requiring open meetings of groups to whom boards have delegated authority, such as the academic senate;

Whereas, Education Code §70902(b)(7)³⁴ calls on the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to enact regulations to “ensure faculty, staff, and students...the right to participate effectively in district and college governance” while California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023.7³⁵ and §51023.5³⁶ state requirements for the “effective participation” of students and staff, in the development of recommendations to the governing board”;³⁷

Whereas, Some California community colleges report experiencing unprecedented levels of participation since the Covid-19 state of emergency required virtual and hybrid meeting options that have enabled fuller interdepartmental representation, fuller participation of more diverse voices, and fuller institutionalization of equity and inclusion providing greater public access to academic senate and subcommittee meeting agendas, materials, and live sessions through digital platforms, with the understanding that technological resources and meeting facilities for colleges varies widely, resulting in different access to hybrid meeting options; and

Whereas, AB 1275 (Arambula, as of March 28, 2023) would “authorize the recognized statewide community college student organization and other student-run community college organizations to use teleconferencing for their meetings without having to (1) post agendas at all teleconferencing locations, (2) identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda, (3) make each teleconference location accessible to the public, and (4) require that a quorum of the student organization’s members participate from a singular physical location”;³⁸

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges advocate for state legislation, similar to AB 1275 (Arambula, as of March 28, 2023),³⁹ to allow local academic senate bodies, to use teleconferencing for their meetings without having to (1) post agendas at

³³ California Government Code §§54950-5496:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=GOV&division=2.&title=5.&part=1.&chapter=9.&article=

³⁴Education Code §70902(b)(7):

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=7.&title=3.&part=43.&chapter&article=

³⁵California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023.7:

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I5F3700C34C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I5F3700C34C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default)).

³⁶ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023.5:

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I5F3CA6134C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)&bhcp=1](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I5F3CA6134C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default)&bhcp=1).

³⁷ “Participating Effectively in District and College Governance” (2020). Academic Senate for California Colleges.

https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/sites/default/files/Participating_Effectively_200503.pdf.

³⁸ AB 1275 (Arambula): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1275.

³⁹ Ibid.

all teleconferencing locations, (2) identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda, (3) make each teleconference location accessible to the public, and (4) require that a quorum of California community college or district academic senate members participate from a singular physical location;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to advocate for resources to ensure all colleges have access to technological resources and facilities to enable effective meetings regardless of modality, including a publicly accessible physical campus space to view streamed meetings and interact with committees in place of a physical room with an in-person quorum; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work to support legislation that requires local academic senate bodies to sustain and maintain the ethics of the Brown Act by adopting meeting modalities that maximize inclusivity, transparency, and access at each individual institution.

Contact: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco, Area B

+6.02.01 S23 Amend 6.02 Centering Inclusion and Access for Local Academic Senate and Academic Subcommittee Meetings Governed by the Brown Act

Amend Third Whereas

Whereas, Some California community colleges report experiencing unprecedented levels of participation since the Covid-19 state of emergency required virtual and hybrid meeting options that have enabled fuller interdepartmental representation, fuller participation of more diverse voices, including those with disabilities, and fuller institutionalization of equity and inclusion providing greater public access to academic senate and subcommittee meeting agendas, materials, and live sessions through digital platforms, with the understanding that technological resources and meeting facilities for colleges varies widely, resulting in different access to hybrid meeting options; and

Contact: Angela Medina Rhodes, Rio Hondo College

+6.03 S23 Support for Additional Exemptions for AB 1887

Whereas, AB 1887 (Low, 2016) "prohibits California from approving a request for state-funded or state-sponsored travel to such a state [with laws discriminating against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people]"⁴⁰ and California community college districts have enacted measures that align with AB 1887 prohibitions;

Whereas, AB 1887 and similar measures enacted at California community college districts may result in the denying of funding for transfer center directors or coordinators to visit many out-of-state campuses, including visits to affordable Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are primarily located in states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions, for the purpose of arranging

⁴⁰ AB 1887 (Low, 2016): <https://openstates.org/ca/bills/20152016/AB1887/>.

transfer and scholarship agreements;

Whereas, California community college students have been denied much needed funding from their colleges to attend out-of-state campus visits that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, including visits to affordable Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are primarily located in states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions; and

Whereas, AB 1887 and similar measures enacted at California community college districts deny funding to employees and students for the purpose of attending events promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion when such events are held in states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions, such as the 2023 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity that will be held in New Orleans, LA;⁴¹

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support an additional exemption to AB 1887 that would allow students and college employees to receive funding for travel to states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions when such travel promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges ask the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to encourage local districts to provide exemptions for employees and students for travel to states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions when such travel promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Contact: John Crocitti, San Diego Mesa College, Area D

^06.03.01 S23 Amend 13.04 Support for Additional Exemptions for AB 1887

Amend Second Whereas

Whereas, AB 1887 and similar measures enacted at California community college districts may result in the denying of funding for transfer center directors or coordinators to visit many out-of-state campuses, including visits to ~~affordable~~ Historically Black Colleges and Universities that are primarily located in states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions, for the purpose of arranging transfer and scholarship agreements;

Amend Third Whereas

Whereas, California community college students have been denied much needed funding from their colleges to attend out-of-state campus visits that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, **anti-racism and accessibility** including visits to **affordable** Historically Black College and Universities that are primarily located in states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions; and

Amend the First Resolved

Resolves, That Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support an additional exemption for AB 1887 that would allow students and college employees to receive funding for travel to states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions when such travel promotes diversity, equity,

⁴¹ 2023 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity conference information:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/af7553a8-de0d-4284-a3b9-3b09317aa3e0/summary?environment=P2>.

and inclusion, anti-racism and accessibility; and

Amend the Second Resolved

Resolved, That Academic Senate for California Community Colleges ask the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to encourage local districts to provide exemptions for employees and students for travel to states covered by AB 1887's prohibitions when such travel promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion, anti-racism and accessibility.

Contact: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco

+6.04 S23 Support for AB 811 (Fong, as of March 28, 2023)

Whereas, AB 811 (Fong, as of March 28, 2023)⁴² calls for

1) Authorization for a student to repeat, no less than five times, a credit course for which the student previously received a grade indicating substandard academic work. "Substandard academic work" means coursework for which the grading symbols "D," "F," "FW," or "NP" have been recorded. If the repeated course is a transfer-level mathematics or English course pursuant to section 78213, the policies shall require a community college to inform the student of the concurrent supports available to the student pursuant to subdivision (k) of section 78213.

(2) Authorization for a student to repeat, no less than three times, a credit course for which the student previously received a satisfactory grade and which the student is retaking for enrichment and skill-building purposes, with "Satisfactory grade" means that for the course in question, the student's academic record has been annotated with the symbol "A," "B," "C," or "P";

Whereas, California community college students often face challenges, such as food and housing instability, changing employment conditions, mental health, and longstanding systemic inequity⁴³ which impact their ability for success under present course repetition policy; and

Whereas, Allowing a student to repeat a credit course for which they have secured a satisfactory grade gives them the additional enrichment and skills that can significantly augment their personal and professional skills, aiding their employability along with emotional, mental, and physical well-being;

⁴² AB 811 (Fong, 2023): <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB811/2023>.

⁴³ "#Real College. Real Hunger." California Community Colleges. California Community Colleges Chancellors Office. <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/News-and-Media/California-Community-Colleges-Outlook-Newsletter/College-News>.

"Meeting Basic Needs to Support Student's Mental Health and Success." California Community College Student Mental Health Program. California Community College Chancellor's Office. <http://www.cccstudentmentalhealth.org/docs/CCCSMHP-Students-Basic-Needs-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

Resolved, That the Academic Senate For California Community Colleges support AB 811 (Fong, as of March 28, 2023).

Contact: Geoffrey Johnson, San Diego Mesa College, Area D

#6.04.01 S23 Amend 6.04 for AB 811 (Fong, as of March 28, 2023)

Amend First Whereas

(3) The requirement that policies include a requirement that the community college inform a student whether the decision to repeat the course will impact the student's financial aid qualifications, and to provide priority registration for credit courses to students who require the course for their intended major and to students who have not taken the course.

Amend the Title

Support for AB 811 (Fong, as of ~~March 28~~, April 12, 2023)

Amend the Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate For California Community Colleges support AB 811 (Fong, as of ~~March 28~~, April 12, 2023).

^06.04.02 S23 Support for AB 811 (Fong, 2023)

Add a New Second Whereas

Whereas Current course repetition policies arbitrary prohibit student success with unnecessary gatekeeping, further disempowering students, who may also face other challenges;

Contact: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco

#6.05 S23 Support Brown Act Teleconferencing Legislation

Whereas, Local academic senates are considered legislative bodies as defined by the Ralph M. Brown Open Meeting Act, necessitating compliance with all open meeting requirements;

Whereas, Modifications to the Brown Act during the COVID-19 pandemic through Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 in March 2020 , Executive Order N-35-20 in March 2020, and AB 361 (Rivas, 2021) allowed for attendance via teleconferencing without compliance with some of the long-standing requirements for teleconferencing "when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health,"⁴⁴ and have resulted at many colleges in improved access to academic senate meetings and increased attendance

⁴⁴ AB 2249 (Blanca Rubio, 2022), An act to amend, repeal, and add Sections 54953 and 54954.2 of the Government Code, relating to local government:
https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2449

engagement by faculty as senators and as members of the public;

Whereas, The declared state of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic ended February 28, 2023, necessitating a return to long-standing Brown Act requirements for teleconferencing, reducing the robust participation and engagement by faculty given that subsequent legislative solutions, including AB 361 (Rivas, 2021) and AB 2449 (Blanca Rubio, 2022), apply in very specific situations and for limited durations of time; and

Whereas, Leaders of academic senates, curriculum committees, and their subcommittees are recommending bodies seeking means of conducting meetings transparently consistent with the intention of the Brown Act while allowing engagement of members and public attendees via teleconferencing in ways similar to what was allowable during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support AB 817 (Pacheco, 2023 as of April 14, 2023) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body, and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support SB 411 (Portantino, 2023 as of April 14, 2023) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.

Contact: Cheryl Aschenbach, Executive Committee

***#6.06 S23 Support Supervised Tutoring for all Students**

Whereas, AB 1187 (Irwin, 2022)⁴⁵ was approved by the governor of California on September 30, 2022 and amended California Education Code §84757 by adding the following paragraph to subdivision (a): “(10) Supervised tutoring for foundational skills and for degree-applicable and transfer-level courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the board of governors on or before July 31, 2023. These regulations shall ensure that community colleges are compliant with Education Code section 78213 in the implementation of supervised tutoring pursuant to this paragraph”;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has supported AB 1187 and prior initiatives to provide academic support for all students through tutoring opportunities for all credit and noncredit courses, as stated in a June 2022 letter⁴⁶ to the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations supporting AB 1187; and

Whereas, The “proposed revisions to [t]itle 5 Regulations Related to Supervised Tutoring (First Reading)”⁴⁷ to California Code of Regulations, title 5, §58160 submitted by California Community College’s Chancellor’s Office to the California Community College Board of

⁴⁵ AB 1187 (Irwin, 2022): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1187.

⁴⁶ Letter to Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations: https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/position-letters/AB_1187_%28Irwin%29_Support_June_23_2022.pdf.

⁴⁷ Proposed Revisions to Title 5 Regulations Related to Supervised Tutoring (First Reading): <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/Office-of-General-Counsel/proposed-supervised-tutoring-regulatory-action-text-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=AA00375BE79FC1226F8981ADD4982640296FEF2>.

Governors to meet the requirements of California Education Code §84757(a)(10)⁴⁸ are under consideration;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support California Code of Regulations that ensure district resources for supervised tutoring, including allocations of state apportionment funding, shall be provided so that all students taking foundational skills, degree-applicable, and transfer-level courses who need or desire academic support have access to supervised tutoring.

Contact: Ginni May, Executive Committee

#6.07 S23 Support Revised Title 5 Associate Degree Requirements

Whereas, The Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates established a “singular lower division general education pathway that meets the academic requirements necessary for transfer admission to both the California State University and University of California” named California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)⁴⁹ as required by AB 928 (Berman, 2021)⁵⁰;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) worked with the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to propose amended language for the Associate Degree Requirements in California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55060-55064⁵¹ to align with Cal-GETC per ASCCC Resolution F22 07.01⁵²;

Whereas, The proposed requirement in §55062(a)(4)⁵³ may help students to earn an associate degree in cases where excess units factored into their grade point average would render them ineligible for the associate degree, yet transfer institutions may still require that all transferable courses are factored into the grade point average, creating confusion for students who earn an associate degree but are not eligible for transfer with that associate degree; and

⁴⁸ EDC §84757(a)(10):

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=7.&title=3.&part=50.&chapter=5&article=2.

⁴⁹ Cal-GETC: https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Cal-GETC_Framework_2-9-2023.pdf.

⁵⁰ AB 928 (Berman, 2021): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB928.

⁵¹ California Code of Regulations title 5, Division 6, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1, Article 6:

[https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I62AB8E104C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I62AB8E104C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)).

⁵² Resolution F22 07.01 Comprehensive Title 5 Revision to Align Associate Degree General Education with the AB 928-required General Education Pathway: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/comprehensive-title-5-revision-align-associate-degree-general-education-ab-928-required#ftn2>.

⁵³ Proposed §55062(a)(4): If units accumulated beyond those required for the degree lower a student’s cumulative grade point average below 2.0, colleges shall compute the grade point average based solely on those courses used to satisfy the degree requirements, provided that the coursework used to compute the grade point average fulfill all major/area of emphasis and general education requirements.

Whereas, The provisions of California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55064 Acceptance of Noncredit Courses was inadvertently left out of the proposed revised associate degree requirements;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to investigate any possible negative impacts to students for the proposed requirement in §55062(a)(4)⁵⁴; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support the proposed amended language for the Associate Degree Requirements in California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55060-55064⁵⁵ provided that provisions for the acceptance of noncredit courses are included.

Contact: Ginni May, Executive Committee

^6.07.01 S23 Amend 6.07 Support Revised Title 5 Associate Degree Requirements

Amend the First Resolved:

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to investigate any possible negative impacts to students for the proposed requirement in §55062(a)(4)⁵⁶, and identify possible means or alternatives for offsetting any negative impacts of those proposed requirements; and

Contact: John Freitas, Los Angeles City College

^6.08 S23 In Support of Completing Cycle Two of the Baccalaureate Program Approval Process

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has supported the creation of appropriate baccalaureate degrees at the community college level⁵⁷ after completion of a five-year pilot⁵⁸ period plus a first round of baccalaureate degree programs created under AB 927 (Medina, 2021);

Whereas, Many graduates of community college programs are either interested in attaining an applied baccalaureate degree or desire a baccalaureate degree but are unable to participate in

⁵⁴ Ibid.

⁵⁵ Proposed revisions to California Code of Regulations, title 5, §§55060–55064:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12tKAs2sCOXI5tZIXYZIdXfODdc000abu/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115492749693624265068&rtpof=true&sd=true>.

⁵⁶ Proposed §55062(a)(4): If units accumulated beyond those required for the degree lower a student's cumulative grade point average below 2.0, colleges shall compute the grade point average based solely on those courses used to satisfy the degree requirements, provided that the coursework used to compute the grade point average fulfill all major/area of emphasis and general education requirements.

⁵⁷ Resolution 6.06 S21 Support AB 927 (Medina, 2021) As of April 9, 2021:

<https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/support-ab-927-medina-2021-april-9-2021>.

⁵⁸ SB 850 (Block, 2014): http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/13-14/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_850_bill_20140109_introduced.html.

programs offered at California State University or University of California institutions due to constraints such as distance, cost, or other responsibilities that constrain the ability to physically attend a university;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges supports cooperation across the intersegmental groups, yet aside from the letter⁵⁹ to the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the California Community College Board of Governors from Senator Josh Newman, Chair of the Senate Education Committee and Assemblymember Mike Fong, Chair of Assembly Committee on Higher Education, no evidence has come to light indicating a critical or immediate need to refine the duplication consultation process, criteria, or the current resolution process for disputes that would justify delays in completing the cycle two application process; and

Whereas, The cycle one application process was paused to allow intersegmental collaboration and refinement of the approval process, including resolution process for disputes, resulting in the resubmission of program applications previously submitted but not completed in cycle one and creating a back-log within the system;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support the completion of cycle two baccalaureate degree applications.

Contact: Sharyn Eveland, Taft College

7.0 Consultation with the Chancellor's Office

7.01 S23 Destigmatize Academic Probation Language and Processes

Whereas, Current California Code of Regulations, title 5 §55031 Standards for Probation⁶⁰ requires colleges to place students on Academic or Progress Probation if they fall below Grade Point Average (GPA) or successful course completion standards;

Whereas, The term "probation" is a deficit-minded principle that is associated with criminal activity and this term and current practices are perpetuating trauma for students who identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) as well as justice-impacted students;⁶¹

Whereas, Studies such as the Research and Planning Group's *The African American Transfer*

⁵⁹ Joint Letter to CCC Leaders (April 18, 2023): <https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/Join%20Letter%20to%20CCC%20Leaders%20%281%29.pdf>.

⁶⁰ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §55031 Standards for Probation: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-6-california-community-colleges/chapter-6-curriculum-and-instruction/subchapter-1-programs-courses-and-classes/article-3-probation-and-dismissal/section-55031-standards-for-probation+~:text=A%20student%20who%20has%20attempted,system%20described%20in%20section%2055023.>

⁶¹ "The African American Tipping Point: Identifying the Factors that Impact Transfer Among African American/Black Community College Students." Brief 1 of 3. (October 2022). [https://rpgroup.org/Portals/0/Documents/Projects/African American Transfer Tipping Point-\(AATTP\)-Study/AATTP_Brief1_Fall2022.pdf](https://rpgroup.org/Portals/0/Documents/Projects/African American Transfer Tipping Point-(AATTP)-Study/AATTP_Brief1_Fall2022.pdf).

Tipping Point: Identifying the Factors that Impact Transfer Among African American/Black Community College Students (2022) show that being put on academic probation “presents a significant barrier to making it near the transfer gate for students of all races/ethnicities”⁶²; and

Whereas, The Research and Planning Group study also showed that practices like putting students on academic and/or progress probation disproportionately impacted Black students as they found that 41% of Black students were placed on probation versus 24% of white students in California Community Colleges from 2011 and 2016;⁶³

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to overhaul the title 5 language on probation including a name change and updating the language and processes to be asset-minded, not punitive; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support local academic senates with professional development and resources to encourage reviewing local policies and practices with an aim of mitigating local processes that may negatively impact students who are on academic and/or progress probation while title 5 changes are in progress.

Contact: Stephanie Curry, Executive Committee, Transfer, Articulation, and Student Services Committee

7.02 S23 Replace TOP Code with CIP Code

Whereas, The California Community Colleges system has made numerous unsuccessful efforts in the past decade to move the system of identifying programs/courses with the Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) codes to Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes⁶⁴;

Whereas, The 2004 Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) manual is outdated and not aligned with the *Program and Course Approval Handbook* (PCAH) and converting to the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes will align California Community Colleges with other educational partners and employment data outcomes, while eliminating the issues with the PCAH, such as Career Technical Education (CTE) limited TOP codes, incongruence with non-CTE degree or certificate outcomes, and mismatched terminology; and

Whereas, The California Community College Curriculum Committee in conjunction with West Ed and the Centers for Excellence and other system stakeholders have already been in discussions regarding the steps and factors that would be necessary to convert from the use of Taxonomy of Programs code to Classification of Instructional Programs code in the California community colleges and have made significant progress but not with all colleges/districts and programs;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California

⁶² Ibid.

⁶³ Ibid.

⁶⁴ Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes are used nationally by the US Department of Education and only required of California community colleges in contexts such as IPEDs and accreditation. Resolution F10 09.02 Examining Conversion from TOP to CIP asked for the work to begin and to “provide communication and implementation strategies if a greater conversion of TOP to CIP codes is inaugurated”:

<https://asccc.org/resolutions/examining-conversion-top-cip>.

Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop a strategy, work plan, and timeline for switching course and award codes from Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) code to Classification of Instructional Programs codes while considering how this change will affect Guided Pathways-related program mapping, Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory specifications, local and statewide Management Information System structures, technical assistance requirements, and implications of TOP code conversion for other use; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office create a taskforce to finalize the plan of action⁶⁵ by fall of 2024 and set a completion date for discontinuing Taxonomy of Programs codes and convert to Classification of Instructional Programs codes.

Contact: Carrie Roberson, Executive Committee, CTE Leadership Committee

^07.02.01 S23 Withdraw 07.02 Replace TOP Code with CIP Code

Motion To Withdraw Resolution 07.02

Contact: Carrie Roberson, Executive Committee

***+7.03 S23 Ensuring Anti-racist California Community College Online Faculty Training Materials**

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Call to Action states: "Campuses must audit classroom climate and create an action plan to create inclusive classrooms and anti-racism curriculum"⁶⁶ and current Student Equity and Achievement Plans are required to include action plans around Race Consciousness in their development and implementations;

Whereas, The Center for Urban Education report "California Community College Student Equity Plan Review: A Focus on Racial Equity" states, "The process of achieving racial equity relies on the power of practitioner inquiry, reflective practice, as well as institutional responsibility as drivers of change," and "practitioners should view racial inequity as a problem of practice, placing the onus of responsibility for student success with the institution, not the student" and that "race consciousness is critical and essential to this work";⁶⁷

Whereas, In addition to inequities embedded in and operational limitations of some aspects of

⁶⁵ The TOP to CIP Plan of Action created by the initial California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee workgroup that began meeting in 2018: https://docs.google.com/document/d/15mjk89tej0tnz-bmr6dhaBgK8pF02uFqNcT_sYWrGVw/edit?usp=sharing.

⁶⁶ California Community Colleges June 2020 Call to Action letter: <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCO-Website/Files/Communications/dear-california-community-colleges-family>.

⁶⁷ Chase, M., Felix, E., and Bensimon, E. (September 2020). "California Community College Student Equity Plan Review: A Focus on Racial Equity." Center for Urban Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California. https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5eb5c03682a92c5f96da4fc8/t/600f48b93e23721b6ca72efa/1611614397014/CCC+Equity+Plan+Review_A+Focus+on+Racial+Equity.pdf%5B47%5D.pdf.

Canvas, current faculty online teaching training materials adopted by many California Community Colleges contain outdated texts and deficit language regarding students and their success that do not align with anti-racist practices⁶⁸; and

Whereas, rubrics and tools have been created to scrutinize teaching materials faculty produce, such as the Peralta Online Equity Rubric⁶⁹—“a research-based course (re)design evaluation instrument to help teachers make online course experiences more equitable for all students”—the California Community Colleges DEI In Curriculum: Model Principles and Practices tool⁷⁰ and the Academic Senate For California Community Colleges OERI Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism (IDEA) Audit Framework⁷¹ for faculty to review their own curriculum;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) collaborate with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to conduct and publish a review of all state contracted and required faculty training materials, in order to meet the urgency of promoting anti-racism through institutional inquiry as outlined in the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office Call to Action,⁷² the Center for Urban Education report *California Community College Student Equity Plan Review: A Focus on Racial Equity*⁷³ and the ASCCC adopted paper “Equity Driven Systems: Student Equity and Achievement in the California Community Colleges”;⁷⁴

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to provide recommendations that model the use, impact, and improvements in faculty training materials as a result of a review of the state contracted online faculty training materials; and

⁶⁸ Examples in the online training materials include phrases that assume and problematize students as unprepared for online coursework and center on instructors’ comfort over student-centered practices, promoting the instructor as the “one solution” who gives *kindness* in a transactional mindset rather than as a co-learning and facilitator with an equity-mindset who acknowledges the inequities and systemic barriers students face.

⁶⁹ Peralta Community College District Online Rubric: <https://www.peralta.edu/distance-education/online-equity-rubric>.

⁷⁰ DEI in Curriculum Principles and Practices: https://www.AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/sites/default/files/CCC_DEI-in-Curriculum_Model_Principles_and_Practices_June_2022.pdf.

⁷¹ OERI IDEA Audit framework: <https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges-oeri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Inclusion-Diversity-Equity-and-Anti-Racism-IDEA-3-7-22-V1A-PDF-for-E.pdf>.

⁷² California Community Colleges June 2020 Call to Action letter: <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/Files/Communications/dear-california-community-colleges-family>.

⁷³ Chase, M., Felix, E., and Bensimon, E. (September 2020). “California Community College Student Equity Plan Review: A Focus on Racial Equity.” Center for Urban Education, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California.

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5eb5c03682a92c5f96da4fc8/t/600f48b93e23721b6ca72efa/1611614397014/CCC+Equity+Plan+Review_A+Focus+on+Racial+Equity.pdf%5B47%5D.pdf.

⁷⁴ “Equity-Driven Systems: Student Equity and Achievement in the California Community Colleges.” (2019). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. <https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/sites/default/files/Equity%20Driven%20Systems%20Paper%20-%20for%20Area%20Meetings%20Oct%202019.pdf>.

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) work together to facilitate anti-racist, inclusive, and transparent methods for Black, Indigenous, people of color constituents to lead and be included in the review of online faculty training contracted by the CCCCCO.

Contact: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco, Area B

***+7.04 S23 Defining Success for Part-Time Students**

Whereas, Despite over a decade of policies by the state of California that have implemented strategies and employed metrics applicable to encouraging the success of full-time students, most students continue to attend part-time (over 65% of California community college students in fall 2022 were part-time students, i.e., students who attempted less than 12 units)⁷⁵ and, undoubtedly, many do so for a diversity of life choices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- To be able to spend more time with family
- To continue a successful career trajectory
- To earn household income beyond what a normal student budget provides
- To take the one class, or few classes, needed for career development/promotion
- To only seek remediation for skill development for academic or career goals
- To minimize the stress from the student workload while managing stresses from their own health or learning diversity;

Whereas, In light of the diversity of reasons why students attend part-time, part-time students deserve pathways that incorporate a comprehensive set of strategies to support their success as well as new metrics that are not time-bound and not limited simply to the standard completion metrics;

Whereas, The California Community Colleges does not currently have pathways for part-time students that define success based on the ability of students to meet both their academic goals and the diversity of life choices that explain their part-time status; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has historically recognized a diversity of student needs, whether full-time or part-time students;⁷⁶

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges works with the

⁷⁵ California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. *Management Information Systems Datamart*. "Full-time/Part-time (Unit Load) Status Summary Report." Retrieved March 27, 2023, from https://datamart.cccco.edu/Students/Unit_Load_Status.aspx.

⁷⁶ Resolution F1107.02 Community Access and Student Achievement in California Community Colleges: <https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/resolutions/community-access-and-student-achievement-california-community-colleges>; Resolution F9213.01 Student Services: <https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/resolutions/student-services>; and Resolution F9213.02 Financial Aid: <https://AcademicSenateforCaliforniaCommunityColleges.org/resolutions/financial-aid>.

California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to develop a policy of defining success for part-time students that (1) consists of comprehensive strategies to support their success, (2) includes new metrics for assessing the system support for part-time students, and (3) is based on a holistic definition of student success that incorporates progress towards academic goals and toward life choices that explain their part-time status; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, working with system partners, urges the state legislature to adopt measures to support a policy of defining success for part-time students that (1) consists of comprehensive strategies to support their success, (2) includes new metrics for assessing the system support for part-time students, and (3) is based on a holistic definition of student success that incorporates progress towards academic goals and toward life choices that explain their part-time status.

Contact: Jeffrey Hernandez, East Los Angeles College, Area C

^7.04.01 S23 Amend 7.04 Defining Success for Part-Time Students

Amend Third Whereas

Whereas, The California Community Colleges does not currently have pathways for part-time students that define success based on the ability of students to meet both their academic goals and the diversity of situations of life ~~choices~~ situations that ~~explain~~ require their part-time status; and

Amend First Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges works with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to develop a policy of defining success for part-time students that (1) consists of comprehensive strategies to support their success, (2) includes new metrics for assessing the system support for part-time students, and (3) is based on a holistic definition of student success that incorporates progress towards academic goals ~~and toward life choices that explain their part-time status~~ of a dynamic student body needing part-time educational opportunities; and

Amend Second Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, working with system partners, urges the state legislature to adopt measures to support a policy of defining success for part-time students that (1) consists of comprehensive strategies to support their success, (2) includes new metrics for assessing the system support for part-time students, and (3) is a based on a holistic definition of student success that incorporates progress towards academic goals ~~and toward life choices that explain their part-time status~~ of a dynamic student body needing part-time educational opportunities; and

Contact: Mitra Sapienza, City College of San Francisco

***#7.05 S23 Review of Credit for Prior Learning Regulations**

Whereas, The most recent amendment to California Code of Regulations (CRC), title 5, §55050⁷⁷ Credit for Prior Learning became effective March 21, 2020, and includes allowances for multiple methods of awarding credit for prior learning, including “credit by examination, evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts, evaluation of student-created portfolios, evaluation of industry-recognized credential documentation, and standardized exams,” and further required that each district certify to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office by December 31, 2020 that the policies required pursuant to CRC, title 5, §55050 were adopted and implemented;

Whereas, Subsequent to the amendment to California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55050 taking effect on March 21, 2020, the California State University Chancellor's Office has twice revised its Executive Order 1036 Credit for Prior Learning Policy (October 7, 2021 and March 4, 2023)⁷⁸;

Whereas, While there is considerable overlap between the requirements for granting college credit using credit for prior learning (CPL) between what the California State University allows in Executive Order 1036 and what the California Community Colleges allow in California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55050, any differences between the two segments on how college credit is granted for CPL could cause unintended consequences for students; and

Whereas, Consistency of credit for prior learning (CPL) requirements between the California State University and California Community Colleges will be of benefit to students who seek to both earn community college credit through CPL and transfer to the California State University, and discerning the differences between the CPL requirements of the two segments requires careful review;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community College Chancellor's Office and appropriate system partners to review California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55050 Credit for Prior Learning, in comparison with California State University Chancellor's Office Executive Order 1036 Credit for Prior Learning Policies, to identify any differences between the credit for prior learning requirements of the two segments and, if necessary, propose amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 5, §55050, and present its findings by the 2024 Spring Plenary Session.

Contact: John Freitas, Los Angeles City College

⁷⁷ Title 5 section §55050 is found at [https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I629435824C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I629435824C6911EC93A8000D3A7C4BC3?viewType=FullText&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default)).

⁷⁸ CSUCO EO 1036 is found at <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/13085511/latest/>

#7.06 S23 Promoting the Mission and Vision of the California Community Colleges Amidst Changes to California Education Code

Whereas, California Education Code §66010.4⁷⁹ notes that “The California Community Colleges shall, as a primary mission, offer academic and vocational instruction at the lower division level for both younger and older students,” and “A primary mission of the California Community Colleges is to advance California’s economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous workforce improvement;”

Whereas, AB 2973 (Committee on Higher Education, 2022),⁸⁰ an omnibus bill, revised California Education Code (EDC) §66010.4, eliminating the provision of “remedial instruction for those in need of it” and replacing it with “instruction and additional learning supports to close learning gaps for those in need of it” and changed the terms “remedial” to “pretransfer” and “basic skills” to “foundational skills,” throughout other sections of EDC, fundamentally revising the mission of the California Community Colleges, reducing access to college preparatory coursework;

Whereas, The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges passed “Reaffirming the Mission and Vision of the California Community Colleges”⁸¹ in the 2022 Fall Plenary Session with the intent of expanding access to all students, including those most vulnerable in our society and those that may benefit from remedial (or pretransfer) college preparatory education in order to support their academic trajectory, under the auspices of a previously unrevised California Education Code §66010.4; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges appreciates reform that attempts to meet the needs of students by increasing access to all coursework, while cognizant that the unintended consequences of enacting changes to California Education Code can adversely affect the robust student population of the system;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and system partners to reembrace the consultative process, particularly as it relates to consideration of proposed legislation that amends the mission and vision of the California Community Colleges; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges reaffirm a commitment to and work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and system partners to commit to placing students’ goals first, including those that directly benefit from remedial (or pretransfer) college preparatory instruction.

Contact: Raul Madrid Jr., Mt. San Antonio College

⁷⁹ California Education Code §66010.4:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=66010.4.&lawCode=EDC.

⁸⁰ AB 2973 (Committee on Higher Education, 2022):

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2973.

⁸¹ Resolution 07.14 F22 Reaffirming the Mission and Vision of the California Community Colleges:

<https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/reaffirming-mission-and-vision-california-community-colleges>.

***#7.07 S23 Revisit Baccalaureate Degree Upper Division General Education and Minimum Qualifications Requirements**

Whereas, SB 850 (Block, 2014) initiated the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program, and AB 927 (Medina, 2021) made pilot programs permanent and expanded opportunities for colleges to implement baccalaureate degree programs;

Whereas, Initial upper division faculty minimum qualifications and baccalaureate degree general education requirements, developed through stakeholder collaboration based on University of California and California State University philosophies for upper division education and adopted by the Board of Governors in the 2016 *Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Handbook* upon the recommendation of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, were revised to comply with requirements of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges; and

Whereas, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges has vetted and will soon adopt new standards which shift from prescription of requirements to encouraging and supporting innovation in all aspects of community college operations;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and system practitioners to develop a philosophy statement for upper division general education specific to the California Community Colleges;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and system practitioners to revisit current baccalaureate degree upper division general education requirements; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend implementation of the faculty minimum qualifications for baccalaureate degree upper division instruction first adopted with Resolution F15 10.01 Minimum Qualifications for Instruction of Upper Division Courses at the California Community Colleges and included in the 2016 *Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program Handbook*.

Contact: Cheryl Aschenbach, Executive Committee

#7.08 S23 Proposed Revision to Title 5, Section 55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree Ethnic Studies Requirement

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Ethnic Studies graduation requirement, codified in California Code of Regulations, title 5, section §55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree⁸² upon action of the Board of Governors (BOG) in 2021, and per BOG President Pamela Hayes' comments that ethnic studies serves as a means to help "break down barriers to equity" by placing "diversity, equity, and inclusion...and anti-racism at the heart of our work"⁸³; this requires experts within the four autonomous disciplines of ethnic studies: African American Studies, Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x Studies, Asian American Studies, or Native American Studies to teach ethnic studies courses;

Whereas, Courses offered from the four autonomous ethnic studies disciplines engage students in dynamic and rigorous instruction through discipline-specific theoretical lenses and frameworks that teach all students about these histories, expressions, and their contributions to the diverse cultures that make up California and the U.S.; ethnic studies disciplines engage students in a critical analysis of these cultures and their relationship to the society at large in order to understand and address how systems and structures of racism, classism, etc. impact all populations within the U.S.; and

Whereas, Section e, (3) of §55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree states: "Satisfactory completion of a transfer-level course (minimum of three semester units or four quarter units) in ethnic studies. This requirement may be satisfied by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a course in ethnic studies taught in or on behalf of other departments and disciplines," which has been misinterpreted to allow for ethnic studies courses to be taught by non-ethnic studies scholars and for non-ethnic studies disciplines to misrepresent courses as authentic ethnic studies course; if unchanged, students may wind up getting credit for the ethnic studies requirement without ever completing an authentic ethnic studies course;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, through existing processes, to recommend that the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement for California Community College associate degrees established in California Code of Regulations, title 5 §55063 be amended as follows:

"(3) Satisfactory completion of a transfer-level course (minimum of three semester units or four quarter units) in ethnic studies. This requirement may be satisfied by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a course from one of the four autonomous ethnic studies disciplines: Asian American Studies, American Indian/Native American Studies, Black Studies/African American or Africana Studies, and/or Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x Studies."⁸⁴

⁸² California Education Code, title 5, section 55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree: [https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I43B642004E0E11EDA19AD993669B28BD?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=\(sc.Default](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Document/I43B642004E0E11EDA19AD993669B28BD?viewType=FullText&originContext=documenttoc&transitionType=CategoryPageItem&contextData=(sc.Default)

⁸³ California Community College Ethnic Studies Requirement Frequently Asked Questions 2 September 2022 available through the Vision Resource Center.

⁸⁴ Replacement of the following paragraph number (3) of title 5 §55063, under the header (e) Additional

Contact: Thekima Mayasa, San Diego Mesa College

#7.09 S23 AB 1705 Data Validation and Transfer-Level Prerequisites

Whereas, AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022)⁸⁵ goes beyond ensuring that students who have successfully completed pre-requisite coursework not be required to repeat that work and requires that all students be allowed to bypass transfer-level pre-requisite courses for calculus beginning July 1, 2024 (for business calculus) and July 1, 2025 (for STEM calculus) unless the colleges are able to validate these pre-requisites using a metric that has not yet been determined as of April, 2023;

Whereas, Any new guidelines for prerequisite validation should be thoroughly vetted by discipline faculty and viewed not only through the lens of throughput and course success but also course and program attrition, mastery and retention of student learning outcomes, long-term career and transfer outcomes, and the equity impact of all the above;

Whereas, Inherent difficulties are involved in creating a study to determine the effectiveness of transfer-level pre-requisite coursework that is both statistically sound and fair to students, and thus expecting each college district to complete such a study in a short timeframe is unlikely to lead to reliable data and using this data could have lasting negative impact on the academic success, retention, and mental health of the students involved, especially since failing to prove the benefit of a prerequisite using narrowly defined metrics is not equivalent to proving the prerequisite does not improve success in subsequent courses; and

Whereas, Students, faculty, and colleges are still grappling with the academic, social, mental health, and personal struggles caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and would benefit from additional time to gather data and flexibility to address changes to educational policies and practices;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges seek an amendment to California Education Code that would extend the timeline for the AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022) data validation by at least two years;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges seek an amendment to California Education Code that would remove the language that says that colleges that fail to justify their transfer-level prerequisite courses may not recommend those courses to students and shall notify students that the prerequisite, “does not improve their chances of completing calculus for their STEM program”;

Requirements: Satisfactory completion of a transfer-level course (minimum of three semester units or four quarter units) in ethnic studies. This requirement may be satisfied by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a course in ethnic studies taught in or on behalf of other departments and disciplines.

⁸⁵ AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1705

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to ensure that discipline faculty are involved in the process of identifying sensible data and metrics for pre-requisite validation and to encourage that any data validation include a review of the current placement standards employed by the California State University and University of California system so that, should the data show that modifications are needed in the current placement system, these modifications not be so sweeping as to put the community colleges out of alignment with these transfer institutions; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to develop examples, models, and professional development of counseling practices that would, while working within the mandates of AB 1705 (Irwin, 2022), allow colleges to empower all students to self-advocate in making decisions regarding course selection and enrollment that are best for their educational goals.

Contact: Heidi Ochoa, Saddleback College

9.0 Curriculum

#9.01 S23 Assigning Ethnic Studies Courses only to Ethnic Studies Disciplines

Whereas, At the Academic Senate for California Colleges in Fall 2020 approved Resolution F20 9.03 Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement⁸⁶ and Resolution F20 9.04 Clarify and Strengthen the Ethnic Studies General Education Requirement and in July 2021 the Board of Governors Approved the ethnic studies requirement in that "Courses offered from ethnic studies disciplines engage students in dynamic and rigorous instruction through discipline-specific theoretical lenses that teach them about the history, expressions, and contributions of the diverse cultures that make up California and the U.S. and also how to engage in a critical analysis of these cultures in relation to each other and to society overall in order to understand and address how they are impacted by such things as systemic racism and classism";

Whereas, The California Community College Chancellor Office's June 9, 2022 FAQs on Ethnic Studies provide guidance and clarification in the Ethnic Studies Requirement that was supported by the Board of Governors, "Per Board of Governors (BOG) President Pamela Haynes, the BOG voted on the ethnic studies requirement as a means to help 'break down barriers to equity' by placing "diversity, equity, and inclusion...and anti-racism at the heart of our work." This requires true experts in African American studies, Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x Studies, Asian American studies, or Native American studies to teach ethnic studies course core competencies"; and

⁸⁶ Resolution F2009.03 Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/ethnic-studies-graduation-requirement>.

Whereas, Section e, (3) of § 55063 Minimum Requirements for the Associate Degree states “Satisfactory completion of a transfer-level course (minimum of three semester units or four quarter units) in ethnic studies. This requirement may be satisfied by obtaining a satisfactory grade in a course in ethnic studies taught in or on behalf of other departments and disciplines”; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges’ February 2022 Rostrum article spells out the importance of hiring faculty as prescribed in the 2022 Minimum Qualifications Handbook⁸⁷ and clearly states “Some disciplines at colleges faced with a scarcity of faculty have attempted the single course equivalency solution. Although reasons for desiring to circumvent the regulations may stem from understandable difficulties, such problems are no excuse for hiring someone who is not qualified to teach in the discipline. Individuals hired as faculty members, both full-time and part-time, are expected to have the expertise to teach the range of courses in the disciplines for which they were hired;”

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local academic senates and curriculum committees to appropriately assign ethnic studies courses offered "in or on behalf of other disciplines" only to the ethnic studies discipline and/or the appropriate autonomous core discipline of ethnic studies and consistent with the 2022 Minimum Qualifications Handbook⁸⁸ which states that courses should be taught by discipline faculty, and in the case of ethnic studies, faculty from the four core disciplines of Ethnic Studies; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local academic senate equivalency committees to review equivalency applications with an eye towards ensuring an applicant's academic training is equivalent to at least a Master's degree in the discipline to which a course is assigned.

Contact: Tamara Cheshire, Folsom Lake College, Area A

^9.01.01 Amend 9.01 Assigning Ethnic Studies Courses to Faculty Meeting Ethnic Studies Minimum Qualifications

Amend First Resolved

Resolved that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local Senates and Curriculum Committees to appropriately assign Ethnic Studies courses offered “in or on behalf of other disciplines” ~~only to the ethnic studies discipline and/or the appropriate autonomous core discipline of ethnic studies and consistent with the 2022 Minimum Qualifications Handbook 4 which states that courses should be taught by discipline faculty, and in the case of ethnic studies, faculty from the four core disciplines of Ethnic Studies; and~~ to Ethnic Studies,

⁸⁷ *Minimum Qualifications Handbook* (2022). <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/About-Us/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Academic-Affairs/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Minimum-Qualifications/cccco-2022-report-min-qualifications-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=C250C473024B24162799C9E64C787EF7E50DC5C6>. pp. 7, 27, 30, 38, 45 & 2 p. 26

⁸⁸ *Ibid.*

specifically the appropriate autonomous core disciplines of Ethnic Studies to remain consistent with the Minimum Qualifications Handbook which states that courses should be taught by discipline faculty; and

Contact: Tamara Cheshire, Folsom Lake College

10.0 Disciplines List

***10.01 S23 Disciplines List–Ethnic Studies**

Whereas, Oral and written testimony given through the consultation process used for the review of *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*, also known as the Disciplines List, supported the following revision of the Ethnic Studies discipline:

Master’s in African American Studies, Black Studies, Africana Studies, Latino Studies, La Raza Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Asian American Studies, Native American Studies, or American Indian Studies

OR

Master’s in Ethnic Studies

OR the equivalent;

and

Whereas, The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has reviewed the proposal and deemed that the process outlined in the *Disciplines List Revision Handbook* was followed;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges recommend that the California Community Colleges Board of Governors adopt the proposed addition to the Disciplines List for Ethnic Studies.

Contact: Tamara Cheshire, Folsom Lake College, Standards and Practices Committee

+10.02 S23 Clarify Local Control Regarding the Application of the Disciplines List

Whereas, The document *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*⁸⁹, commonly referred to as the Disciplines List, establishes the specific degrees that qualify faculty to teach in the California Community Colleges system;

Whereas, At many California community colleges, degree titles that contain minor variations in wording from those included in the Disciplines List—such as “theater” rather than “theater arts,” “counseling and guidance” rather than “guidance counseling,” and “accounting” rather

⁸⁹ *Minimum Qualifications for Faculty and Administrators in California Community Colleges*, 16th ed.: <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/About-Us/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/Academic-Affairs/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Minimum-Qualifications/cccco-2021-report-min-qualifications-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=AB424D9D2AEDEEBE2A54757BF58ABFC2B852A2F9>.

than “accountancy”—are rejected in terms of meeting minimum qualifications even though the degrees are in fact of the same educational content and within the same discipline as those indicated in the Disciplines List;

Whereas, While California community colleges may declare the holders of these degrees with minor title variations to be eligible to teach through equivalency processes, such processes take time and should not be necessarily based on minor technicalities rather than educational content; and

Whereas, Although colleges have the right to determine that degrees with minor language variations from those listed in the Disciplines List do indeed indicate the degrees listed in the Disciplines List and thus do not require the applicants to go through equivalency, some local human resources offices are very conservative regarding such decisions and refuse to allow any variation from the exact wording included in the Disciplines List;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges encourage local academic senates to work with discipline faculty and their colleges to create their own expanded degree title lists to pre-approve degrees with minor language variations in their titles from those in the Disciplines List but that are in fact indicating the same degree with the same educational content from within the same discipline; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office and the Association of Chief Human Resources Officers to advise local human resources offices that colleges have the flexibility to determine that minor differences in wording within a discipline may represent the same degree and thus the degree holder may meet the minimum qualifications even when the precise language of the degree title does not exactly match listed degrees.

Contact: Gabriela Segade, Contra Costa College, Area B

12.0 Faculty Development

12.01 S23 Assert the Value of the Work Done by the Online Network of Educators (@ONE)

Whereas, The Online Network of Educators was established in conjunction with the California Virtual Campus-Online Education Initiative to provide free or low-cost robust and comprehensive innovative professional learning and development opportunities for California community college faculty, staff, and administrators to increase student engagement and success through the effective use of digital tools and platforms;

Whereas, the Online Network of Educators (@ONE) team of educators provides such innovative pedagogical and technical training that they are routinely called upon as experts in distance education pedagogy, setting the highest standard for the systematic delivery of professional development for online teaching, their catalog of courses and their delivery are instrumental in the delivery of distance education that many colleges have built their entire professional development plans around @ONE’s continued offerings, and that @ONE’s focus on equitable

and culturally responsive distance education practices have supported individual faculty members and colleges to supplement local efforts, especially for smaller colleges that may not have the resources for full-time instructional designers;

Whereas, The Online Network of Educators' training and support to faculty have been pivotal in the development of Canvas trainings for faculty and colleges that aim to design and implement a local Peer Online Course Review (POCR) process and these trainings were, and continue to be, pivotal to helping faculty across the system pivot quickly to online teaching during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to increase online learning accessibility and equity-minded online teaching practices, especially since many colleges do not have adequate distance education coordinators, specialists, or instructional designer support for faculty; and

Whereas, Funding for the Online Network of Educators has been provided through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and managed by the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District but, as of March 14, 2023, has not been renewed by the California Community College Chancellor's Office for the 2023—2024 academic year, and there is no current plan to address the loss of these resources that are needed to support the increased online instruction that continues after the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges assert the value of the work done by the Online Network of Educators around their student-centered and equity-driven approach to supporting the faculty of the California Community Colleges in creating, innovating, and enhancing online education as important foundational work for online accessibility and equity.

Contact: Amber Gillis, Executive Committee, Online Education Committee

+12.01.01 S23 Amend 12.01 S23 Assert the Value of the Work Done by the Online Network of Educators (@ONE)

Amend the Title:

Assert the Value of the Work Done by the Online Network of Educators (@ONE) and Support Local Senate Reliance on Training Resources

Add a Second Resolved:

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urges the California Community College Chancellor's Office to include consideration of the need for and local reliance on pedagogical and technical training, including on equity and culturally responsive distance education practices, when evaluating service providers associated with faculty professional development, including for distance education.

Contact: Sharyn Eveland, Taft College, Area A

13.0 General Concerns

13.01 S23 Low Textbook Cost Designation and Search in CVC Online Course Finder

Whereas, Resolution F22 17.05, “Adopt Student Senate for California Community Colleges Low-Cost Recommendation”⁹⁰ encourages local academic senates to adopt \$30 or less as their locally established cost threshold that must not be exceeded for a course to be considered low-cost for reporting purposes and designation in the class schedule;

Whereas, Establishing a low-cost definition is a local determination yet a single meaning of low-cost is necessary when students are provided the opportunity to select courses from different colleges since various definitions of low-cost at different institutions may be confusing and even misleading for students;

Whereas, The California Virtual Campus Exchange’s online Course Finder enables students to access online courses across the state and both designates when a section is Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) with a symbol and enables students to limit their search to only those sections that are ZTC; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has encouraged colleges to implement a mechanism for identifying course sections that employ low-cost course materials and recognizes that although reducing costs to zero may not be immediately possible, efforts to substantially decrease the costs of course materials should be recognized⁹¹;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges request that the California Virtual Campus (CVC) add a Low Textbook Cost (LTC) symbol to recognize those sections that have a cost of textbooks and supplemental resources that do not exceed \$30 and include the LTC symbol in the search feature in the CVC’s online Course Finder.

Contact: Michelle Pilati, Open Educational Resources Initiative

*13.02 S23 Adopt “Enrollment Management Revisited Again: Post Pandemic” Paper

Whereas, In fall 2018, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopted Resolution 17.01 Guided Pathways, Strategic Enrollment Management, and Program Planning,⁹² which recognized the significant environmental changes that California community colleges find themselves operating in; and

⁹⁰ Resolution F22 17.05 Adopt Student Senate for California Community Colleges Low-Cost Recommendations: <https://asccc.org/resolutions/adopt-student-senate-california-community-colleges-low-cost-recommendation>.

⁹¹ Resolution F20 09.01 Recommendations for the Implementation of Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Designation in Course Schedules: <https://asccc.org/resolutions/recommendations-implementation-zero-textbook-cost-ztc-designation-course-schedules>.

⁹² Resolution F18 17.01 Guided Pathways, Strategic Enrollment Management, and Program Planning: <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/guided-pathways-strategic-enrollment-management-and-program-planning>.

Whereas, Faculty leaders, in 1999 and 2009, contributed their expertise on 10 + 1 academic and professional matters as they relate to enrollment management that subsequently resulted in the crafting of a paper titled the “Role of Academic Senates in Enrollment Management”⁹³ and a paper titled “Enrollment Management Revisited”⁹⁴

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt the paper titled “Enrollment Management Revisited Again: Post Pandemic”⁹⁵ and disseminate the paper to local academic senates upon its adoption.

Contact: Carlos R. Guerrero, Los Angeles City College, Educational Policies Committee

***13.03 S23 Adopt “Effective and Equitable Online Education: A Faculty Perspective” Paper**

Whereas, In spring 2022, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) adopted Resolution S22 13.02 Faculty Responsibility for Equitable, Accessible Learning Environments,⁹⁶ which recognized the need to update the existing ASCCC position paper entitled, “Ensuring Effective Online Programs: A Faculty Perspective” to include current and clarifying information regarding accessibility in online learning environments related to sections 504⁹⁷ and 508⁹⁸ of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as faculty responsibility in providing these accessible learning environments for students;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopt the paper titled “Effective and Equitable Online Education: A Faculty Perspective”⁹⁹ and disseminate the paper to local academic senates upon its adoption.

Contact: Amber Gillis, Executive Committee, Online Education Committee

⁹³ “Role of Academic Senates in Enrollment Management.” (1999). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. <https://www.asccc.org/papers/role-academic-senates-enrollment-management>.

⁹⁴ “Enrollment Management Revisited.” (2009). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. <https://www.asccc.org/papers/enrollment-management-revisited>.

⁹⁵ “Enrollment Management Revisited Again: Post Pandemic.” (2023). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. <https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/Enrollment%20Management%20Revisited%20Again%20-%203.17.23.pdf>.

⁹⁶ Resolution S22 13.02 Faculty Responsibility for Equitable, Accessible Learning Environments: <https://asccc.org/resolutions/faculty-responsibility-equitable-accessible-learning-environments>.

⁹⁷ “Protecting Students With Disabilities.” (10 January 2020). US Department of Education. <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html>.

⁹⁸ “Section 508 Compliance” (2023). Level Access. <https://www.levelaccess.com/accessibility-regulations/section-508-rehabilitation-act/>.

⁹⁹ “Effective and Equitable Online Education: A Faculty Perspective.” (2023). Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. https://asccc.org/sites/default/files/2023-03/Effective%20and%20Equitable%20Online%20Education_Final_03_16_2023.pdf.

13.04 S23 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Whereas, In July 2021, the California State Senate passed Senate Resolution 45 (Min, 2021)¹⁰⁰ “recogniz[ing] the lack of consistent academic freedom policies across the state, [and] declar[ing] that academic freedom is essential for teaching and learning in California’s community colleges”¹⁰¹; and

Whereas, California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023 mandates “the governing board of a community college district to adopt a policy statement on academic freedom and make the policy statement available to the faculty,”¹⁰² yet there remains no statutory or regulatory language that defines academic freedom, which has left California community colleges operating with “inconsistent” and “insufficient” policies related to academic freedom¹⁰³;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to revise California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023 to include a definition for academic freedom needed by California community colleges to establish a standard for their curriculum and classrooms.¹⁰⁴

Contact: Juan Arzola, Executive Committee, Educational Policies Committee

^+13.04.01 S23 Amend 13.04 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Add a Third Whereas:

Whereas, Since 1940, the American Association of University Professors, (AAUP) in their Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure¹⁰⁵ defined academic freedom, which continues to serve as the current standard definition that most educators refer to for guidance and direction, yet, the context and demographics of higher education has changed significantly over the last 80 years since the AAUP definition was crafted, showing a need for an updated definition of academic freedom;

¹⁰⁰ SR 45 (Min, 2021): https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SR45

¹⁰¹ “Executive Summary.” SR 45 (Min). March 16, 2022:

https://sjud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sjud.senate.ca.gov/files/sr_45_min_sjud_analysis.pdf.

¹⁰² California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-6-california-community-colleges/chapter-2-community-college-standards/subchapter-1-minimum-conditions/section-51023-faculty>.

¹⁰³ Senate Resolution 45 (Min). March 16, 2022:

https://sjud.senate.ca.gov/sites/sjud.senate.ca.gov/files/sr_45_min_sjud_analysis.pdf.

¹⁰⁴ Ibid.

¹⁰⁵ “1940 Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure.” American Association of University Professors. <https://www.aaup.org/report/1940-statement-principles-academic-freedom-and-tenure>.

Add a Second Resolved:

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office consider the AAUP's definition¹⁰⁶ as a starting point for an updated definition for academic freedom that takes into consideration the current context of higher education and in support of the equity driven mission of the California Community Colleges.

Contact: Sharyn Eveland, Taft College, Area A

^13.04.02 S23 Withdraw 13.04.01 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Motion To Withdraw Resolution 13.04.01

Contact: Sharyn Eveland, Taft College

^13.04.03 S23 Withdraw 13.04.02 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Motion To Withdraw Resolution 13.04.02

Contact: Chris Cruz-Boone, Bakersfield College

^13.04.04 S23 Amend 13.04 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Add a Third Whereas

Whereas, Finkin and Post (2009) remind us educators that "academic freedom consists of the freedom to pursue the scholarly profession according to the standards of that profession"¹⁰⁷ and our professional ethics and responsibilities prohibit educators from weaponizing our right to academic freedom to create educational and/or work environments hostile to protected classes and/or diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and anti-racism work (DEIAA).

Add a Fourth Whereas

Whereas, Joan W. Scott defines expertise as "the production of knowledge informed by disciplined research, [and] science in the public interest" and "the century-old notion of academic freedom insists on the expertise of scholars and the importance of expertise for advancing 'the common good'"¹⁰⁸ academic freedom is necessary for public educators to successfully guide students to become publicly engaged citizens, critical thinkers, and future employees.

Amend First Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to revise California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023 to include a definition for academic freedom and an explanation of the associated

¹⁰⁶ Ibid.

¹⁰⁷ Post, R. C., Finkin, M. W. (2009). *For the Common Good: Principles of American Academic Freedom*. Ukraine: Yale University Press.

¹⁰⁸ Scott, J. W. (2019). *Knowledge, Power, and Academic Freedom*. Columbia University Press. <https://doi.org/10.7312/scot19046>

responsibilities and professional ethics needed by California community colleges to establish a standard for their curriculum and classrooms.

Contact: Chris Cruz-Boone, Bakersfield College

^13.04.05 S23 Amend 13.04 Define Academic Freedom in Title 5

Add a Third Whereas

Whereas, Since 1940, the American Association of University Professors, (AAUP) in their Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure defined academic freedom, which continues to serve as the standard definition that most educators refer to for guidance and direction, yet, the context and demographics of higher education has changed significantly as Finkin and Post (2009) remind us that, “academic freedom consists of the freedom to pursue the scholarly profession according to the standards of that profession”[5]. Our professional ethics and responsibilities prohibit educators from weaponizing our right to academic freedom to create educational and/or work environments hostile to protected classes and/or diversity, equity, inclusion, accessibility and anti-racism work (DEIAA), and the need for a shared definition is evident.

Add a Fourth Whereas

Whereas, Joan W. Scott defines expertise as “the production of knowledge informed by disciplined research, [and] science in the public interest” and “the century-old notion of academic freedom insists on the expertise of scholars and the importance of expertise for advancing ‘the common good’”[6] academic freedom is necessary for public educators to successfully guide students to become publicly engaged citizens, critical thinkers, and future employees.

Amend First Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to revise California Code of Regulations, title 5 §51023 to include a definition for academic freedom and an explanation of the associated responsibilities and professional ethics needed by California community colleges to establish a standard for their curriculum and classrooms.[7]

Add Second Resolved

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office consider AAUP’s definition as a starting point for an updated definition for academic freedom that takes into consideration the current context of higher education and support of equity driven mission of the California Community Colleges.

Contact: Chris Cruz-Boone, Bakersfield College

***+13.05 S23 Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom/Solidarity with Faculty Across the Nation**

Whereas, The Academic Senate California Community Colleges recognizes the struggles of all higher education faculty across the country are the struggles of those in California and recognizes the immense value of general education, majors, and minors in and related to the fields of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA), and Critical Race Theory;

Whereas, Academic freedom is defined by the American Association of University Professors, as “indispensable requisite for unfettered teaching and research in institutions of higher education,” and that “institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition”¹⁰⁹;

Whereas, The definition of academic freedom, as defined by the American Association of University Professors conveys the importance of academic freedom in relation to free speech and the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has previously expressed the importance of academic freedom through resolutions and in academic senate position papers such as "Protecting the Future of Academic Freedom During a Time of Significant Change", recognizing that individuals with academic and andragogical expertise should have final say and purview over academic offerings, while still being open to ideas and theories supported by facts and reasoning that are non-traditional or outside the mainstream; and

Whereas, Multiple states, counties, cities, and school boards have passed or are debating the passing of legislation to limit academic freedom within primary, secondary, and higher education, specifically targeted at Critical Race Theory and racial and social justice, and where those efforts are not just attempts to remove Critical Race Theory from curriculum, rather they are attempts to remove inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility from our educational system, and these efforts are deeply problematic, could stifle a full exploration of the role of race and racism in the history of the United States, and could erase some people from the same classroom in which they have the right to be participants as educators and students;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges condemns political agents and opposes any legislation or codification of documents that undermines academic freedom, limits free speech, and/or seeks to curtail academic self-direction and to censor academic offerings, the historical record, and academic research;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) calls on past and present leaders of the ASCCC, the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, local senates of the California community colleges (CCC) and CCC faculty to reject all attempts by external groups to restrict or dictate college curriculum on any matter, including but not limited

¹⁰⁹ “1940 Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure.” American Association of University Professors. <https://www.aaup.org/report/1940-statement-principles-academic-freedom-and-tenure>; https://www.aaup.org/sites/default/files/AAUP_academic_freedom.pdf.

to, matters related to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility, and racial and social justice and to stand in solidarity with those groups across the nation seeking to bolster academic freedoms, such as the Academic Freedom Alliance, the American Library Association, the American Federation of Teachers, and the American Association of University Professors;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges task its workgroups to research the best practices to bolster academic freedom in higher education through legal, academic, and other mechanisms, with the goal of developing a toolkit to effectively oppose efforts that seek to gut academic freedom, such as Florida's House Bill 999: Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions;¹¹⁰ and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges stands with our colleagues in higher education and K-12 throughout the state and country who may be affected by similarly harmful legislation.

Contact: Pablo Martin, San Diego Miramar College, Area D

^13.05.01 Amend 13.05 Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom/Solidarity with Faculty Across the Nation

Amend First Resolved:

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges condemns political agents who attempt to undermine academic freedom, and opposes any legislation or codification of documents that undermines academic freedom, limits free speech, and/or seeks to curtail academic self-direction and to censor academic offerings, the historical record, and academic research;

Contact: John Crociti, San Diego Mesa College

¹¹⁰ Florida's CS/HB999: Postsecondary Educational Institutions: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/999>. The following cites some of the Florida bill to provide some context and perspective: HB 999 specifically bans state colleges and universities from financially supporting any programs or campus activities that "espouse Diversity, Equity, or Inclusion (DEI), or Critical Race Theory (CRT) rhetoric" – even though the bill does not define CRT rhetoric. Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Revises powers & duties of BOG; revises academic & research excellence standards for preeminent state research universities; provides requirements for hiring university faculty; provides requirements for employment, promotion, & evaluation processes for state university employees; authorizes state university boards of trustees to review tenure status of faculty members; requires such boards to confirm selection & reappointment of specified personnel; requires state university presidents to annually present specified information to such boards; creates Institute for Risk Management & Insurance Education within College of Business at UCF; revises requirements for general education core courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2023.

+13.06 S23 Considering the Merits and Faults of Artificial Intelligence in the Community College Classroom

Whereas, California Code of Regulations, title 5 §41301¹¹¹ and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinions 07-12¹¹² and 95-31¹¹³ promote academic integrity and aim to stymie academic dishonesty by outlining academic and professional ethics and disciplinary actions;

Whereas, Advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) have progressed rapidly, with generative technologies such as OpenAI's ChatGPT, AI-powered Bing, and Google's Bard, among other AI technologies, have created powerful tools whereby students and faculty may generate powerful responses to queries that are not a product of the individual's own effort, and could lead to potential questions and ethical dilemmas related to academic integrity; and

Whereas, Generative artificial intelligence is a new technology that could disrupt higher education should it go unregulated;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges prioritize the development of resources addressing artificial intelligence and its implications on education and academic integrity, develop a framework for local colleges to use in developing academic and professional policies, and present these resources to the delegates no later than the 2024 Spring Plenary Session or as soon as feasible.

Contact: Raul Madrid, Jr., Mt. San Antonio College, Area C

#13.07 S23 Establishing Low-Cost Textbook Parameters

Whereas, Resolution F17 13.01, "Recognition of Course Sections with Low-Cost Course Material Options," established that the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges encourages colleges to implement a mechanism for identifying course sections that employ low-cost course materials and supports efforts to increase student access to high-quality open educational resources and reduce the cost of course materials and supplies for students in course sections for which open educational resources may not be available to accomplish zero cost for students;

¹¹¹ California Code of Regulations, title 5 §41301: <https://casetext.com/regulation/california-code-of-regulations/title-5-education/division-5-board-of-trustees-of-the-california-state-universities/chapter-1-california-state-university/subchapter-4-student-affairs/article-2-student-conduct/section-41301-standards-for-student-conduct>.

¹¹² California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinion 07-12: <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCO-Website/Files/General-Counsel/2007-12-opinion-assigning-incomplete-or-failing-grade-for-a-cheating-student-a11y.pdf?la=en&hash=733C05A93549EAC60AA41378BB39BA2BC11A8B6F>.

¹¹³ California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Legal Opinion 95-31: <https://do-prod-webteam-drupalfiles.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/bcedu/s3fs-public/26960-Plagiarism-Grade-to-Fail.pdf>.

Whereas, Resolution F22 17.05, “Adopt Student Senate for California Community Colleges Low-Cost Recommendation,” encourages local academic senates to adopt \$30 or less as their locally established cost threshold that must not be exceeded for a course to be considered low-cost for designating and reporting purposes;

Whereas, XB12, Instructional-Material-Cost section level data element, was added to the California Community Colleges Management Information System Data Element Dictionary for implementation in summer 2022 and requires colleges to code course sections that have “low instructional material costs (as defined locally)”¹¹⁴; and

Whereas, Local academic senates have sought guidance regarding what parameters should be used to determine the cost used when deciding whether a given course section is below the locally established low-cost threshold;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Colleges recommend that local low-cost course material definitions specify that the price point be based on the costs of textbooks and supplemental materials—e.g., homework systems—at or through the college bookstore that are available to all students; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Colleges recommend that local low-cost course material definitions specify that the price point be based on the costs of textbooks and supplemental materials that students will own or have access to permanently.

Contact: Michelle Pilati, Rio Hondo

#13.08 S23 Asserting Faculty Primacy with Respect to Establishing Low-Cost Definitions and Instructional Materials Cost-Reduction Goals

Whereas, Determining course instruction materials is part of the academic and professional matters under the 10+1 and faculty have a responsibility to take into consideration the cost associated with those instructional materials;

Whereas, The California Community Colleges have been increasingly subjected to mandates that were initially introduced as optional in areas that are clearly the purview of academic senates, including the creation of Associate Degrees for Transfer, the submission of courses to the Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID), the removal of many math and English prerequisites, implementation of Guided Pathways, and approaches to maximizing the probability that students will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics within a one-year timeframe of their initial attempt; and

Whereas, The charge of the Equitable Student Experience: Burden-Free Instructional Materials Task Force—initially referred to as a ZTC Taskforce—is to evaluate the existing infrastructure in place that guides instructional material choices and provide recommendations to structural

¹¹⁴ California Community Colleges Management Information System Data Element Dictionary: <https://webdata.cccco.edu/ded/xb/xb12.pdf>

changes that will facilitate the creation of sustainable solutions that reduce textbook costs for students in the long term¹¹⁵;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local academic senates to assert academic senate primacy in addressing course instructional material costs issues, including all aspects of local low-cost definitions and any goal-setting related to instructional materials costs or the offering of zero textbook cost and low textbook cost sections.

Contact: Julie Bruno, Sierra College

^13.08.01 S23 Amend 13.09 Asserting Faculty Primacy with Respect to Establishing Low-Cost Definitions and Instructional Materials Cost-Reduction Goals

Amend first Resolved

Whereas, ~~determining~~ Selecting course instructional materials is part of the academic and professional matters under the 10+1 and faculty have a responsibility to take into consideration the cost associated with those instructional materials¹¹⁶;

Contact: Michelle Pilati, Rio Hondo College

15.0 Intersegmental Issues

#15.01 S23 Urging the Inclusion of Logic Courses in the Cal-GETC Critical Thinking Component

Whereas, The California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) includes a component titled “Critical Thinking and Composition,”¹¹⁷ the name of which would seem to exclude such philosophy courses as Introduction to Logic (C-ID 110) and Symbolic Logic (C-ID 210);

Whereas, Philosophy courses in Introduction to Logic and Symbolic Logic currently satisfy the Critical Thinking component (Area A3) of the California State University (CSU) transfer requirements¹¹⁸ and will continue to satisfy the Critical Thinking component of the CSU

¹¹⁵ Zero Textbook Cost Program Updates, February 23, 2023: <https://asccc-oeri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/ztc-program-overview-and-guidance-a11y.pdf>

¹¹⁶ California Code of Regulations Title 5 §59404: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/regulations/california/5-CCR-59404>

¹¹⁷ Cal-GETC Subject Area 1, English Communication, includes three one-course components: English Composition, Critical Thinking and Composition, and Oral Communication. <https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Cal-GETC-Framework-2-9-2023.pdf>.

¹¹⁸ Colleges that offer both Introduction to Logic and Symbolic Logic, and where both of those courses satisfy CSU-GE area A3, include: Berkeley City College, Cabrillo College, Chabot College, Citrus College, Clovis Community College, Coastline Community College, College of the Canyons, Cypress College, De Anza College, Diablo Valley College, East Los Angeles College, El Camino College, Folsom Lake College, Foothill College, Glendale Community College, Long Beach City College, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles Harbor College, Los Angeles Mission College, Los Angeles Pierce College, Madera Community College, Modesto Junior College, Moorpark College, Moreno Valley College, Norco College, Orange Coast College, Oxnard College, Palomar College, Pasadena City College, Reedley College, Rio Hondo College.

breadth requirements¹¹⁹;

Whereas, Logic courses provide excellent training in Critical Thinking because they challenge students to engage in linguistic and structural analysis, to evaluate the form and the content of deductive and inductive arguments, and to construct rigorous and systematic proofs; and

Whereas, When standards are written that will determine which California Community College (CCC) courses satisfy the Cal-GETC subject areas and which do not, the Special Committee on Cal-GETC would best serve students by defining the subject areas in a broad way that ensures flexibility and options for students, rather than in a narrow way that limits student options;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge the Special Intersegmental Committee on Cal-GETC to define the subject areas of the transfer pathway in a broad way that ensures flexibility for students; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge the Special Intersegmental Committee on Cal-GETC to define the “Critical Thinking and Composition” component broadly in a way that explicitly allows for California community college courses to include courses such as Introduction to Logic and Symbolic Logic to satisfy that requirement to be included.

Contact: Wesley Sims, Cuesta College

#15.02 S23 Include Lifelong Learning and Self-Development as a Graduation and General Education Requirement

Whereas, AB 928 (Berman, 2021) presents unintended consequences for students in many disciplines, including kinesiology, health, physical education, dance and nutrition, within the California Community College system;

Whereas, The mental and physical well-being of all California Community College and university students continues to be of serious concern, as confirmed by more than 3,500 students in a statewide survey and over 700 students in a single district survey who support including lifelong learning courses in the GE and/or graduation requirements and 1,300 California Community College students who have expressed their voice and concern regarding the elimination of lifelong learning and self-development courses in letters written and sent to the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Assemblyman Marc Berman and the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates ;

Whereas, The California Master Plan for Higher Education (CMPHE) differentiates the distinct roles and respective missions of California’s three tier higher educational systems – California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California – and indicates

¹¹⁹ “Although Cal-GETC will be the only general education pathway for the associate degree for transfer, the California State University has no plans to discontinue CSU GE Breadth.” https://icas-ca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Cal-GETC_Framework_2-9-2023.pdf.

that a single transfer curriculum should recognize these system differences without ignoring the physical and mental health needs of all students served by the CMPHE; and

Whereas, Kinesiology, physical education, dance, athletics, nutrition and health education are building blocks of academic success for all students, particularly those who are disproportionately impacted, and the elimination of lifelong learning and self-development courses due to streamlining the GE pattern will result in course cancellations due to reduced enrollment in the disciplines identified above and will deny the opportunity for knowledge and skill development which will exacerbate inequities and health disparities that contribute to the success gaps in disproportionately impacted students;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges encourage California community colleges to include lifelong learning self-development courses in local general education requirements for associate degrees, to ensure that California community college students have the benefit of education in critical areas that affect their academic success, health, and well-being.

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