

LIFELONG LEARNING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING LIFELONG LEARNING, SELF-DEVELOPMENT, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION/KINESIOLOGY/ HEALTH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges serve a specific and important role in the California Educational Master Plan; and, Assembly Bill (AB) 928 appropriately seeks to streamline transfer for community college students; and, California Community Colleges were not properly consulted in the development of AB 928; and

WHEREAS, AB 1725 provides primacy over community college curriculum to California Community College faculty rather than to administrators or external systems of higher education.

WHEREAS, the courses offered in lifelong learning, self-development, and physical education/kinesiology/health education support the Vision for Success, Guided Pathways, and Student Equity and Achievement initiatives by providing access into other disciplines leading to transfer and career fields; and

WHEREAS, the resulting reduction of such programs will have a disproportionately negative impact on student equity and tens of thousands of students already underrepresented because California Community Colleges are the most diverse system across all metrics, including race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality, of higher education in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Ana College (SAC) Academic Senate requests that the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Chancellor and Board of Trustees to collaborate with the Chancellor of California Community Colleges to advocate with University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) system leaders to preserve lifelong learning, self-development, and physical education/kinesiology/health education opportunities for California Community College students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the SAC Academic Senate strongly urges the implementation of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' (ASCCC) resolution, urging the CSU change the "Lifelong Learning and Self-Development" area to serve as a CSU graduation requirement instead of restricting it to a CSU upper division general education requirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the SAC Academic Senate strongly urges the implementation of ASCCC's resolution regarding formalizing Lifelong Learning and Self-Development as a general education area for the baccalaureate degree program thus reducing the six flexible units to three units.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the SAC Academic Senate on April 11, 2023.