

## **LIFELONG LEARNING RESOLUTION**

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

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**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**, 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 African American, Latinx, and other students of color because California Community Colleges are the most ethnically diverse system of higher education in the state; 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.

**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 March 28, 2023.