

Resolution 18-08

In Recognition of Senate Autonomy over the Student Preparation & Success Council and Subcommittees

Whereas, the Academic Senate is the organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters (Title 5, §53200) and is primarily relied upon for curriculum and instruction development, grading policies, education program development, student preparation and success, degree and certificate requirements, and policies regarding faculty professional development, and shall reach mutual agreement on college governance structures, faculty roles and involvement in the accreditation process, processes for program review, and processes for institutional planning and budget development; and,

Whereas, the Student Preparation & Success Council is an organization of the Academic Senate, formed pursuant to the Senate's Constitution and long recognized by the College as such, and housing three subcommittees -- those being, the Basic Skills Coordinating Committee, the Student Equity Committee, and the Student Success and Support Advisory Committee,

Whereas, recent conversations and plans to redesign the Student Preparation & Success Council and its subcommittees have occurred without the involvement of Senate leadership and outside of the normal shared governance process, particularly within the Office of Instruction and its related units;

Resolved that the Academic Senate reminds the College and its management of its primacy in establishing policies regarding student success and preparation pursuant to Title 5 and Board Policy 3255; and

Resolved that the Academic Senate insists that the College cease from further planning to reorganize or reconstitute, in any way, SP&S or its subcommittees without the involvement of and leadership by the Senate and its representatives; and

Resolved that the College wait for the Senate guidance on putting forward a group, comprised by the chairs of SP&S, its subcommittees and members of the Senate's Executive Board and members of the Offices of Instruction and Student Services before proceeding with any structure, funding or other changes within the current SP&S framework.

Submitted by:

The Academic Senate Executive Board

Action:

1st Reading of Full Senate: Sept. 6, 2018

2nd Reading of Full Senate: Sept. 6, 2018, *passed by acclamation*

Notice to AMAC: Sept. 10, 2018

Forwarded to Board of Trustees: Sept. 12, 2018