



Academic Senate
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RESOLUTION 4.23.2018-1: Opposition of the California Online Community College District by the Academic Senate of Solano Community College

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) passed by acclamation Resolution 6.02 (S18): “Opposition to the Proposed California Online Community College District” which reads:

Whereas, The proposed California Online Community College District represents an investment in a new enterprise that expands the scope of the work of the California Community College Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) such that a regulatory agency tasked with ensuring the compliance of the colleges with regulation and law would be in competition with the colleges by potentially drawing students away from existing California community college districts and puts limited state educational resources into duplicating efforts already underway;

Whereas, Title 5 §53200 defines academic and professional matters to include degree and certificate requirements and educational program development, and the trailer bill language for the California Online Community College District offers no assurance that curriculum and programs will be developed by the faculty experts;

Whereas, Title 5 §53203 requires “the governing board or its designees will consult collegially with the academic senate when adopting policies and procedures on academic and professional matters,” and the proposed governance structure for California Online Community College District offers no assurance of an effective academic senate; and

Whereas, The California Online Community College District “shall seek accreditation and meet requirements for students to become eligible for federal and state financial aid,”⁸ yet students of the new California Online Community College District will be ineligible for many years before the California Online Community College District is accredited;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges oppose the creation of the California Online Community College District and communicate that opposition to the legislature and other constituents as appropriate; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges strongly urge the California Community College Chancellor’s Office and legislature to make more efficient use of state educational resources by utilizing the existing community college districts and expertise as opposed to creating the new California Online Community College District;

WHEREAS, the 2018 budget hearings, legislative testimony, and other presentations by the Chancellor’s Office regarding the creation of a new California Online Community College District have increased

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existing and raised additional concerns regarding the efficacy of creating a new, wholly online college, rather than leveraging college resources currently extant over our system, including significant online education offerings; and,

WHEREAS, the Distance Education Committee of Solano Community College opposes strongly the new California Community College District;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate for Solano Community College oppose the creation of the California Online Community College District;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate for Solano Community College to convey this opposition to the California Community College Chancellor's Office and legislature, as well as to urge more efficient use of state educational resources by utilizing the existing community college districts and expertise as opposed to creating the new California Online Community College District; and,

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate for Solano Community College encourage similar statements of opposition to be communicated to the Chancellor's Office and the legislature by the Board of Trustees of Solano Community College District and the Associated Students of Solano College.