



Academic Senate
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Resolution 10.19.15: RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE FACULTY INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS and REHABILITATION and SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 1391, approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 27, 2014, allows California Community Colleges (CCCs) to receive full funding for credit-course instruction offered in correctional institutions and seeks to expand the offering of such courses. This legislation amends Education Code Section 84810.5 and adds new Education Code Section 84810.7 and is in compliance with Penal Code Sections 2053-2054 to provide rehabilitative education services to California inmates;

WHEREAS, Section 84810.5 waives open course provisions in statute or regulations to allow a community college district to provide classes to inmates of CDCR and allows state funding for such courses;

WHEREAS, Section 84810.7(a) authorizes and directs that CDCR and the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (CCCCO) shall enter into an interagency agreement to expand access to community college courses that lead to degrees or certificates that result in enhanced workforce skills or transfer to a four-year university. The courses for inmates in a state correctional facility developed as a result of this agreement will serve to supplement, but not duplicate or supplant, any adult education course opportunities offered at that facility by the Office of Correctional Education of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, this program is subject to the oversight by the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board (C-ROB) in accordance to Section 6141 of the Penal Code. CDCR and CCCCCO agrees to operate with and assist the C-ROB as requested;

WHEREAS, CDCR and SCCD desire and agree to establish college courses by SCCD to be offered to inmates of CDCR facilities, including but not limited to California State Prison Solano and the California Medical Facility at Vacaville, CA, with each Party to bear their own respective costs thereof;

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of SCCD fully supports the provision of educational courses to all individuals who have the ability to benefit from college instruction;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College is in full support of the development and expansion of an SCCD educational program that partners with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide college courses to inmates of CDCR facilities;

RESOLVED, that the Academic Senate of Solano Community College communicate strongly to Solano College faculty, its support and encouragement of the staffing of courses which serve our incarcerated students.