

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
March 16, 2011

APPENDIX B

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

BUDGET PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking education and retraining;

WHEREAS, The Governor's Proposed State Budget seeks a balanced approach of making \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and asking the voters to extend temporary tax increases totaling \$12 billion for five years;

WHEREAS, Under the Governors' Proposed State Budget, California community colleges would face \$400 million in state general fund cuts;

WHEREAS, Without an extension of temporary tax increases, California community colleges could face \$900 million in state general fund cuts;

WHEREAS, Solano Community College District faces cuts of \$3,368,000 under the Governor's Proposed State Budget and \$7,578,000 if an all-cuts budget were to be adopted instead;

WHEREAS, California's locally elected community college trustees, together with their faculty, staff and students, are best able to decide where budget reductions can be absorbed while minimizing the impact on their communities;

WHEREAS, "Targeted" cuts at specific curriculum that costs colleges the least to offer will, in addition to injuring students in transfer and career preparing programs, require districts to reduce enrollment in higher-cost programs such as advanced technology and nursing;

WHEREAS, Fee increases charged to community colleges students should protect the quality of instruction and student services; and,

WHEREAS, Policy and practice reforms to improve student success and motivate student behavior should be based on sound research implemented in a manner to allow students and institutions to adjust; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Solano College support a balanced approach to budgeting, including the extension of temporary tax revenues to protect vital California community college funding;

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Solano College support redirecting any amount of student fee revenue increase to reduce the proposed apportionment cuts to protect the quality of student instruction and services;

RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Solano Community College, by passage of this resolution, expresses its full support for the above principles and positions on the Governor's Proposed State Budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th of March, 2011