

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

UNADOPTED MINUTES
October 2, 2013

APPENDIX A

**SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE**

Resolution SP-2013 #3: Co/Prerequisites

Whereas, authority over the curriculum is codified in California Education Code section 70902(b) (7): “The governing board of each district shall establish procedures to ensure faculty, staff, and students the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level, and to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration, **and the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards**”;

Whereas, Title 5 §53200 invests local academic senates with purview over academic and professional matters, including policy and implementation of curriculum and the establishment of prerequisites, as well as standards and policies regarding student preparation and success;

Whereas, the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs ignored the authority and primary responsibility of the Solano College Curriculum Committee by

- 1) rejecting Board-approved processes and directing the Chief Technology Officer to remove the co-requisite of LR10 from English 001 by unlinking the courses for Spring semester 2014 despite the Curriculum Committee’s approval and re-validation of the co-requisite and
- 2) ignoring the normal process of Board of Governor’s approval of course modifications by not bringing English 001 and 004 forward to the SCC Board in a timely manner despite the fact that the English faculty were united in support of the increase and had presented compelling evidence of the faculty and students’ desire for the change, the curricular imperative for the change, and the positive FTES benefit of the change;
- 3) ignoring the process implied in California Education Code section 70902(b) by not consulting with or notifying English faculty of any perceived problem with the linked courses, thereby denying faculty any input, or possibility of involvement in any solutions, and undermining the process of shared governance;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for Solano Community College supports the authority and right of the local community college Academic-Senate-driven-curriculum-approval processes, as set out in Title 5 regulations, to approve prerequisite and co-requisite courses and to modify courses; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate for Solano Community College affirms its support or the current participatory governance structure defined by AB 1725; and therefore

Resolved that the Academic Senate for Solano Community College affirms its support for the Curriculum Committee to maintain LR10 as the co-requisite of English 1 as well as the addition of one unit to both English 001 and English 004 as has already been vetted and approved by the Curriculum Committee in compliance with all state and local policy.

Passed and Adopted, This 30th day of September, 2013, by the Solano Community College Academic Senate.