

THE COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS ACADEMIC SENATE



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE 2018 PROPOSED FUNDING FORMULA

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has proposed a new funding formula for California community colleges in his January 2018 budget proposal¹ that specifies 50% of the funding is based on full-time equivalent student enrollment, 25% based on enrollment of low income students defined narrowly to be College Promise Grant Fee Waiver and Pell Grant eligible, and 25% based on accountability metrics, such as number of degrees and certificates conferred and 3-year attainment rate of degrees and certificates;

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has a number of resolutions in opposition to performance based funding (Resolution 5.02 F1997², Resolution 5.05 S1998³, Resolution 5.01 S2011⁴) and has an adopted paper (“Performance Based Funding: A Faculty Critique and Action Agenda⁵”) that outlines the many reasons that performance based funding is detrimental to fulfilling the mission of the community colleges;

WHEREAS, The development of a new funding formula should be made with thoughtful deliberation as advocated by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges by their resolution to support AB 2767 (Medina, as amended April 4, 2018)⁶ which calls for the Legislative Analyst’s Office to conduct a study of the funding formula, submit a report to the Legislature summarizing its findings and make recommendations as to various funding formula models the Legislature may wish to adopt; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the proposed funding formula to increase student completion and address the skills students will need to be successful in the workforce cannot be achieved unless a commitment is made to meet 75/25 goal of full-time to part-time faculty;

RESOLVED That the College of the Canyons Academic Senate opposes the Governor’s proposed funding formula, and urges that a multi-year transition plan be developed allowing careful study of the issues to prepare districts for implementation rather than rush forward with a new funding formula that threatens to create significant negative unintended consequences.

Approved Unanimously by the Academic Senate 4/26/2018

¹ California Governor’s 2018-19 Budget Proposal <http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2018-19/pdf/BudgetSummary/HigherEducation.pdf>

² Resolution 5.02 F 1997 “Performance Based Funding,” <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/performance-based-funding>

³ Resolution 5.05 F 1998 “Oppose Performance Based Funding,” <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/oppose-performance-based-funding>

⁴ Resolution 5.01 S 2011 “Metrics and Performance Based Funding,” <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/metrics-and-performance-based-funding>

⁵ ASCCC Paper Adopted Spring 1998 “Performance Based Funding: A Faculty Critique and Action Agenda,” https://www.asccc.org/sites/default/files/publications/PBFunding_0.pdf

⁶ Resolution 6.07 S 2018 “Support AB 2767 (Medina, as amended April 4, 2018) California Community Colleges Funding Formula Study,” <https://www.asccc.org/resolutions/support-ab-2767-medina-amended-april-4-2018-california-community-colleges-funding>