

Academic Senate
Folsom Lake College
Resolution 1: S18 Collegial Consultation and Online College
Adopted May 16, 2018

Whereas TITLE 5 § 53200 - Defines the Academic Senate as an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters;

Whereas Education Code §70902 (b)(7) states that: “The Governing Board shall ... ensure ... the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendation in the areas of curriculum and academic standards;”

Whereas Chancellor King’s letter of support for the Fully Online Community College states that “The online college should...advance credit for prior learning and competency based education;”

Whereas Senates have purview over all issues related to the development, review, implementation, and assessment of all aspects of curriculum, including delivery modality, at both the college and state level;

Whereas the Academic Senate of Folsom Lake College directed its senate president to vote in favor of ASCCC Resolution 6.02 (Spring 18), a resolution opposing the proposed fully online community college;

Whereas Folsom Lake College has not offered its support of a fully online community college in California;

Whereas Los Rios Chancellor Brian King sent a two-page letter dated April 24, 2018 to the Honorable Kevin McCarty, Assembly member and Chair of the Assembly Subcommittee on Education Finance, stating “On behalf of the Los Rios Community College District, I write to share our district’s support of the concept proposed by the Governor to develop an online community college in California’s higher education system;”

Whereas copies of the aforementioned letter were sent to Governor Brown, Lark Park, Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and the members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee;

Whereas Chancellor King, after meeting with the District Academic Senate president and four college senate presidents, sent one-paragraph emails to Chancellor Oakley, Lark Park, and one member of the Assembly Subcommittee on Education Finance that concluded with “The purpose of this email is to share with you in writing the concerns and opposition of faculty that we have discussed in our previous conversations;”

Whereas the follow-up email is less formal, was not sent to all those in receipt of the April 24 letter, and does not explicitly state that faculty have expressed opposition to the Fully Online Community College proposal;

Resolved: That the Folsom Lake College Academic Senate respectfully requests that Chancellor King send a written letter to all those in receipt of the original letter withdrawing Los Rios’ “full support” for the Governor’s Fully Online Community College proposal in addition to stating widespread Los Rios faculty opposition to the Fully Online Community College proposal.

And

Resolved: That Chancellor King engage in collegial consultation with faculty on academic and professional matters prior to expressing a districtwide position on academic or professional matters.