

DRAFT SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas the first draft of the proposed schedule contains cuts that threaten the viability of certain programs and the mission and identity of the college; and

Whereas the proposed cuts could result in the discontinuance of certain programs without the extensive review mandated by the Program Discontinuance Policy; and

Whereas the departments have the expertise and experience necessary to determine the most appropriate courses to cut with respect to the integrity of programs and students; and

Whereas the proposed cuts were concentrated in areas that would disproportionately affect students pursuing particular vocational or creative arts programs; and

Whereas the disproportionate nature of the proposed cuts have not been mandated by the State or the District; and

Whereas the study of the creative arts is an integral part of a liberal arts education; and

Whereas the proposed cuts could lengthen the time necessary for certain students to attain their degrees or certificates; and

Whereas the proposed cuts threaten DVC's long and proud history of providing a breadth of offerings for transfer, A.A. degree, vocational and basic skills students; and

Whereas the proposed schedule was created without consultation with the DVC Faculty Senate or any governance body; and

Whereas the definition of "elective" courses was changed without consultation; and

Whereas dissemination of the schedule with courses eliminated and directions to department chairs to begin the scheduling process complicates the agreement between faculty and administration to further discuss the cuts; and

Whereas the Senate has the right to collegial consultation and right of primary reliance on matters of curriculum according to Title 5, 53200(c) and DVC Procedure 1009.01, Board Policy 1009, it is necessary that the administration in collegial consultation with the Senate re-examine these recommendations; and

Whereas the DVC Faculty Senate recognizes the need to make a 6.3% cut in FTEF in the 2011-2012 schedule while maintaining productivity and reaching cap.

Be It Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate urges all departments to agree to use the attached guidelines to make a 3% cut (equal to 50% of the 2010-2011 cuts) in FTEF to

their 2010/11 *academic year* schedules in a unified effort to preserve the integrity of programs targeted by the proposed administrative cuts; and

Be It Also Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate insist that the administration not make such severe cuts to a program as to threaten its future viability

Be It Also Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate urge the DVC administration to rely on the departments to identify the most appropriate course sections to cut; and

Be It Also Resolved that the FTEF for any courses eliminated to meet the current immediate budget threat be returned to the departments for inclusion in the fall schedule if the cuts are not deemed necessary; and

Be It Also Resolved that, DVC Faculty Senate recommends that if cuts turn out to be less deep, or if they come as a per-FTEF rather than a workload reduction, the courses cut through the process would be the first ones restored, and said restoration would be given back to the department from whence the came; and

Be it Also Resolved that DVC Faculty Senate advocate departments begin the scheduling process with a first draft that has no courses cuts to their schedule as their starting point to meet the current budget cuts and

Be It Also Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate insist that the DVC administration respect the established governance process outlined in the District Program Discontinuance Policy to pursue the discontinuance of any program in lieu of discontinuance by course cancellation; and

Be It Also Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate insist that administration adhere to the established definition of core courses as those which include any set of courses which satisfy a core competency and that such courses not be coded as electives; and

Be It Further Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate urge the administration and all departments to recognize that productivity should not be the only criteria by which courses are preserved or cut; and

Be It Finally Resolved that the DVC Faculty Senate Council create a Scheduling Task Force to begin work immediately after the departments submit their schedules and to meet with representatives of the administration to determine the final round of cuts necessary to reach the goal of 6.2% FTEF reduction for the 2011-2012 schedule using the program review process for guidance as well as the Principles for Departments, said task force is to be comprised of the faculty representatives of the Integration Council, a United Faculty rep and a number of academic managers to be determined through collegial consultation with the administration.