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Long Beach City College Management

Title: Vote of No- Confidence Regarding Program Discontinuance;
Censure

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Referred To: Long Beach City College Management

Preamble:

The perspective must now shift back to the reality of this matter, that the Program Discontinuance process has affected the students of LBCC drastically and will continue to affect them. Perspective is critical when considering any matter that is of the utmost importance. The impact has been felt in all aspects of campus life, and must be reversed so that our students and our community can return to focusing on education, whatever the chosen discipline. This matter has been deliberated heavily. Metrics, numbers and statistics have been examined thoroughly, as have all pertinent records from the last five years. More than 800 students signed petitions in support of this action.

Unfortunately, the most fundamental element of any such process has been overlooked, namely the students. As the official voice of the students, we are expressing a full lack of confidence in management's willingness and ability to fulfill its duties to set the interests of student first, bringing us to this resolution.

WHEREAS, Upon review of the relevant documents it appears, the Board of Trustees did not follow the Education code, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Long Beach Community College District regulations or the Brown Act. Nor did the board follow ACCJC Accreditation Standards in regards to student participation in shared governance to the fullest extent of its abilities;

WHEREAS, Accreditation standards, and recommendations regarding shared governance were not pursued to the fullest potential on multiple occasions with regards to the limited amount of student participation

within shared governance;

WHEREAS, There has been a lack of full faith in dialogue between the Board of Trustees and the Associated Student Body Cabinet about program discontinuance and shared governance, as well as the presentation of pertinent information in a misleading manner;

WHEREAS, Administrative regulations lacked provisions for preemptive assistance prior to program discontinuance, and furthermore administrative regulation 4024 lacks provisions for full and open communication to the students in such matters;

WHEREAS, Students were mislead into enrolling in programs that were meant for discontinuance, therefore adversely affecting the student population and the community of Long Beach;

WHEREAS, Pacific Coast Campus will be adversely affected due to the large reduction in student population;

WHEREAS, Program discontinuance was unnecessary, as noted in the Academic Senate's cost cutting proposal;

WHEREAS, The administration has not followed standards set by the ACCJC when it comes to program elimination, namely, "making appropriate arrangements so that enrolled students may complete their education in a timely manner with a minimum of disruption," furthermore these arrangements were not done prior to the vote for the discontinuance of the programs;

WHEREAS, Not all programs received the same amount of help to rectify student concerns;

WHEREAS, All other programs were not extended the same courtesy as Diagnostic Medical Imaging;

WHEREAS, The total number of student's affected by program

reduction or discontinuance is much higher than presented;

WHEREAS, A successfully adopted resolution of no confidence means that the Associated Student Body of Long Beach City College has zero confidence in ~~The~~ Board of Trustees' ability to run Long Beach City College in a manner in which student's interests are put first;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, That the Associated Student Body Cabinet has no confidence in the ability of the Board of Trustees, or the administration of Long Beach City College to place the needs of students above all else;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The students lack faith in management's willingness to follow, meet or exceed statutes regarding student involvement and shared governance;.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Associated Student Body Cabinet asks for a more open dialogue between the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent-President and the Student body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is our position that the Board of Trustees must immediately suspend its decision on program discontinuance, until all students in affected programs can, with certainty and assistance, transfer or teach out of affected programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is our position that the Board of Trustees must immediately suspend its decision on program discontinuance, until such time as the process can be conducted with more transparency, allowing students and the public meaningful participation in the process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The program discontinuance was unnecessary as noted in the Academic Senate Recommendations;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Associated Student Body Cabinet of Long Beach City College also censures the administration of

Long Beach City College for neither taking seriously nor making public the cost cutting proposal from the Academic Senate, which would have ended program discontinuance without losing one student.

Closing:

The Associated Student Body Cabinet is fully committed to the voice of the student's. The issues addressed with in the resolution are to facilitate remedy and address student's needs. The Associated Student Body Cabinet is open to resolving matters in a collegial and cooperative manner.

Furthermore, this resolution was drafted to facilitate and broaden dialogue, which the Associated Student Body Cabinet is committed to continuing.