

Associated Students of Las Positas College

Resolution 1702 (4/12/2018)

Discontent with the Governor's Proposed California Community College Budget Resolution

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**WHEREAS**, our discontent rests with Governors budget. Funding is based on 50% students, 25% low income students based on state Pell grant standards, and 25% on completion of transferable degrees and certificates;

**WHEREAS**, the new governor's budgets seriously change the funding to schools across the state, creating gains and losses among schools. This will create financial problems leading to downsizing;

**WHEREAS**, the Chabot Las Positas Community College District will lose \$\_\_\_, \_\_ of its budget;

**WHEREAS**, the budget creates perverse incentives that do not align with the intention of the budget. Such as:

- (a) The completion of certificates favors large institutions that have the previous resources to administer stacking certificates
- (b) Rewarding completion of certificates incentivizes the creation of degree mills that are not student centered.
- (c) Counsellors will poorly advise students towards associates degrees that may not in the students' best interest.

**WHEREAS**, a community college without a large degree and certificate completion rate can still greatly support students' transfer needs without mandating completion of degrees;

**WHEREAS**, mid-level courses are heavily impacted within the university system and students should be encouraged to complete these course at their local community colleges to reduce overall strain on the college system for these necessary classes;

**WHEREAS**, creating budget incentives for students transferring after 3 years creates a system that prioritizes a minimal pathway toward university transfer above student needs;

**WHEREAS**, the diverse demographics of community colleges include significant numbers of people working full or part-time and a 3-year completion mandate would create a negative financial impact for schools serving underprivileged communities; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that the Seventeenth Senate of the Associated Students of Las Positas College recommends that the Governor's current budget proposal not change the funding allocation to California Community Colleges.

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