

## **Resolution SP16.02 Funding Supplemental Instruction for Student Success**

*SBVC Academic Senate Executive Committee*

Whereas, Student success has always been an important facet of SBVC's mission and is now growing in importance at the state level, with the state chancellor's Student Success Task Force leading to the present Student Success Initiative;

Whereas, Students working with supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders provided through the HSI STEM PASS GO project have shown improved retention and success rates among all ethnicities, with STEM field graduation rates among Hispanic students nearly doubling since 2010-2011;

Whereas, Pre-assessment workshops offered through the HSI STEM PASS GO project have seen the number of students typically assessing into arithmetic decrease by half and the number of students assessing into intermediate algebra nearly double, where research shows that they are far more likely to succeed;

Whereas, Present General Funding levels only cover 4 to 6 tutors and the Tutorial Coordinator for the campus depending on scheduling for the academic year, while current funding for tutors and SIs, including the HSI STEM PASS GO grant, support:

- 46 tutors and 52 SI leaders across 22 academic disciplines;
- 8 adjunct faculty within the Student Success Center to allow coverage during peak times which will be necessary for future FTES apportionment collection;
- 3 professional expert support staff including a grant assistant focused on SI, as well as a grant assistant focused on increasing Armed Service Veterans who are entering into STEM education; and

Whereas, The 2015-2016 Program Review Needs Assessment for Budget places the Student Success Center first, calling for \$405,780 to fund 30 tutors and 30 SIs, given that the HSI STEM PASS GO grant expires in September;

Resolved, The SBVC Academic Senate supports the efforts that have been made through the HSI STEM PASS GO project and request that the administration find a permanent way to fund the work that is being done through this vital and important project.