

Resolution FA12.02 Library Support Services and the Learning Environment

SBVC Academic Senate Executive Committee

Whereas, Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (§ 58724) recommends 11.5 classified staff and 6 faculty as the minimum standards for Community College Library with 9,500 FTEs. It is appalling that the number of Library Media Clerks in the Library and Computer Lab have been reduced by 80% over the last 5 years, which drastically affects the services that will be provided for the students;

Whereas, the role of the Library Media Clerk is to staff the two circulation desks in the library and the number of Library Media Clerks employed dictates the number of hours the Library and Computer Lab can be open (e.g., for Fall 2012, SBVC has one Library Media Clerk and thus can be open for a maximum of 40 hours), and without a consistently visible staff presence on the second floor to deter petty theft, vandalism of district property, personal harassment, or sexual activity, which compromise the general safety of our students;

Whereas, the campus mission statement is that “San Bernardino Valley College provides quality education and services to a diverse community of learners” yet,

- Library and Computer Lab hours exclude serving our evening and weekend students
- Limited access to quality services penalizes economically disadvantaged students who rely on the Library and Computer Lab for textbook, computer and Internet access needed to complete assignments and participate in online instructional environments
- Educational support from library faculty in the form of formal and informal library orientations for classes, library workshops open to all students and one-on-one reference and research is only available 39 hours a week,

and;

Whereas, the AACJC Visiting Team Comprehensive Report for Cuesta College, who is currently on “show cause,” identified the need “to continue to work towards improving underfunding and understaffing in library and learning services” as one of the issues facing the college;

Resolved, the SBVC Academic Senate recognizes that Library and Computer Lab services are essential to student success and that students who utilize library services have higher persistence and success rates,* and that current Library and Computer Lab hours are detrimental to student learning and the morale of the campus community; and

Resolved, despite current fiscal conditions, the SBVC Academic Senate supports hiring classified staff to increase Library and Computer Lab hours and days of operation to support the needs of a diverse community of learners.

*Source: Standards of Practice for California Community College Library Faculty and Programs
The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, adopted Fall 2010 -
<http://asccc.org/sites/default/files/Library-paper-fall2011.pdf>