

Resolution FA09.04: Reorganization of Student Services

The Executive Committee of the SBVC Academic Senate

Whereas, the proposed draft of the re-organization of student services moves career counseling and career related services from the Transfer Center under the direct supervision of the Dean of Counseling and Matriculation to a new department entitled "Career & Job Placement Services" under the direct supervision of the Dean of Career College and Workforce Education;

Whereas, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges has adopted Standards of Practice for California Community College Counseling Faculty and Programs that recognizes the core functions of counselors as being "inextricably related" with career counseling and is defined as being one of the core functions of counseling faculty, where a student is "assisted in assessing his or her aptitudes, abilities, and interests, and advised concerning current and future employment trends" (Standards, pg. 3);

Whereas, the Standards delineate the following applications on the organization and administration of counseling programs:

A specific individual should be designated by the institution to administer the counseling program. The administrator should possess the minimum qualifications of the counseling discipline and

Counseling services should be defined and structured primarily by the counseling faculty who provide these services to ensure that those who are most knowledgeable about these issues will have the major role in making decisions that directly affect service delivery to students (pg. 14); and

Whereas, the counseling faculty have voiced documented opposition to the current re-organization draft dating as early as the fall 2008 and the SBVC Academic Senate has passed a resolution supporting the recommendations of the counseling faculty in the spring 2009;

Resolved, that the Vice President of Student Services modify the current re-organization draft of student services to consolidate all counseling related student services in one area of the college under the immediate supervision of one dean who possesses the minimum qualifications of the counseling discipline;

Resolved, that any future modifications of processes, organization, and practices related to counseling services as defined by Title 5 regulations follow the accepted and adopted Standards of Practice for California Community College Counseling Faculty and Programs, the ethical guidelines as adopted by the American Counseling Association and related professional organizations, and the SBVC Faculty Ethics Statement; and

Resolved, that this information be shared with the leadership of the college and the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees.

Standards of Practice for California Community College Counseling Faculty and Programs, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, Adopted Spring 1997; Revised and adopted Fall 2008