

Resolution to Freeze BOR activities

Whereas the CCSU Faculty Senate has approved motions sanctioning the Board of Regents of CSCU on numerous occasions: for its Transform 2020 and Students First failed multi-million dollar projects, and for Design Thinking proposals and Low Enrollment policies that infringe on our institutional autonomy in curriculum and academic affairs;

Whereas the BOR continues to implement its Students First program aimed at forcing the fusion of all Community Colleges into a single institution, despite the negative judgment by NEASC that the project is unrealistic and unfeasible; including efforts to consolidate all of General Education across the community colleges without faculty governance, impose three new regional Presidents, and downgrade community college leadership to CEO status;

Whereas the BOR of CSCU also continues its efforts to impose centralization of administrative services at the university level, including Human Resources and Institutional Research at CCSU;

Whereas the BOR has issued a “white paper” which does not include the major requests made in the CCSU submission to the system office;

Whereas the BOR system office has consumed over \$300 million since its inception in 2011, at the same time that the BOR bemoans the fiscal shortfall for the universities and community colleges;

Be it resolved that the CCSU Senate urges that the outgoing Governor freeze all administrative hiring by the BOR and all consolidation of academic and administrative programs by the BOR until these issues can be addressed by the incoming governor and legislature;

And further be it resolved that the CCSU Senate proposes the re-establishment of separate Boards of Trustees for the Community Colleges and State Universities, with a strict limitation on the size of each to functions not otherwise performed at the institutional levels.