

Whereas NECHE standards of accreditation include an expectation that “faculty have a substantive voice in matters of educational programs ... [and] primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum...” (Standard 3.15);

Whereas preserving faculty’s substantive voice requires established procedures for governance and decision making;

Whereas the CSCU Code of Conduct includes a provision that “Many academic and institutional policies are subject to faculty and staff review and comment, and people should be free to voice their views and their dissent.” (CSCU Code of Conduct passed by the BOR 10/19/2017);

Whereas the Students First initiative of the CSCU system office requires that the faculty’s substantive voice in defining the curriculum be preserved not only on each of the 17 campuses, but also that we all have a responsibility to ensure that it is maintained across our campuses and at the system level;

Whereas in a draft memo sent to Gateway faculty on November 8, 2018, Lauren Doninger, the President of the Faculty Senate at GCC, expressed her personal opinion to preserve the faculty’s substantive voice on curriculum matters;

BE IT Resolved that the CCSU Faculty Senate expresses its sincere concern that an email sent by President Paul Broadie to all GCC faculty and staff on November 8, 2018 was an effort to use the power of his office to silence the free expression of faculty’s substantive voice on curricular matters by depicting dissent as divisive.