

RESOLUTION OPPOSING the CT/BOR

“Academic Program/Low Complete Review Process”

WHEREAS initiation of program termination is a university responsibility to be initiated by faculty and conducted at the university level, as specified by Article. 5.20 of the Collective Agreement:

“5.20 A department, interdisciplinary program, University-wide Curriculum Committee, the Senate or the President may initiate a recommendation for program discontinuance. If a recommendation for discontinuance originates from a source other than the Curriculum Committee or Senate, as appropriate, it shall be submitted in writing to the Curriculum Committee or Senate as appropriate. Once it has received or initiated a recommendation for program discontinuance, within sixty (60) days during the academic year, the Curriculum Committee or Senate as appropriate shall investigate the impact of such discontinuance and make its recommendations to all affected parties. Assessment of such program discontinuance proposals by all parties shall include consideration of recommendations, the President shall take appropriate action, including appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees. If program discontinuance would result in involuntary separation of a full-time member, said discontinuance shall not occur except pursuant to the provisions of Article 17.”

WHEREAS the Board of Regents has directed that a process of LOW COMPLETER assessment of programs be initiated by the BOR which does not refer to this article of the Collective Agreement (CT/BOR “Academic Program/Low Completer Review Process”, no date, but likely summer 2018).

WHEREAS the document establishes LOW COMPLETER criteria based on numbers for “credentials conferred” over a three year period with no justification for the numbers, either in comparison to other similar institutions or in comparison to the number of students in the program, eg: “Undergraduate Certificate: 12 (avg. 4 per year); Bachelor’s Degree 30 (avg. 10 per year); Masters Degree Post-Master 15 (avg. 5 per year); Doctoral 3 (avg: 1 per year)”

WHEREAS the BOR document requires the institution’s Chief Academic Officer to recommend a course of action for LOW COMPLETER programs (termination, suspension, consolidation or continuation) directly to the BOR, without further consideration of contractual due process as specified by Article 5.20 of the Collective Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the CCSU Senate rejects this BOR interference in academic programming, which is and remains a matter of faculty governance over curriculum, with due consideration for the role of the university president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CCSU requests that the Board of Regents cease further interference in institutional affairs pending a review of the mandate and existence of the Board, as affirmed by previous resolutions of the CCSU Senate.