

Faculty Advisory Committee Resolution in Support of  
WCSU Social Sciences and Meteorology Programs

Whereas the WCSU social sciences department and its majors, minors, and upper division courses in anthropology, sociology, economics, and political science, as well as the meteorology program are in jeopardy due to what the Provost of that university deems as low enrollment/completions;

Whereas both CCSU and SCSU Senates have in the past rejected the same low enrollment criteria being applied to all programs as failing to distinguish between programs with nationwide small, medium and large enrollments/completions;

Whereas the evaluation of programs solely on the basis of quantitative factors such as percentage of capacity enrollment is one-sided and neglects qualitative aspects of course content and social relevance;

Whereas any cost savings by dismissing part time faculty are minimal and directed at the most vulnerable category of faculty;

Whereas tuition loss to the university from students who transfer elsewhere for these programs will be substantial;

Whereas stripping WCSU of its social science majors is detrimental to its role as a university in the CSCU system that provides students with the full range of liberal arts and sciences programs;

Therefore be it Resolved

That the FAC supports the social sciences faculty at WCSU in their effort to protect and promote needed majors, minors and upper division courses in their disciplines;

That the FAC affirms its opposition to a single criterion for low enrollment/completions independent of national statistics on small, medium and large departments;

That the FAC rejects the use of solely quantitative factors in determining program persistence, to the exclusion of qualitative considerations of course content and the spirit of the university as offering the full complement of liberal arts and sciences programs.

That the FAC reaffirms the role of faculty control of curriculum and pedagogy and the role of shared governance in university decision making;

That the FAC calls upon the interim President of WCSU to reject the proposed program eliminations, and failing that will advocate against the cuts at the Board of Regents and its Academic/Student Affairs Committee

Approved by unanimous vote of the FAC, with 1 abstention, Dec. 2, 2022