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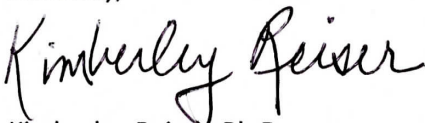
Dear President Stankas:

The AAUP Committee on Community Colleges seeks to show its support for the October 7, 2019 letter by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) to the various members of the California State Assembly and State Senate involved in the Calbright online community college venture. The ASCCC has underscored its concern that California statutes and regulations [specifically the relevant portions of California Education Code Section 75001, as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 5] may have been violated by the duplicative efforts of the Calbright online community college program in relation to programs offered by the community colleges currently established within the state. The question of an appropriate course management system appropriate to the Calbright online community college program is of concern to the ASCCC, and the AAUP Committee on Community Colleges supports those concerns as well.

It is to be noted that the AAUP Policy Documents and Reports, Eleventh Edition, *Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities*, p. 117, encourages constructive cooperation between college-level faculty and state agencies with regard to 'the protection of [institutional] integrity against improper intrusions'. [See Point #2. 'The Academic Institution: Joint Effort', paragraph b. 'Determination of General Educational Policy', p. 118.]. By extension, therefore, it is the integrity of the California community college system that is potentially at stake in the present discussion, and the issue of shared governance is raised as a result.

Hence, the AAUP Committee on Community Colleges is compelled to support the ASCCC in its current endeavor to assure that the Calbright online community college venture is implemented in an appropriate manner.

Sincerely,



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