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Subject: AB 2621 (Medina, as of 04/10/18) Support

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges wishes to express our support for AB 2621 (Medina, as of April 10, 2018), which would require the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to conduct a study on the feasibility of creating an exclusively online California community college and report its findings to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2019.

The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, in solidarity with other statewide faculty organizations, expressed significant concerns including the cost, accreditation status in regard to student financial aid access, and feasibility of the creation of a fully online community college in California.

Numerous concerns were raised regarding the proposed fully online college including a new fee structure for noncredit instructional access; the duplication of local efforts of and competition with the 114 existing colleges; and a waiver of regulatory barriers for the proposed online college that, if waived for the system at large, would benefit all 114 colleges in service to their communities. Lastly, serious concerns were raised about utilizing the non-elected Board of Governors as a board of trustees for a single college while simultaneously providing vision and direction to, as well as, ensuring compliance with regulations for the other 114 colleges.

We believe that these concerns are significant enough to warrant a more in-depth study of the creation of a separate online college.

For these reasons, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges supports Assembly Bill 2621 (Medina, as of April 10, 2018). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully,

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