

Monterey Peninsula Community College District

Governing Board Agenda

November 2, 2011

New Business Item No. A
(Revised Resolution No. 2011-2012/55)

President's Office
College Area

Proposal:

That the Governing Board adopt a resolution in response to the Draft Recommendations of the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force.

Background:

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) convened a Task Force in late 2010 as a result of Senate Bill 1143 (Liu) which required the BOG to establish a panel to examine best practices for promoting student success, and then to adopt a plan for improving degree and completion rates within the California community colleges. The Task Force met monthly beginning in January 2011, and developed a set of recommendations known as the Draft Recommendations of the California Community Colleges Student Success Task Force. The Draft Recommendations are included in this agenda item and the entire Student Success Report is available at:

<http://www.californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/PolicyinAction/StudentSuccessTaskForce.aspx>.

The Task Force will meet on November 9, 2011 to consider input received through public meetings and an online dialogue at <http://studentsuccess.ideascale.com/>. Prior to presenting recommendations to the BOG, the Task Force is facilitating discussions throughout the State and is looking for input from all communities.

At the Regular Board Meeting on October 25, 2011, the Monterey Peninsula College Governing Board received an information report on the Draft Recommendations of the Task Force Report and its implications by Dr. Fred Hochstaedter, President of the MPC Academic Senate, and Dr. Doug Garrison, MPC Superintendent/President. The Governing Board discussed the Report's Draft Recommendations and determined they wished to submit a resolution to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to recommend an extended period of analyses for community input.

Budgetary Implications:

None.

RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board adopt the following resolution in response to the Draft Recommendations of the Student Success Task Force Report.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 1143 (Chapter 409, Statutes of 2010) required the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to establish a panel to examine best practices for promoting student success and then to adopt a plan for improving degree and completion rates within the California community colleges; and

WHEREAS, a Task Force was named by the Board of Governors to fulfill these responsibilities which has published a set of recommendations known as the California Community Colleges Task Force on Student Success Report [September 2011] for consideration by the Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has provided a limited period of six weeks for the college constituencies to provide feedback on the recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations include some that could greatly benefit students; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations would shift local control over community colleges to a large state bureaucracy; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force is scheduled to present its final recommendations to the Board of Governors in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Student Success Report contains recommendations that have the potential of substantially changing the mission and scope of course offerings of the California Community Colleges, the assessment standards for community college courses, and the funding model of California community colleges that will significantly impact individual colleges, their students, and the communities they serve;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Community College District Governing Board strongly urges the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to withhold its adoption of and defer any implementation of recommendations from the California Community Colleges Task Force on Student Success Report until detailed analyses can be conducted to determine the consequences of each recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Community College District Governing Board recommends that these analyses be conducted with sufficient time and involvement of California community college professionals and representatives of the communities they serve to ensure a comprehensive, inclusive result that is in the best interests of the California community colleges and California residents.

Passed and adopted by the Monterey Peninsula Community College District on November 2, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Recommended By: Dr. Douglas Garrison, Superintendent/President

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Agenda Approval: 
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