

October 25, 2017

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Re: Concerns Arising from Dual Enrollment Offerings – Fall 2017

Dear President Scroggins:

The Senate Executive Board appreciates your response of October 5 to our letter involving concerns with dual enrollment offerings at local high schools. Despite the assurances in that letter, we still lack confidence in the College's ability to prevent a repeat of these mistakes. The mitigating measures you've identified by no means address the root of the problem. Our current and intended remedies simply fail to safeguard our students from undue influence exerted by local high school administrators and from Mt. SAC personnel eager to satisfy their demands.

We are further concerned that, despite a requirement that these courses be open to the public, obstacles were created to restrict registration to only high school students prior to the start of classes. These obstacles have resulted in classes that are exclusively filled with high school students. Such restrictions may well be in violation of Cal. Ed. Code § 76002(a)(1).

To address the continued concerns, we ask that the College:

- Refrain from scheduling additional offerings for 2018-19 beyond our current 2017-18 levels until we are able to agree on proper mitigating measures.
- Remove the approval authority from anyone who is associated with having authorized or entered overrides at the two high school sites mentioned in our original letter from approving or entering overrides for a period of two years. This time is necessary to ensure policies are followed and that our employees and policies are not overwhelmed by dynamic increases in dual enrollment offerings.

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- Delay the consideration of a proposed Early College High School program for at least a year to enable the College to prove itself capable of following assessment and enrollment policies with high school populations and to allow sufficient time to study the propriety of the proposal.
- Allow all department chairs who currently have dual enrollment offerings to schedule classroom and student evaluations in conformity with our faculty bargaining agreement. We would expect that this evaluation take explicit care to ensure that the materials utilized by the instructors are of a sufficient rigor for a college-level course.
- Provide an audit of all overrides of Math and English placement exams issued for any student within the last three years as well as waivers of prerequisites by anyone other than a department chair. This information should include not only the name of the person or entity authorizing the override, but also the specific override granted and any notes that would shed light on the rationale for such. Student names may be redacted.

There are also a number of other items and requests that need to be discussed. We would like to meet with you in the near term to discuss how we might resolve these concerns and restore the faith in our College's ability to serve all of our students.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Best regards,



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