

Whereas the SMCCD is requesting that the enrollment of the College of San Mateo, Skyline College, and Cañada College grow, putting pressure on administrators and faculty to increase class size

Whereas it is the faculty's responsibility to set and maintain appropriate academic standards, thereby providing quality education which endures temporary economic pressures

Whereas some classes can be taught in a large class modality and some cannot depending on the subject and the feasible pedagogy of the class

Whereas under the Educational Employment Relations Act (EERA), class size is a mandatory subject for collective bargaining (Section 3543.2), which means that the administration cannot unilaterally change class size, and that class size cannot be negotiated by individual faculty members (Section 3543.3)

Whereas AFT Local 1493 has on file with the District more than one letter stating that the Union demands to negotiate any changes in class size

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the Academic Senates of SMCCD and AFT Local 1493 request that our administration abide by the primacy of the faculty in matters concerning the classroom and restrict student admissions in each class to no more than can be accommodated, while sustaining educational quality, and that the maximum class size will be no more than is listed in the Enrollment Report for each Division as the enrollment limit (ENR LIM), and that these enrollment limits will not be changed without the approval of the Academic Senates and AFT Local 1493, and be it further

Resolved: That the Academic Senates of SMCCD request that the administration develop and adhere to workload provisions for faculty as per the AFT contract, and be it further

Resolved: That instructional faculty in all disciplines be assured of their right and obligation to resist pressures for increases in class sizes, workloads, or other measures which in their judgment might compromise the academic integrity of their courses and programs, and be it further

Resolved: That those faculty teaching large sections shall be compensated in accord with the AFT contract, and given prior notification of the compensation, and be it further

Resolved: That the District only in consultation with the Academic Senates and in negotiations with AFT may review and/ or revise standards and policy concerning class size and faculty who teach large sections, and be it finally

Resolved: That changes in class size maximums shall be subject to the approval of the Curriculum Committee on each campus (the Committee on Instruction at CSM) and AFT Local 1493