Chancellor’s MOU with Kaplan University

Whereas, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kaplan University to offer single course sections for participating individual Community Colleges without consulting the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, articulation officers, counselors and many other relevant constituent groups;

Whereas, this lack of consultation violates the principles and standards of shared governance articulated in Title V, as the program supported by this MOU clearly falls under the “10 + 1 academic and professional areas”;

Whereas, this lack of consultation undermined the Chancellor’s ability to consider all relevant and potential deleterious impacts this decision may have upon students; and

Whereas, this agreement signals the Chancellor’s willingness to outsource the filling of California Community Colleges’ Mission to private, for-profit entities;

Resolved, the Santa Monica College Academic Senate condemns this MOU and the process by which it was generated; and

Resolved, the Santa Monica College Academic Senate refuses to consider entering into the type of agreement allowed for in this MOU.

Eric Oifer, President SMC Academic Senate
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