

3/2/2023 Resolution of the Academic Senate of the College of Alameda

End use of class cancellations as a routine enrollment management tool

WHEREAS, cancellation of a class section is harmful to educational success of students enrolled in the section, as well as to employment security of faculty assigned to teach and to institutional effectiveness and stability of the college;

WHEREAS, College of Alameda has canceled (or changed schedule/modality of) an average of 10.76% of all scheduled sections, from Summer 2008 to Fall 2022, which indicates the routine use of class cancellation as an enrollment management tool¹;

WHEREAS, the rate at which College of Alameda has canceled (or changed schedule/modality of) scheduled class sections has increased in recent semesters, to 14.67% in Fall 2021, 26.85% in Spring 2022, 16.84% in Summer 2022, and 11.56% in Fall 2022;

WHEREAS, a substantial number of sections canceled by College of Alameda are the sole section of the class taught at College of Alameda, further disrupting student education plan for those enrolled in the canceled sections (27 sections in Spring 2022, 8 sections in Summer 2022, 12 sections in Fall 2022);

WHEREAS, the budgeting process for the full-time equivalent faculty (FTEF) in use at College of Alameda since Fall 2018, called "discipline plans," already ensures that the college schedules class sections "within our means" while fulfilling our mission and maximizing the number of full-time equivalent students (FTES) that the college can claim; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the College of Alameda Academic Senate formally recommends that the College of Alameda management cease and disavow use of class cancellations as a routine tool of enrollment management and invites the College of Alameda management to engage with the academic senate for more effective planning approaches to better steward public funds with which to serve our students and fulfill our institutional mission.

¹ Analysis of PeopleSoft data, for all semesters from Summer 2008 (Term code 1083) to Fall 2022 (Term code 1224). Excel spreadsheet containing the data and analysis available on request.