

5/2/2024 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 cancelled (or changed schedule/modality of) an average of 10.68% of all scheduled sections, from Summer 2008 to Spring 2024, which indicates the routine use of class cancellation as an enrollment management tool¹,

WHEREAS, the rate at which College of Alameda has cancelled (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, 11.56% in Fall 2022, and 15.67% in Spring 2023, with only AY 2023-2024 cancellation rates breaking this trend (6.00% in Summer, 8.62% in Fall, and 8.92% in Spring),

WHEREAS, a substantial number of sections cancelled 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 cancelled sections (27 sections in Spring 2022, 8 sections in Summer 2022, 12 sections in Fall 2022, 21 sections in Spring 2023, 5 sections in Summer 2023, 11 sections in Fall 2023, and 5 sections in Spring 2024),

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,

WHEREAS, the College of Alameda Academic Senate has previously passed the resolution “[End use of class cancellations as a routine enrollment management tool](#)” on March 2, 2023,

BE IT RESOLVED, the College of Alameda Academic Senate reaffirms its position formally recommending 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 we serve our students and fulfill our institutional mission.

¹ Analysis of PeopleSoft data, for all semesters from Summer 2008 (Term code 1083) to Spring 2024 (Term code 1242). Excel spreadsheet containing the data and analysis available on request.