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COURSE ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, one in twenty California Community College students are disabled, and the students with disabilities demographic has been found to be located typically in the lower ends of completion and performance statistics measured¹;

WHEREAS, a study showed that undergraduate students on average ranked instructor willingness to accommodate their disabilities as a 3.63 on a five-point scale²;

WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973³ and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990⁴ requires equal access to activities and educational programs of all colleges to people with disabilities, but oftentimes do not cover classroom electronic bans, extensions on assigned work and project deadlines, and posting recorded lectures or slideshows online for future reference;

WHEREAS, Moorpark College has a Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS) office called ACCESS, which provides services for students with disabilities in their courses;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) Board of Directors strongly advocate for specific campus-wide regulations that go above and beyond legislation, like Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973³ and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990⁴, to ensure disabled Moorpark College students are able to receive the support they need to complete their courses and certifications;

RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors shall work with the Moorpark College Academic Senate and employees of the VCCCD to require forms of disability awareness training and/or accessibility training to Moorpark College faculty;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors pledges to engage with, and work with outside organizations on, research to better success rates for Moorpark College students with disabilities to be able to close the equity gap between them and their non-disabled counterparts;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls on Moorpark College and the VCCCD to increase resources for ACCESS and other accessibility services on Moorpark College campus;

ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls on Moorpark College faculty and staff to keep an accessible mindset in the classroom and in their respective departments, ensuring that all students are able to learn in an equitable environment without barriers to their education and student services;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors commends Moorpark College ACCESS on their work advocating for and supporting the students with disabilities of Moorpark College.

Citations:

1. [2020 Report: Disabled Student Programs and Services \(2020\)](#)
2. [Students with Disabilities' Self-Report on Perceptions toward Disclosing Disability and Faculty's Willingness to Provide Accommodations \(2015\)](#)
3. [Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)
4. [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, As Amended](#)

Date Adopted: April 10, 2023

Board Votes: 7-0-0; passed unanimously

Board Ayes:

Daniella Luczywek, ASMC Director of Academic Affairs

Abbey Austin-Wood, ASMC Director of Budget and Finance

Angela Batoon, ASMC Director of Public Relations


Nishad Kalluri, ASMC Director of Student Advocacy


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Alette Laughton, ASMC Director of Student Services

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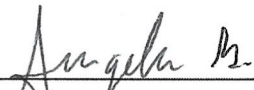

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Signatures of Ayes:



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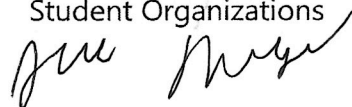

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