Researching the Feasibility of the CCC Bachelor’s Degrees

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Resolution 13.01

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office recently released a report from the California Community Colleges Baccalaureate Degree Study Group[1] on the topic of expanding the mission of community colleges in the state to include the awarding of bachelor’s degrees, and the report concludes with a recommendation that the topic “merits serious review and study;”

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges currently is opposed to adding bachelor’s degrees to the mission of California community colleges, Resolution 6.01 S10[2], but given changes in the labor market and fewer spaces available for transfer students at California State University campuses, faculty may want to reconsider this position; and

Whereas, Any comprehensive change to the mission of the California community colleges should include comment and input from many California State University and the University of California colleagues, and the composition of the California community college study group that produced the report included no faculty representation from these two segments;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges strongly recommend that, before any action is taken to change the mission of the California community colleges to include the awarding of bachelor’s degrees, a comprehensive feasibility study and environmental scan by independent researchers be conducted and distributed to the colleges for information, deliberation, and further recommendations to the Legislature.

[1] The full report is found at http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/portals/0/reportsTB/2014_01_BacDegree_StudyGroup_WEB.pdf