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To: College of San Mateo President’s Cabinet
From: Diana Bennett, President, Academic Senate

Subject: ASGC response to 2010/11 Budget Reductions

The faculty of College of San Mateo has completed its Fall 2009 process for responding to budget reductions in courses and programs initiated by the college administration in a document dated 12 October 2009 and issued by the president of the college. These budget reductions in course and program offerings are intended for the 2010/11 academic year. This has been an exigency process and timeline for the college, where faculty have been actively engaged in the process through shared governance. Responses from faculty and Cabinet have resulted in a process of negotiation by the exchange of documents and presentations in various venues at the college.

The Academic Senate of the college, through its Governing Council has voted “CONSENSUS” for 2010/11 budget reductions.

Governing Council is in agreement with the VPI that CSM will not *act* on recommendations concerning program elimination or reduction before Skyline’s and Cañada’s specific plans are made public.

If there is a need for further budget reductions, Governing Council requests the following:

1. District wide evaluation of educational priorities **MUST** take place.
2. A district‐wide and/or campus model for determining curricular offerings based on the requirements dictated by our students’ educational goals should guide the process.
3. A **commitment** from Cabinet that when budgetary times improve, the college will make every effort to return to a breadth of course and program offerings, in order to fulfill the missions of both College of San Mateo and the California Community Colleges.