

Whereas, California Title 5 § 53200 of the California Code of Regulations, states an “Academic Senate means an organization whose primary function is to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with respect to academic and professional matters” and “Academic and professional matters” include “10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development.” § 53200(C);

Whereas, The faculty members of the Laney Budget Advisory Committee unanimously declared in session that they were unable to fulfill their charge due to neither having adequate information nor consultation regarding the College or District budget because of an undefined role in the budget management process outlined in AP6250;

Whereas, The Laney Faculty Senate recognizes that it therefore is unable to properly fulfill its obligation “to make recommendations to the administration of a college and to the governing board of a district with respect to academic and professional matters” pertaining to “Processes for institutional planning and budget development” because its faculty on the Budget Advisory Committee are unable to fulfill their charge due to not having adequate information regarding the College or District budget because of an undefined role in the budget management process outlined in AP6250;

Whereas, Peralta Board Policy 2510 states regarding the Academic Senate that “The Board or its designees will consult collegially with the Academic Senate, by relying primarily upon the advice and recommendations of the senate\*, as duly constituted with respect to academic and professional matters, as defined by law. Procedures to implement this section are developed collegially with the Academic Senate” (BP2510) and Peralta Administrative Policy 2511 states, “The Governing Board of the Peralta Community College District, through its Chancellor, affirms the recognition of the District Academic Senate (DAS) and the Academic Senates of Berkeley City College, the College of Alameda, Laney College, and Merritt College (College Academic Senates) under Title 5 of the California Administrative Code and as provided for in law (specifically AB 1725).” (AP2511);

Resolved, That the Chancellor or District designees immediately convene with the District Academic Senate or District Academic Senate designees to revise AP6250 to include consultation with the College and District Academic Senates and the relevant designated deliberative bodies at each stage of the budget management process as presently articulated in AP6250: Budget Calendar, Budget Directives, Budget Preparation, Budget Consolidation, Budget Presentation of each of the preliminary, tentative, and final budgets, and Budget Adoption; and

Resolved, that this proposed revision be completed in time to be approved and enacted prior to January 2018 for implementation in the 2018-2019 budget process.