



MERRITT COLLEGE



Merritt College Academic Senate Resolution on Equitable Balance to 2020-21 Budget Cuts Considering Faculty, Classified Staff, and Administration

Whereas the PCCD is currently in financial distress having been assigned a fiscal monitor by the state;

Whereas reductions in expenditures may be necessary in the 2020-21 PCCD budget to bring the district back into financial solvency;

Whereas the adopted 2019-20 budget and tentative 2020-21 budget (as printed in the Five-Year Integrated Financial Plan to the ACCJC) shows a decrease in funding of \$1,847,706 or 18.3% (from \$10,083,450 to \$8,235,744) for part-time faculty while administration is only decreased by \$79,003, or 1.4% (from \$5,545,939 to \$5,466,986);

Whereas, according to the 2019-20 PCCD Adopted Budget Book, classified pay dropped from \$28,639,881 (audited actuals) in 2017-18 to \$26,658,552 (estimated actuals) in 2018-19, a decrease of 6.9%;

Whereas part-time faculty comprise approximately 67% of Peralta faculty and are a vital component of student and program success;

Be it resolved that the Merritt Academic Senate recommends that the 2020-21 PCCD part-time faculty budget be increased to \$9,235,744, reflecting a new overall decrease of 8.4%, with the cost savings of \$1,000,000 transferred to a \$500,000 cut in administration (new overall decrease of 9%) leaving their total budget at \$5,045,939, and a \$500,000 cut in classified (new overall decrease of 1.7%), leaving their total budget at \$28,631,772.

PASSED on Thursday, May 7th, 2020.

VOTES IN FAVOR: Lowell Bennett, Jennifer Briffa, Heather Casale, Simon Chan, Mary Ciddio, Stefani de Vito, Ronald Moss, Frances Moy, Thomas Renbarger, Derrick Ross, Marta Zielke

VOTES AGAINST: Dan Lawson

ABSTENTIONS: Jennifer Yates