

WHEREAS, the STEM Program, a specialized educational support program, was initiated in the spring semester of 2013 through the initiatives of the \$4.3 million federal STEM grant awarded to the college in 2011, and

WHEREAS, The STEM Program is one of two successful STEM grant initiatives at CHC that continued through the grant term and after the grant ended, and

WHEREAS, through a careful review of program data, Excelencia in Education nationally recognized the STEM program in a 2014 competition identifying it as a program “at the forefront of advancing educational achievement for Latino Students in higher education,” and

WHEREAS, in spring 2017 an administrative decision was made to discontinue the program, displacing approximately 90 students, with no program discontinuance plan, notice to students, or consultation with faculty, and

WHEREAS, in spring 2017 an administrative action was taken to deny the consideration of funding proposals for the program, endowment funds designated for related events were reallocated, and planning and program review requests were dropped in the prioritization process to ranks in which they would not be considered.

RESOLVED, that the college reinstate the program; complete with funding opportunities, resource requests, and other necessary support to redress the organizational damage experienced by the program and its students, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the development and oversight of specialized educational support program is an academic and professional matter, and as such this program must rely primarily on the direction of a qualified faculty member in the STEM field.