

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

WHEREAS, The STEM Program is one of two successful STEM grant initiatives that continued through the grant term and after the grants end.

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 17 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 17 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 re-instate the program; complete with funding opportunities, resources, and other necessary support to rectify the organizational damage experienced by the program and it’s students, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that administration respect the processes related to academic and professional matters, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oversight of the specialized academic support program rely primarily on the direction of a qualified faculty member in the STEM field.

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

WHEREAS, The STEM Program ~~was is one of two~~ a successful STEM grant initiative **that provided STEM students with STEM activities, STEM related skill building workshops, STEM mentoring from an expert in the field, research internships, STEM specific fieldtrips, priority B registration, STEM seminars, and a college based culture focused on STEM as its foundation,** ~~that continued through the grant term and after the grant’s end,~~ 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 **STEM** 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 STEM program; complete with funding opportunities, resources, and other necessary support to restore the STEM services and activities as noted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Whereas rectify the organizational damage experienced by the program and it's students, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that administration respect the processes related to academic and professional matters, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the oversight of the ~~specialized academic support program~~ STEM program rely primarily on the advice and recommendations direction of a qualified faculty member in a the STEM field.