

S18.03 - OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ONLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has proposed a completely online 115th community college in his January budget proposal, and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office would be the employer of record for the proposed online community college, which is a violation of the California Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the budget bill language proposes that this college would be staffed entirely by part-time faculty, contrary to AB 1725 and its intended commitment to full-time faculty, and

WHEREAS, this college would not adhere to California's collective bargaining law, and

WHEREAS, the 114 existing California community colleges already offer robust online programs, and

WHEREAS, the Online Education Initiative (OEI) is designed to give students across the state access to Distance Education programs offered by all participating colleges, and

WHEREAS, the OEI is still in its infancy and should be given a chance to succeed, and

WHEREAS, the \$120 million that is proposed to fund the online community college would go a long way toward strengthening existing Distance Education programs around the state,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Crafton Hills College Academic Senate opposes the Governor's proposed online community college, and urges the Legislature to reject it in favor of alternatives involving existing community colleges.

Signed,

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