

Resolution on the Implementation of California Assembly Bill 811

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WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 811, Mike Fong. Seymour-Campbell Student Success Act of 2012: repeating credit courses (in in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language) passed both the California Assembly and Senate and is on the Governor's desk awaiting approval; and

WHEREAS, AB 811 would require the governing board of each community college district to establish policies for the repetition of credit courses including authorization for a student to repeat, up to, but not exceeding, 2 times, a credit course in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language, for which the student previously received a satisfactory grade and which the student is retaking for enrichment or skill-building purposes; and

WHEREAS, AB 811 recognizes the importance of continuous learning and provides students with the means to conquer their fears and develop proficiency in various subjects, at their own pace. Giving all learners the ability to revisit classes in support of fostering career advancement and personal growth.

WHEREAS, as a De Anza student wrote to Governor Newsom: (in part)

"...Swimming is a vital skill and one I have always struggled with... It wasn't until I took the Novice Swimming class at De Anza College that I finally succeeded. Because repeating the class is not allowed under present rules, I had to take Novice Swimming three times, and withdraw from the class before the term was over so I could take it again...

The same problem affects English as a Second Language... Repetition is crucial when it comes to improving one's language skills. AB811 would solve these problems by allowing students to repeat novice swimming, ESL, and other valuable courses a reasonable number of times"; and

WHEREAS, If AB811 is signed by the Governor and takes effect, and De Anza College implements the requirements of the bill to allow our classes in arts, humanities, kinesiology, foreign languages, and English as a second language to be repeated, the college can expect increased enrollment; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the De Anza Academic Senate will continue to work with administration to establish or update all policies related to repeatability and do other necessary work to put AB811 into effect for the college as soon as legally possible, ideally in time for students to enroll in classes in Winter Quarter 2024.