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March 1, 2011

Mr. Scott Lay  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Community College League of California  
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Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Scott:

As per your e-mail request to the California Community Colleges districts dated January 31, 2011, the Glendale Community College Board of Trustees adopted the enclosed "Resolution in Support of California Community Colleges Budget Priorities and Principles" at its board meeting last night.

On behalf of the GCCD Board of Trustees and the entire campus community, I would like to thank you for the CCLC's efforts in communicating, through this resolution, the gravity of the budget situation facing the California community colleges and its students.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dawn Lindsay  
Superintendent/President

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Encl: Glendale Community College District Resolution No. 21



Glendale Community College District

February 28, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 21

REPORT OF RECOMMENDATION

TO: Board of Trustees

SUBMITTED BY: Dawn Lindsay, Superintendent/President

PREPARED BY: Ron Nakasone  
Executive Vice President, Administrative Services

SUBJECT: California Community Colleges' Budget Priorities and Principles

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DESCRIPTION OF HISTORY / BACKGROUND

The Governor's Proposed Budget for 2011-12 is based on \$12.5 billion of spending cuts and \$12 billion of revenue generated from the extension of the temporary increases to the personal income tax, sales tax, and vehicle license fee that were implemented two years ago. The State will vote on extending these tax increases for five additional years on a special ballot in June 2011. The Governor's Proposed Budget also calls for the increase in student fees from \$26/unit to \$36/unit. The college is faced with a \$4 million decrease in revenue if the tax extensions are approved and a \$10 million decrease in revenue if the tax extensions are rejected. These cuts will severely impact the College's ability to provide services within the community and it is critical that further reductions are not made. The Board of Trustees is being asked to pass this resolution to support the efforts of the California Community College League and to help communicate the gravity of the situation facing the College and its students. The resolution will also advocate the College's position on the extension of the tax increases, the use of new revenue from student fees, the proposal to base apportionment on student retention, and the 55% approval rate on parcel taxes.

COMMITTEE HISTORY

Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT

None

## RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution No.21 to advocate the following:

- 1) A balanced approach to resolve State fiscal issues,
- 2) the retention by California Community Colleges on any fee increase,
- 3) the 55% approval rate on parcel taxes and
- 4) the opposition to basing apportionment funding on student retention.

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 21

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES' BUDGET PRIORITIES AND PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a crisis situation with insufficient resources at a time of record demand due to high school graduates and unemployed residents seeking retraining; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Proposed Budget seeks a balance approach of making \$12.5 billion in spending cuts and asking the voters to extend temporary tax increases totaling \$12 billion for five years; and

WHEREAS, under the Governor's Proposed Budget, California Community Colleges would face \$400 million in state general funds cuts; and

WHEREAS, under an extension of temporary tax increases, California Community Colleges could face \$900 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, Glendale Community College District faces cuts of \$4 million under the Governor's Proposed Budget and \$10 million if an all-cuts budget were to be adopted instead; and

WHEREAS, California's locally elected community college trustees, together with their faculty, staff, and students, are best able to decide where budget reductions can be absorbed while minimizing the impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, "targeted" cuts at specific curriculum that cost colleges the least to offer will – in addition to injuring students in transfer and career preparation programs – require districts to reduce enrollment in higher-cost programs such as advanced technology and nursing; and

WHEREAS, California Community Colleges could mitigate state cuts and maintain essential student instruction and services if their local communities were able to approve parcel taxes to provide funds to replace state General Fund revenues; and

WHEREAS, fee increased charged to community college students should protect the quality of instruction and student services; and

WHEREAS, policy and practice reforms to improve student success and motivate student behavior should be based on sound research implemented in a manner to allow students and institutions to adjust;

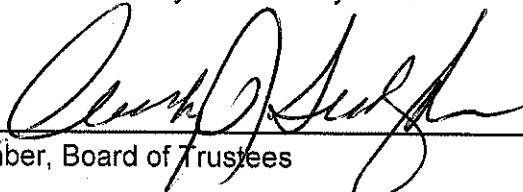
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glendale Community College District supports a balance approach to budgeting, including the extension of temporary tax revenues to protect vital state programs along with budgetary cuts to bring California's state budget into balance; and be it further

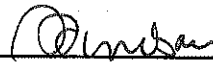
RESOLVED that the Glendale Community College District supports redirecting any amount of student fee revenue increase to reduce the proposed apportionment cut to protect the quality of student instruction and services; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Glendale Community College District opposes the proposal to distribute apportionment based on student retention and instead supports an additive, categorical incentive funding program to encourage student success, as proposed in the report A 2020 Vision for Student Success; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Glendale Community College District supports the right of California's voters to be given the opportunity to allow local voters to approve parcel taxes with a 55% vote to backfill state budget cuts at community colleges.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2011

  
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Member, Board of Trustees

  
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Dawn Lindsay, Superintendent/President