

**Mendocino- Lake Community College District
Board of Trustees
Resolution 03-11-02**

**Resolution in Support of California Community Colleges
Budget Priorities and Principles**

WHEREAS, California's higher education system is in a challenging 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 balanced 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 fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, without an extension of temporary tax increases, California community colleges could face \$900 million in state general fund cuts; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino-Lake Community College District faces total cuts of \$1,300,000 under the Governor's Proposed Budget and at least \$2,014,000 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, fee increases charged to community college students could mitigate state cuts and 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 Mendocino-Lake Community College District supports a balanced 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 Mendocino-Lake 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 Mendocino-Lake 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 Finance and Affordability section of the report *A 2020 Vision for Student Success*; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District, by passage of this resolution, expresses its full support for the above principles and positions on the Governor's Proposed Budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

Joan M. Eriksen	<u>Yes</u>
Joel Clark	<u>Yes</u>
Janet Chaniot	<u>Yes</u>
Paul Ubelhart	<u>Yes</u>
John Tomkins	<u>Yes</u>
Dave Geck	<u>Yes</u>
Ed Haynes	<u>Yes</u>

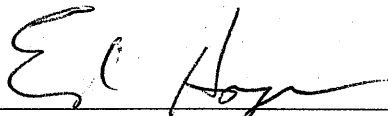
Ayes: 7

Noes : 0

Absent/Not Voting: 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of March, 2011, by the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District of Mendocino and Lake Counties, California.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true, and correct resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District.



Clerk of the Board

3/2/11

Date