

Resolution in Support of Allowing Access to Waitlisted Students in Online Courses

Whereas, the Kern Community College District's highest priority is to promote student success;

Whereas, the Academic Senate is to be relied "primarily upon" for any elements of the "10+1" Responsibilities, #5 of which is "standards or policies regarding student preparation and success;"

Whereas, waitlisted students who are eventually enrolled into an online course have a higher drop rate and lower success rate because of the disadvantage of not being able to fully participate in the online course while waitlisted;

Whereas, the current Online Course Management System (Moodle) configuration settings do not allow waitlisted students for online courses to fully participate as equals to officially enrolled students as do students in face-to-face courses;

Whereas, employees of Kern Community College District Information Technology have stated previously that allowing waitlisted students to be given full and equal status in Moodle as officially enrolled students is not difficult;

Resolved, the Bakersfield College Academic Senate asserts the necessity of students in online courses parity in class participation with enrolled students and urges the Kern Community College District to implement this change immediately for spring 2013.