

ACADEMIC SENATE, BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE
RESOLUTION: AB 928, Berman (2021).

Subject: SUPPORTING LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT WITHIN THE KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, AB 1725 provides primacy over community college curriculum to California Community College faculty rather than to administrators or external systems of higher education;

WHEREAS, Title 5 of the Administrative Code of California, Section 53200 recognizes the Academic Senate, a faculty organization, whose primary function is to make recommendations with respect to academic and professional matters including curriculum, standards, or policies regarding student preparation and success, and degree and educational program development;

WHEREAS, The potential elimination of Area E (Lifelong Learning and Self-Development and Physical Education) could perpetuate existing health disparities and may contribute to the success gaps in disproportionately impacted students;

WHEREAS, Faculty at California Community Colleges who teach and the courses taught in Area E equip students in Lifelong Learning and Self-Development and understanding of themselves as integrated physiological, social, and psychological well beings. Important topics include, but are not limited to, student success strategies, human behavior, sexuality, nutrition, physical and mental health, stress management, information literacy, social relationships, and death and dying;

WHEREAS, The courses offering in Lifelong Learning and Self-Development support the Vision for Success and Guided Pathways initiatives of the California Community Colleges;

WHEREAS, Elimination of Lifelong Learning and Self-Development courses will have a negative impact on public health in the Kern community, as these courses equip students with skills to understand and implement healthy lifestyles;

WHEREAS, Lifelong Learning and Self-Development courses are critical for diverse student persistence and academic completion by providing students with lynchpin success skills that for low income and first-generation students help them to complete degree programs; and

WHEREAS, The possible exclusion of Lifelong Learning and Self-Development courses due to streamlining the general education pattern will impact various disciplines, such as, kinesiology, health education, social sciences, humanities, communications, nutrition, counseling, and philosophy. Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, The Bakersfield College Academic Senate preserves Areas E.1 Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development and E.2 Physical Education as local AA/AS General Education pattern requirements;

BE IT RESOLVED, The Bakersfield College Academic Senate add Areas E.1 Lifelong Learning and Self-Development and E.2 Physical Education as local Baccalaureate Degree Program General Education pattern requirements; and

BE IT RESOLVED, The Bakersfield College Academic Senate urge the Kern Community College District (KCCD) endorse, through Resolution, to add Lifelong Learning and Self-Development as a Graduation Requirement within the Kern Community College District.

Reference for BC Senate not in text of resolution

Courses in Area E (BC local GE pattern and/or CSU Breadth Area E):

BC local Area E1:

AGRI B1

CHDV B21, B42, B49 (CHDV B21 also in CSU Breadth Area E)

COMM B2 (also CSU Breadth Area E)

HLED B1 (also CSU Breadth Area E)

MEDS B35 (also CSU Breadth Area E)

NUTR B10 (also CSU Breadth Area E)

OSRM B4, B26

PBHS B20, B21, B22, B23 (PBHS B20, B21, B22 also CSU Breadth Area E)

PSYC B1A, B30, B33 (all also CSU Breadth Area E)

STDV B3, B6 (both also CSU Breadth Area E)

BC local Area E2:

KINS B10G, B11G, B12T, B20A, B21A, B21BB, B21DB, B21DJ, B21FC, B21FF, B21G, B21S, B21SF, B21SW, B21T, B21UF, B21VB, B21WT, B21Y, B22S (KINS B10G, B11G, B12T, B20A, B21FF also CSU Breadth Area E)

PHED B6SW, B10, B11, B12, B14, B17, B20, B23, B25, B28, B29, B33, B48 (PHED B10, B11, B12, B14, B17, B20, B23, B25, B28, B29, B33 also CSU Breadth Area E)

CSU Breadth Area E includes the following courses that are NOT in our local AA/AS degrees
Area E: FORE B2, PHIL B12, SOCI B28.