

Resolution to Reaffirm the Value of Traditional Face-to-Face Classes

WHEREAS maintaining a careful balance between online and traditional face-to-face classes is crucial for serving our entire student body;

WHEREAS the traditional face-to-face classroom modality has unique forms of communication and interaction, and unique opportunities to build student-student and student-professor relationships that many students feel are essential to their learning and sense of belonging;

WHEREAS Cuyamaca College needs to be intentional in offering traditional face to face classes consistently and reliably;

WHEREAS the most vulnerable students (e.g., those with limited access to and/or familiarity with technology and fast internet), and the most vulnerable faculty (i.e., part-time instructors), are those who suffer the most from the canceling of traditional face-to-face classes;

WHEREAS canceling low-enrolled traditional face-to-face classes will create a feedback cycle that ultimately leads to lower student demand for classes and hurts enrollment since students will be less likely to enroll in traditional-face-to face classes if they fear such classes will be canceled;

WHEREAS rebuilding student confidence with returning to campus in order to strengthen and increase enrollment in traditional face-to-face classes requires time, prioritization, and intentional planning;

RESOLVED that the Academic Senate of Cuyamaca College calls for a moratorium on canceling traditional face-to-face classes that appear on the published schedule until the hold-harmless provision ends in 2024/25.

Approved by the Academic Senate on 5/26/22