BP 4021 – Program Vitality/Program Discontinuance

Reference: Education Code Section 78106
Title 5 Sections 51022, 55130

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to establish, maintain, and evaluate program quality, effectiveness and efficiency.

Because of the far-reaching consequences of decisions which influence programs and personnel, including faculty, staff, administrators, and especially students, the Board of Trustees cannot make programmatic decisions lightly. The Board will require substantive and persuasive data – collected over a reasonable period of time – in order to make decisions either for or against retaining programs.

The Vice President of Student Learning, in collaboration with the Academic Senate, shall develop those processes, procedures, and measures which will address Title 5, Section 51022: “College districts are required by current regulation and statute to develop a process for program discontinuance and minimum criteria for the discontinuance of occupational programs.”

The Board must remember that all programs, when approved, were considered to be positive additions to the curriculum.

See Administrative Procedure 4021

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