



**Resolution 17.3.1 - PRIORITY REGISTRATION TO STUDENT-ATHLETES:** Jim Fegan/Henry Browne

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: March 20, 2017

Mover: Parsons

Seconded: Perigo

Whereas, The Institute for Evidence-Based Change, July 2011, research demonstrated participation in intercollegiate athletics programs closes the achievement gap for minority students, results in higher grade point averages (GPAs), and increases the rate and percentage of transfer to four-year institutions in comparison to a full-time, nonathletic cohort; AND

Whereas, Student-athletes must maintain full-time status (12 semester units or more, 9 semester units academic) during their season of competition and complete 24 semester units (18 semester units academic) between their first season of competition and their second season of competition for eligibility, and due to the fact that the California State University system requires 60 transferrable units for community college transfers, these student-athletes must take more than the minimum number of units; AND

Whereas, California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Bylaw 1.3.7.A/B requires member colleges to certify that student athletes have a comprehensive individual educational plan on file; AND

Whereas, Under the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulation for athletic eligibility, student-athletes aspiring to transfer to the four-year level are limited to a five-year window of opportunity for competition once enrolled as a full-time student in any post-secondary institution; AND

Whereas, The standing NCAA 40-60-80 Rule requires a two-year transfer student to have completed 40% of course work in a certificated major prior to gaining junior-year eligibility status for competition at a four-year institution of destination; AND

Whereas, Intercollegiate athletic practices and competition times are typically scheduled between 2 pm and 7 pm daily, limiting course selections and creating challenges to the athletes' opportunities to enroll in the proper courses to maintain athletic eligibility, graduate, and transfer in four semesters; AND

Whereas, Student-athletes comprise a small percentage (3%) of the population of all full-time students at Mesa College; AND

Whereas, In a survey (2010) of all 103 California Community Colleges offering intercollegiate athletic programs, it was found that 48% of CCCCCA member schools had priority registration for student athletes; AND

Whereas, under the California Ed Code Title 5 provision, student athletes identify as a special program; AND

Whereas, a prioritized process to enroll in required course offerings at times and days allowing for rigorous athletic commitment will enhance the opportunity for our students to succeed both academically and athletically; AND

Whereas, the San Diego Mesa College mission statement includes a commitment to access, success and equity; AND

Therefore, be it resolved that the Academic Senate of the San Diego Mesa College support priority registration for student athletes at the Tier 2 level, behind EOPS, DSPS, veterans and foster youth.

Presented to the Mesa College Academic Senate: March 20, 2017

Approved by the Mesa College Academic Senate: April 10, 2017

The votes are delineated on the following page:

## **Vote confirmations received via email for committee members in attendance on April 10<sup>th</sup>:**

### Approved:

1. Gina Abbiate
2. Bill Brothers
3. Henry Browne
4. John Crocitti (Proxy to Henry Browne)
5. Howard Eskew
6. Lou Ann Gibson
7. Bill Hoefer
8. Larry Horsman
9. Holly Jagielinski
10. Terry Kohlenberg
11. Jonathan McLeod (In Absentia)
12. Phyllis Meckstroth
13. Toni Parsons
14. Anthony Reuss
15. Alex Stiller-Shulman
16. Dawn Stoll
17. Judy Sundayo (Proxy to Anthony Reuss)
18. Lauren Wade
19. George Ye

### Opposed:

1. Becca Arnold
2. Paula Gustin
3. Cesar Lopez (In Absentia)
4. Steven Siegel
5. Manuel Velez

### Abstained:

1. Carlyne Allbee
2. Amanda Fusco
3. Helen Greenbergs
4. Alison Gurganus
5. Sharon Hughes
6. Inna Kanevsky
7. Dina Miyoshi
8. Joe Safdie
9. Robert Sanchez
10. Paul Sykes

### **Votes Not Reported:**

1. Candace Katungi (Black Studies Senator)
2. Michael Kidwell (Senator for Adjunct Faculty)
3. Momilani Ramstrum (Music Senator)
4. Shannon Shi (Languages Senator)