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BP 4021 Program Discontinuance

Reference:

Education Code, Section 78016
Title 5, Sections 51022, 53200 and 55130
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.15 & 16

The purpose of this program discontinuance policy is to provide the District with a process to review its credit and non-credit educational programs on a systematic basis for institutional effectiveness and compliance with state and federal requirements. In response to realignment of educational or strategic objectives, fluctuations in program quality or demand, resource availability, budget constraints, and other external factors, the Board of Trustees may approve the discontinuance of an educational program identified as no longer appropriate to the mission and/or goals of the District in accord with Administrative Regulation 4021.

The District endorses the principle of collegial consultation with the Academic Senates regarding the establishment of a process for educational program discontinuance, which shall be consistent with the provisions of Education Code Section 78016 and the authority of the Board of Trustees to initiate and approve the discontinuance of the District's educational programs in accord with BP2510, Participation in Local Decision-Making.

A joint task force of faculty and administrators shall convene to develop the methodology, criteria and guidelines that will apply to evaluating educational programs. The task force, in its process of evaluation, shall consider data and other information, such as enrollment trends, degrees and certificates, success and retention, facility and equipment needs, and student outcomes, as well as indicators relevant to the review of the college's vocational and occupational training programs.

The discontinuance of any educational program is subject to approval by the Board.

Applicable Administrative Regulation: AR 4021 Program Discontinuance