

Orange Coast College Academic Senate

Inclusion of Labor Voting Rights and Privileges in District Governance Council Resolution

WHEREAS, forty-one (41) college districts in the State of California have full faculty union representation, with full voting rights and privileges, in District Governance Councils or Committees (DGCs)¹ and;

WHEREAS, the Coast District Management Association (CDMA), a management representation group, has full voting rights and privileges, in the Coast Community College District Governance Council;

WHEREAS, inclusion of the Coast Federation of Educators (CFE) in the DGC leads to better decisions as a function of collaboration and democratic participation in concert with the exchange of ideas between management, the Academic Senate (AS), and the CFE;

WHEREAS, efforts by management to limit the CFE's full and historical participation in the DGC may appear to be non-transparent with respect to issues such as academic freedom and other professional matters that can be best addressed from both a Senate perspective and a Labor perspective;

WHEREAS, eliminating the CFE's full participation in the DGC is akin to the top-down business model of governance and based on the corporatization philosophy of public higher education;

WHEREAS, the AS strongly supports collaborative efforts between management, the CFE and the AS; and, indeed, has passed resolutions supporting this collaboration;

BE IT RESOLVED that the OCC AS oppose any efforts to eradicate portions of faculty input;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AS work closely with CFE in addressing this and any future efforts to limit faculty input and silence their voices.

¹ As per CFE Union President Dean Mancina, September 29, 2013.