Resolution Regarding Assessment

Whereas, The College of the Redwoods Mission Statement includes the continuous assessment of student learning and institutional performance and practices to improve programs and services;

Whereas, The College of the Redwoods Strategic Plan (2012-2017) includes the continuous assessment and evaluation of programs to provide effective educational programs and services for all learners;

Whereas, To fully become the student-centered institutions that their missions require them to be, community colleges must honestly and openly assess the student learning they produce. Moreover, community colleges must use the information obtained through those assessments for institutional improvement and regular, ongoing monitoring of institutional performance. (National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment, Learning Outcomes Assessment in Community Colleges, July 2011);

Whereas, The California Community College’s Academic Senate views outcomes assessment as a productive activity that can improve teaching practices and thus enhance student learning. (Guiding Principles for SLO Assessment, Academic Senate California Community Colleges, 2010);

Whereas, The use of assessment data as a basis for decision making can empower the faculty voice in planning and budgeting discussions. (Guiding Principles for SLO Assessment, Academic Senate California Community Colleges, 2010);

Whereas, The intrinsic value of the assessment process related to service and program quality improvement is evident throughout the cycle of identifying student learning and program outcomes, assessing them, interpreting the data, and using the data to improve programs (College of the Redwoods Assessment Handbook, August 2011);

Resolved, The Academic Senate for College of the Redwoods recognizes the importance of ongoing student learning outcomes assessment. The discussion of assessment results in planning is essential to improving teaching, maintaining good professional practice, and providing outstanding developmental, career technical, and transfer education.

Resolved, The Academic Senate for College of the Redwoods recognizes and commends all faculty, staff, and administrators for their participation in the continuous assessment of student learning and program outcomes.

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