Professional Concerns Related to California Community College Partnerships with MyEdu

Whereas, MyEdu is a commercial company that has recently expressed interest in collaborating with California community colleges in providing students with scheduling and educational planning tools;

Whereas, MyEdu aggregates publicly available scheduling data from college websites along with professors' grade distributions by course (data that districts are legally required to provide to the public) as well as student reviews of professors from third-party web sites;

Whereas, MyEdu has adopted a model that encourages students to think of their college education as consumers and their professors as service-providers, encouraging them to focus on grades and anecdotal opinions rather than learning; and

Whereas, The Academic Senate acknowledges that the best sources of information to assist students in choosing an educational path and courses that will help them achieve their goals are local counseling and discipline faculty;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate opposes partnerships with MyEdu and other third party organizations that encourage students to make educational decisions based upon opinion pieces about professors or professors' grade distributions; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate urges the ASCR to carefully consider the usefulness of such enterprises as opposed to local counseling and discipline faculty.

Reference: Resolution 13.09, Approved November 4 at the ASCCC Fall 2011 Plenary Session