



**Academic Senate Joint Resolution (AB 928) #S-2023-#1**  
**Approved by the Orange Coast College Senate on February 28, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, AB 928 was intended to support the important transfer role that California Community Colleges fulfill in the California Master Plan for Higher Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of AB 928 has proceeded without adequate input from the California Community Colleges leading to potential unintended consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, community college courses supporting lifelong learning, self-development, nutrition, and kinesiology as transfer requirements are scheduled to be eliminated under the current Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates (ICAS) draft proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the reductions in affected course offerings threaten community college learning opportunities on physical and nutritional wellness, opportunities for students to receive counseling and guidance in a classroom setting, and athletic coaching, while shifting displaced unit requirements for California State University transferees to higher cost upper division offerings; and

**WHEREAS**, losses in educational engagement and structured mentoring have a disproportionate burden on first-generation students, low-income students, and underrepresented minority students, with a negative impact on equitable student outcome measures and likelihood of transfer; and

**WHEREAS**, courses in Area E have long served to support and guide underserved students as they are included in learning communities and programs such as, but not limited to: Puente, Umoja, EOP/S, First Year Experience, TRIO, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, students who are underserved minorities and first-generation college students make up 66% of transfer students to the CSU system; and

**WHEREAS**, California Community Colleges employ a workforce of thousands of staff and faculty to support life-long learning, self-development, nutrition, and kinesiology courses; and

**WHEREAS**, state law provides primacy over community college curriculum to California Community College faculty rather than to administrators or external groups such as ICAS;

**Be it resolved that**, the Academic Senates of the Coast Community College District, implore the ICAS group to work with the CSU system toward retaining [retaining] Area E as a lower division graduation requirement, allowing students to complete the requirement at the community college level.

