

**District Academic Senate Resolution  
Recognition of All Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD**

**Whereas,** The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) has long recognized the integral support that Counseling Faculty contribute to students and that Counseling Faculty are often the first faculty contact with students;

**Whereas,** The COVID-19 pandemic has created a public health crisis of unprecedented proportions;

**Whereas,** The pandemic has required that Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD develop new, innovative, and resourceful strategies, for supporting students who could no longer receive in person student services;

**Whereas,** Since the onset of the pandemic, Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD have experienced an uptick in students dealing with the loss of normalcy in their daily lives;

**Whereas,** During the pandemic, Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD have needed to enhance their support for student's experiencing educational challenges, employment disruptions, related financial challenges, concerns with the health of their relatives and themselves, and grief of losing family and friends, all while also providing the emotional support and safe space for students to heal;

**Whereas,** Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD have endured their own personal challenges, during the pandemic, yet continue to deliver integral services in facilitating student preparation and success by providing appropriate student guidance and support;

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** The District Academic Senate of the SJECCD recognize the resiliency, commitment, and professionalism, of All Counseling Faculty in the SJECCD, especially during the COVID 19 Pandemic;

**Resolved,** The District Academic Senate of the SJECCD recognize the critical role of Counseling Faculty and request that the SJECCD Chancellor, and each of the College Presidents, work towards enhancing student success by meeting the recommended counselor/student ratio of 1 full-time Counseling Faculty to 370 students as set by the ASCCC;

**Resolved,** The District Academic Senate of the SJECCD support Counseling Faculty by joining the *California Department of Education* and *American School Counselor Association* recognizing February 7-11, 2022 as "National School Counseling Week," and encourage the SJECCD to support this same recognition of Counseling Faculty in February of each academic year;

**And Therefore, Be It Resolved,** The District Academic Senate of the SJECCD approves and adopts this resolution, presented on this 18th day of May 2021.