



P A L O V E R D E C O L L E G E
ACADEMIC SENATE
2009-2010

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RESOLUTION #2009-2010:1
DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION OF COURSE PREREQUISITES FOR BASIC SKILLS STUDENT SUCCESS

WHEREAS, unprepared Palo Verde College students are not able to demonstrate proficient skills in comprehension, composition, or quantitative analysis (herein after referred to as "basic skills") necessary for transfer or college-level courses; and

WHEREAS students lacking basic skills are allowed to enroll in college-level courses in the absence of basic skills prerequisites and co-requisites for such college-level courses; and

WHEREAS, research and experience demonstrate that students lacking basic skills who enroll in college-level courses frequently perform poorly in such college-level courses; and

WHEREAS, Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges (2007) summarizes the research confirming that alignment of entry-exit skills and careful organization of instruction are essential to student success; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of Palo Verde College uses course content development, instruction, assessment, and evaluation to ensure academic integrity and delineate necessary entry skills to promote student success that is equivalent to the student learning outcomes and exit skills of the prerequisite course with the skills and concepts needed in college-level courses for transfer, graduation, and degree programs; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Senate of Palo Verde College wishes to come into compliance with recommendations from Academic Senate of California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty of Palo Verde College has been tasked with full implementation of course prerequisites for transfer and college-level courses, per recommendation of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges;

THEREFORE, it is the recommendation of this body that all Palo Verde College faculty and its divisions review and amend, subject to review and approval of the Curriculum Committee, Course Outlines of Record to ensure the proper prerequisites and co-requisites are established and upheld to support student success at Palo Verde College.

BE IT RESOLVED, Palo Verde College students must demonstrate proficiency in basic skills necessary to be successful in college-level courses and programs; and

BE IT RESOLVED, college-level courses will have in place the necessary prerequisites to ensure students enter with essential, proficient reading, writing, and computation skills; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palo Verde College Academic Senate accept and practice the recommendations of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges "...that once new prerequisites are implemented, colleges conduct research on the effect(s) of the prerequisites..."; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Palo Verde College faculty through their respective divisions and the Curriculum Committee agree to review and revise Course Outlines of Record to ensure that appropriate pre-requisites and co-requisites in basic skills are established, properly justified and enforced; and

- a. that the review and revision of Course Outlines of Record be completed by the end of Fall Semester 2010; and
- b. that ongoing research be conducted to evaluate the impact on student success of the new basic skills pre-requisites and co-requisites.

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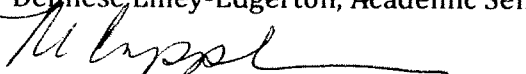
LET IT BE KNOWN that Senate Resolution #2009-2010: 1: Direction Implementation of Course Prerequisites for Basic Skills Student Success has met all procedures and processes required for approval and adoption by the Palo Verde College Academic Senate:

- First Reading: Tuesday, September 22, 2009
- Revision: Thursday, October 8, 2009
- Final Reading, Approval, Adoption: Tuesday, October 27, 2009

THEREFORE, this resolution is in effect, beginning on the date of approval and adoption.


Dennesse Lilley-Edgerton, Academic Senate President

11-5-09
Date


Mickey Miranda-Copple, Academic Senate Vice-President

11-5-09
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