Academic Senate Role in Appointing Faculty for Guided Pathways Framework Design and Implementation

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Whereas, the California Community College Guided Pathways Grant Program, in California Education Code §88922[1] states that: (g) Participating community colleges may use the grant funds to implement guided pathways programs for various limited-term purposes, including, but not necessarily limited to any, or any combination, including all of the following: (1) Faculty and staff release time to review and redesign guided pathways programs, instruction, and student services;

Whereas, The California Code of Regulations Title 5 §53203[2] states that: (f) The appointment of faculty members to serve on college or district committees, task forces, or other groups dealing with academic and professional matters, shall be made, after consultation with the chief executive officer or his or her designee, by the academic senate. Notwithstanding this Subsection, the collective bargaining representative may seek to appoint faculty members to committees, task forces, or other groups;

Whereas, The development, design, and implementation of guided pathways frameworks or programs include review and redesign of curriculum, educational programs, instruction, and students services which are academic and professional matters; and

Whereas, Colleges are forming various groups and leadership structures to design and implement guided pathways frameworks or programs, and faculty, who play a critical role, may be released from current duties to participate in these reforms in order to review and redesign the guided pathways frameworks or programs, instruction, and student services;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges assert that it is the role and purview of the local academic senate to appoint faculty to provide leadership or serve on college or district groups that design and implement a college’s guided pathways framework or program, including those faculty that receive release or reassigned time to serve; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local senates to establish processes to appoint faculty to provide leadership or serve on college or district groups that design and implement guided pathways frameworks or programs, including those faculty that receive release or reassigned time to serve.
Acclamation

[1] CA Ed Code §§88920-88922:
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&division=7.&title=3.&part=54.81.&chapter=&article=

[2] Title 5 §53203: