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### California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Program Approvals

The Chief Student Services Association firmly supports the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree Program (BDP) as a needed opportunity to make it easier and more affordable for community college students to earn baccalaureate degrees. Expanding these educational opportunities is a social justice matter for students in these respective regions.

We are concerned by the recent resolution passed by the Academic Senate of the California State University system containing recommendations that would establish a CSU veto authority. Our students and communities need great baccalaureate programs, especially Moorpark's BS in Biomanufacturing, Feather River's BS in Ecosystem Restoration and Applied Fire, and San Diego City College's BS in Cyber Defense and Analysis.

As the statewide association and prominent voice and advocate for Student Services professionals across all 73 California Community College Districts and 116 community colleges, we are very familiar with the demands and needs of the students we serve and the role these baccalaureate degree programs will play in addressing equity, social justice, and student success for the 1.8 million students in our system.

We concur with the CCCCCO staff that all 10 -round proposals meet the strict criteria and conditions outlined in Section 6 of §78043 of the California Education Code and merit approval as CCC baccalaureate degree programs. We strongly encourage the CCCCCO and the Board of Governors to approve the 10 baccalaureate degree proposals that have new and diverse workforce programs to advance the essential mission of California Community Colleges.

Respectfully Submitted,

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***Ensuring Opportunities for Success for Every Student***