

### **Dialog and Collaboration on Apprenticeship Faculty Minimum Qualifications**

Whereas, The Academic Senate for California Community College believes that students are best served by well-qualified faculty members who exemplify the value of an education that is both well-rounded and specialized and who act as models for students by demonstrating a breadth of general education knowledge and a depth of knowledge in a specific discipline;

Whereas, While the general oversight of apprenticeship programs operated by local education agencies (LEAs)<sup>1</sup> is the domain of the California Department of Industrial Relations and the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC), faculty minimum qualifications for service in the California community colleges, including those for teaching of apprenticeship courses, is an academic and professional matter under the purview of the Academic Senate; and

Whereas, Recent efforts<sup>2</sup> by the California Apprenticeship Council to recommend significant revisions to the credit apprenticeship faculty minimum qualifications that were in conflict with the Academic Senate's principles, and the subsequent efforts by the Academic Senate<sup>3</sup> to work with apprenticeship faculty to propose revisions to the credit apprenticeship minimum qualifications and engage in dialog with representatives of the California Apprenticeship Council and the apprenticeship community have revealed the critical need for the Academic Senate to engage in sustained dialog and collaborate with apprenticeship faculty, the California Apprenticeship Council, and the Department of Industrial Relations;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, as the representative of all faculty on academic and professional matters, continue efforts to engage in sustained and respectful dialog and collaboration with the Department of Industrial Relations, the California Apprenticeship Council, and the broader apprenticeship community to provide the highest quality educational experiences in all apprenticeship programs offered by the California community colleges.

---

<sup>1</sup> Local education agencies (LEAs) include school districts, community college districts, and regional occupational programs.

<sup>2</sup> The California Apprenticeship Council approved a recommend change to Title 5 section 53413 at its meeting January 25-26, 2017. For more information, go to <https://www.dir.ca.gov/das/DASMeetings.html#1>.

<sup>3</sup> For more information go to <http://asccc.org/apprenticeship-minimum-qualifications>.