Commitment to Student Equity
The Associated Students of Skyline College
Board of 2017-2018

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WHEREAS, Skyline College is a community of diverse faculty, staff, administrators and students who work and serve in the context of an increasingly sophisticated society full of racial, ethnic, cultural, gender and class dynamics;

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Skyline College recognizes the wrongdoings of those involved with the blackface incident on campus and the offense felt on behalf of the student body as a whole;

WHEREAS, such intolerance and discrimination directly goes against the values of our campus and harms the community, all faculty, staff, administrators and students have the right to work in an environment free of hatred and bigotry;

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Skyline College recognize Skyline College’s mission to uphold student safety and equity here on Campus;

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Skyline College wish to act in ensuring that such incidents of racial discrimination never occur on Skyline College campus again;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Skyline College support the recommendations set forth by the Academic Senate and Student Equity Services in promotion of the following:

- intentional insertion of curriculum on race relations in Skyline College courses;
- Flex Day workshops on Race and Racism to be attended by all faculty and staff;
- a mandatory semester-length Equity training series for all faculty, staff, and administration;
- a module on Equity in the New Faculty Academy;
- Ethnic Studies Programs established on all SMCCCD campuses;
- and creation of Multicultural Centers at all SMCCCD campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in an attempt to address the needs of the students affected by this event, the Associated Students of Skyline College will engage in the following:

- facilitate and host an Equity Forum on campus for all students, addressing the incident and ways that students can work on promoting equity in their school community;
- and inform students on the topics of race, ethnicity and cultural awareness through increased programming from the ASSC;
• coordinate with faculty, on campus clubs, and programs for events that represent different cultures and backgrounds;
• and utilize the existing Multicultural Center more for future events concerning race and/or racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that to ensure the lasting commitment of this body to maintain equity in our community, the ASSC will:

• uphold the ideals of equity in all aspects of learning at Skyline College;
• continue our support of equity and cultural awareness at Skyline College;
• and expand upon the aforementioned projects to further enrich the Skyline College community.

FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Associated Students of Skyline College support Student Equity and encourage the same from the San Mateo County Community College Board of Trustees to follow, as the approved demands all seek to benefit students in ways that encourage equitable growth, the protection of marginalized and vulnerable students, the nurturing of a supportive district, and ultimately aid in the representation and belonging of our district student body.

Passed unanimously on October 24, 2017