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From: Student Chancellor <studentchancellor@mail.ccsf.edu>
Date: Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 11:58 AM
Subject: Student Government Letter of Support for Emergency Bridge Funds
To:

To the Offices of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors,

This is a letter of intent submitted to inform you that, after months of connecting with student constituents, the Executive Council of the Associated Students of City College of San Francisco, the official representative study body composed of delegates of all seven student councils from Ocean Campus, Mission Center, John Adams Center, Evans Center, Chinatown Center, Downtown Center, and Civic Center, voted in favor of the Emergency Bridge Funds Ordinance on January 27th, 2020. We, the Student Government, do hereby urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to pass the \$2.7 million Emergency Bridge Funds Ordinance to ensure that the classes cut from the Spring 2020 Class Schedule of City College of San Francisco are reinstated.

The Executive Council has taken careful steps to hear the voices and concerns of all opinions of this college community. The Executive Council has also carefully deliberated over the course of multiple meetings on the topic of the Class Cuts. With the full support of all the seven active student councils officially representing the 65,000 students currently attending City College of San Francisco, the Executive Council has decided that, with enough deliberation and without room for doubt, do support the passing of this ordinance.

Attached you will find the official Resolution urging this passing.

Sincerely,

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Associated Students of City College of San Francisco

Resolution to Support Passing the \$2.7M Emergency Bridge Funds Ordinance to Restore the Spring 2020 Class Schedule of City College of San Francisco

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2019, less than 24 hours before students began registering for classes, a total of 350 class sections were cut from the Spring 2020 schedule - 286 credit and 64 non-credit; and

WHEREAS, Many of the classes cut from the schedule were financially self-sufficient, having historic enrollments of 20 to 28 students and full waitlists; and

WHEREAS, 20 students is the contractually agreed upon minimum for class sufficiency, with lower enrollment caps institutionally agreed upon as necessary for many types of classes; and

WHEREAS, These last minute class cuts were made without any input from the Associated Students Executive Council, as is required through Title V regulations regarding California Community College shared governance policy and;

WHEREAS, Prior to November 19th cuts, the original Spring 2020 schedule had been printed and posted online and students had made their semester plans, only to be left scrambling at registration time to make new plans; and

WHEREAS, The severe and sudden changes to the Spring 2020 schedule put priority student enrollment in jeopardy because they needed more time to form a different semester plan; and

WHEREAS, By causing completion delays, loss of financial aid, and even complete halts to students studies, these cuts have equally and negatively impacted students looking to transfer, obtain certificates, graduate, or obtain and develop skills; and

WHEREAS, The 90% cuts to Older Adults classes goes against the college's mission statement to provide lifelong learning and goes against the College's obligation to the district of San Francisco to provide adult learning classes; and

WHEREAS, The variety of courses at City College of San Francisco, including the Older Adult programs, the Arts and Women's Studies are integral in alleviating stresses on San Francisco's homeless and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco provides high-quality education at affordable rates in a city with high and increasing costs of living; and

WHEREAS, Such a loss of courses at City College of San Francisco will push San Francisco city residents to attend other colleges not in the district of SF, causing further loss in CCSF enrollment, due to the city not serving their educational and community enrichment needs; and

WHEREAS, CCSF Department Chairs are prepared to reinstate the classes cut from the Spring 2020 schedule as late start classes; and

WHEREAS, There is current mobilizing around the City and State for new revenue streams to support and enhance schools and communities, making the \$2.7 M a bridge to better funding, rather than a mere “band-aid” for business as usual; and

WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and community allies of City College have advocated over the last few months for financial assistance from the City to restore the Spring 2020 schedule and avoid cuts in the Summer 2020 schedule; and

WHEREAS, These efforts by the community have been successful in getting an ordinance introduced by Supervisor Shamann Walton to give City College the \$2.7 million to cover the cost of these classes; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Council of the Associated Students of City College of San Francisco, the official representative study body composed of delegates of all seven student councils from Ocean Campus, Mission Center, John Adams Center, Evans Center, Chinatown Center, Downtown Center, and Civic Center, voted in favor of the Emergency Bridge Funds Ordinance on January 27th, 2020: now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors pass the ordinance introduced on December 10, 2019 by Supervisor Walton to restore the Spring 2020 schedule; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Breed, upon the Board of Supervisors approval of the ordinance, transfer the \$2.7M Bridge Funds to CCSF as expeditiously as possible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon approval of the ordinance, the CCSF Board of Trustees to immediately direct the Office of Instruction to restore the classes cut from the Spring 2020 schedule.