RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR A FACULTY DRIVEN AND AUTONOMOUS SABBATICAL PROCESS.

Whereas, The Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) regards sabbatical leave as a recognized facet of professional development that is valuable to students, faculty members, the institution, and the surrounding community;

Whereas, The Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC) asserts that sabbaticals are among the most important means by which the teaching effectiveness of faculty members may be enhanced, their scholarly usefulness enlarged, and an institution's academic programs strengthened and developed;

Whereas, Professional development is among the academic and professional matters assigned to the Faculty Senate by Title 5 (§53200 [b], §53201 and §53202), and the Sabbatical Leave Committee is a Faculty Senate committee with all the protections thereof;

Whereas, Board Policy 2510 §7 states that The Board of Trustees of Cerritos College and the duly appointed administrators of the college will reach mutual agreement with the Faculty Senate, by written resolution, regulation or policy in relation to the academic and professional matters;

Whereas, The District's role in the sabbatical approval process was historically and appropriately limited to how many sabbaticals would be funded, while the determination over who actually qualifies for a sabbatical leave was historically and appropriately faculty driven under the auspices of the Faculty Senate;

Whereas, The District is attempting to negotiate a greater role for administration at all levels of the sabbatical approval process;

Therefore Be it Resolved, That the Faculty Senate officially recommends the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and the duly appointed administrators of the college recognize the authority of the Faculty Senate over the sabbatical qualification process;

Be it Finally Resolved, That the Faculty Senate send a copy of this resolution to the Cerritos College Faculty Federation, the President/Superintendent of the Cerritos Community College District, and the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.