Resolution in Support of Community College Completion Corps

WHEREAS 79% of entering college students plan to earn an associate degree but only 45% actually do within six years, and

WHEREAS the United States has fallen from having the highest percentage of citizens with a postsecondary degree to 16th among the 34 industrialized economies, and

WHEREAS more than three million livable wage jobs are unfilled in the United States because students are not entering the fields or obtaining the skills, instruction, and credentials required for 21st century jobs, and

WHEREAS America's pool of qualified workers is shrinking rapidly as an increasing percentage of the population retires, and

WHEREAS supporting college completion is a moral imperative, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cerritos College Faculty Senate approves of the efforts of the Community College Completion Corps in its efforts to increase student success and college completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cerritos College Faculty Senate asks the faculty to join in the C4 call to action to help students complete college by signing C4 pledge cards, making C4 materials available to students in their offices or classrooms, and/or allowing students to share C4 information in their classrooms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cerritos College Faculty Senate encourages administrators, faculty and staff to examine current college practices, to identify ways to help students understand the value of degrees and certifications, and to help students make progress toward their goals