



Black Lives Matter Resolution

Adopted December 12, 2020

WHEREAS, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges condemns the violent assaults and unlawful murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Aubrey, Emmett Till, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Botham Jean, Eric Garner, Michelle Cusseaux, Ezell Ford, Jacob Blake, Dominique Clayton, among countless other Black lives lost to racial violence;

WHEREAS, **these** continued attacks on Black bodies are only the most recent example of four-hundred years of systemic oppression and racism prevalent in many of our institutions, including our higher education systems in the state of California;

WHEREAS, this legacy of white supremacy and terrorism threatens the health and safety of students and therefore widens academic, opportunity, and retention gaps for Black, African-American, Indigenous, Native-American, Chicanx, Latinx, Latin-American, Middle-eastern, other students of color, and all other ethnic minority groups who are already disenfranchised;

WHEREAS, as student leaders, we have an obligation to serve Black, African-American, Indigenous, Native-American, Latinx, Latin-American, Middle-Eastern, other students of color, and all other ethnic minority groups; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this obligation is essential to advance our higher education system's goals and values of ensuring diversity, equity, equality, inclusion, and respect for all people;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges declare racism a public health crisis and an enormous educational barrier to success;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges reaffirm its commitment to serving our students of color and exercising its role in affirming anti-racism through racial equity;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with its system partners to increase diversity amongst faculty, staff, and administrative members and promote the hiring of more Black individuals;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with its system partners to increase the availability and access of ethnic studies courses as well as diversify euro-centric curriculum in all pathways;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with college administrators to address the trauma students of Black communities have faced in improving and expanding existing support services, such as, EOPS, Umoja, counseling, peer-mentoring programs, and all other related support programs;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges work with college administrators to ensure equitable student grievance processes and accountability of hate and racism inflicted by any faculty, staff, administrative, or students on all campuses;

RESOLVED, that the Student Senate for California Community Colleges pledge a commitment to work with system partners and other organizations on dismantling systemic, institutional, and all other forms of racism by taking all additional, necessary steps to ensure inclusive and safe collegiate environments for Black students.

Adopted by the SSCCC Board of Directors, December 12, 2020