

Academic Senate of De Anza College Resolution
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Opposition to AB 515

Whereas, AB 515 proposes to create two tiers of education, increasing opportunity for the privileged who can afford education while denying educational opportunity to students who cannot afford these new classes;

Whereas, AB 515 has the potential to change the community college tradition of egalitarian access that has contributed to the economic success of the state of California;

Whereas, the language claiming that the new classes “will not supplant” regular college sections and will provide “a more reasonably priced alternative in comparison to tuition charged by for-profit colleges” reflects pricing strategies based on anecdote, not fact, and represents a fundamental shift in the mission of California community colleges;

Be it resolved that the Academic Senate of De Anza College vigorously oppose AB 515 and other proposed legislation that undermines the principles of access to educational opportunity provided in the tradition of California community colleges.