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Legally Required

AP 4021 Program Discontinuance

1. **Statement of Purpose:** The District is committed to the vitality and integrity of its educational programs as validated by processes of regular and ongoing evaluation. The purpose of this Procedure is to provide a framework for the effective consideration of program vitality that utilizes regular and rigorous institutional evaluation, and in those rare instances where consideration of discontinuance is appropriate, to provide a framework and a process of effective engagement within which to consider the relevant issues and to come to an appropriate and timely institutional resolution.
2. **Consideration of Collective Bargaining Rights:** Nothing contained in this Procedure is intended to infringe upon, diminish, or supersede any collective bargaining rights established for employees of the District. It is the intention of the District that consideration of issues appropriately under the scope of bargaining be addressed through the regular processes established for such consideration by the District and its collective bargaining units.
3. **Process of Regular Program Evaluation:** The District is committed to regular processes of evaluation of its programs that support and advance the District mission. The colleges shall follow locally developed and approved institutional evaluation processes in support of excellence and in accord with all appropriate statutory and accrediting body standards and requirements.

The process used to determine program discontinuance/viability shall be developed and adopted by each college and posted on the respective college website.

References:

Education Code Section 78016;
Title 5 Sections 51022 and 55130
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

Attachments

[📎 AP 4021 Program Discontinuance- Comments](#)

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