

Resolution to Preserve the Chinese Program at Grossmont College

Whereas, Grossmont College's Chinese Program provides students with valuable opportunities to learn the world's second most widely spoken language and gain Chinese cultural literacy to be well-equipped for engagement in a globalized world where international labor mobility increases and linguistic and cultural competencies are essential; and

Whereas, preserving the Chinese Program at Grossmont not only aligns with the California Community College's mission to provide a comprehensive education that includes world languages and cultures learning as its critical components, but also provide students with the opportunities to learn to understand one of the world's economic and strategic powers, and open the door to careers in the global marketplace such as international trade, diplomacy, journalism, and archaeology, etc., and

Whereas, the Chinese Program fosters cross-cultural understanding and appreciation, which aligns with the college's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and prepares students for careers in diverse fields such as Business, International Relations, Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture, Cultural Studies, Fine Arts, Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Anthropology, and many more; and

Whereas, Grossmont College serves a diverse student population, including members of the local Chinese-American communities, and eliminating the Chinese Program not only closes the door to a wide range of bright prospects and invariably deprives students of many employment opportunities but would also significantly impact current and prospective students who rely on this unique academic offering to meet transfer, degree, or personal enrichment goals; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Academic Senate of Grossmont College advocate for the preservation and continued support of the Chinese Program as a critical academic and cultural resource for students and the community; and

Resolved, that the Academic Senate collaborate with the administration to explore sustainable funding strategies, outreach, and innovative program delivery, and engage in important work of the Enrollment Strategies and inspiring interest in Chinese language education, such as offering Chinese Civilization and Culture courses in the World Languages Department (proposal submitted in fall 2023), to ensure the program's long-term viability and vibrant growth.