Resolution to Support Bakersfield College as a Pilot Location for Community College Applied Baccalaureate Degree Program

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has appointed a 16-member panel to review the possibility of baccalaureate degrees at community colleges in California;

WHEREAS, only 14.9% of the population in Kern County has a baccalaureate degree compared to 30.5% in California;

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College has the drive and willingness to accept the challenge of offering a baccalaureate degree in industrial automation program in Kern County;

WHEREAS, Bakersfield College is committed to the process of seeking additional accreditation and the undertaking of a revision to current curriculum and organization;

WHEREAS, Title 5 recognizes that Academic Senates are given primacy over curriculum, degree and certificate requirements, and educational program development, all critical to decisions about baccalaureate programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bakersfield College Academic Senate supports Bakersfield College’s position as a pilot location for California Community College Chancellor’s Office implementation of a baccalaureate degree program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the position of the Bakersfield College Academic Senate, as expressed in this resolution, be transmitted to Chancellor Brice Harris and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

October 28, 2014

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Stephen Holmes
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