Resolution of the Board of Trustees
San Diego Community College District

In the matter of opposition to California Senate Bill 1550 (Wright)
Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Extension Course Pilot Program

WHEREAS, the San Diego Community College District is committed to policies that support open and equitable access to educational opportunity and is opposed to policies that would limit access for reasons other than the availability of class sections; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1550 would “establish a voluntary pilot program for purposes of authorizing a community college district to establish and maintain an extension program offering career and workforce training credit courses;” and

WHEREAS, the bill would set up a two-tier fee structure that would allow credit courses to be offered at a fee that is higher than the enrollment fee of $46 per unit that has been approved by the California legislature for credit courses, effective summer 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1550 limits the scope of the bill to a pilot project but does not remove the inequity that would limit or exclude student access based solely on cost, causing inequities in the treatment of students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees opposes Senate Bill 1550; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board’s opposition be conveyed to members of the California legislature, especially the legislative delegation from San Diego, urging that SB 1550 not be enacted.

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Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the San Diego Community College District in San Diego, California, this 10th day of May, 2012.

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