

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

AS-2955-10/ FGA
May 6-7, 2010

**Opposition to AB 2401 (Block) and Loss of Statewide Admissions
Diversity and Quality**

- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of the California State University (ASCSU) oppose AB 2401 (Block), which would require that California State University (CSU) campuses deny admission to all freshman applicants out of the campus local service area (LSA), unless all CSU-eligible LSA students are granted admission; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU assert that AB 2401 would reduce diversity in the student body of CSU campuses by limiting the number of students from disparate areas (e.g., the Central Valley and the North Coast regions) of California outside of their LSAs; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That AB 2401
- a. would reduce opportunities for students with special talents or interest in areas of the arts, agriculture, engineering, athletics, and other fields not offered by their LSA campus;
 - b. could incur large financial costs by necessitating an increase in the number of campuses offering particular programs, such as teacher preparation;
 - c. would deny admission to non-LSA California applicants with higher eligibility scores than those of admitted LSA applicants, thereby denying high achieving students access to their intended campuses;
- and be it further
- RESOLVED: That ASCSU reaffirm that CSU campuses are supported by and intended to serve all citizens of the State of California and not just those of their LSAs; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the ASCSU send this resolution to the CSU Chancellor and Board of Trustees, California State Legislature, and the Governor of California.

RATIONALE The ASCSU opposes AB 2401 for the following reasons:

- *Budget reductions have forced CSU to reduce enrollments by 10% over a 2-year period despite high demand.*
- *Campuses were given short timelines to develop plans to deal with reduced enrollment.*

- *AB 2401 was introduced in response to changes in the admission policies at a single campus, but could affect the entire admission process for the CSU.*
- *The one campus plan that would deny admission to some CSU-eligible LSA applicants this year still exceeded its 11-year average percentage of LSA admissions and percentage of freshman admits from underrepresented groups by providing them additional eligibility score points.*
- *CSU-eligible LSA students denied admission to local campuses are guaranteed admission upon completion of designated program at community colleges.*
- *The measure would overturn the mission of the CSU to serve the entire state and not just the local areas of the individual campuses.*

Approved Without Dissent - May 6-7, 2010

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 24, 2010

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL**No. 2401****Introduced by Assembly Member Block**

February 19, 2010

An act to amend Section 66202 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2401, as amended, Block. Public postsecondary education: admissions policy.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, provides for a public postsecondary education system in this state. This system consists of the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges. Among other things, the Donahoe Higher Education Act sets forth legislative intent with respect to enrollment planning and admission priority practice at the undergraduate resident student level for the California State University and the University of California.

This bill would ~~express the intent of the Legislature, subject to existing admission priority practices, that state this legislative intent with respect to enrollment planning and admission, rather than admission priority practice. The bill would require~~ the California State University, *within existing enrollment categories*, to provide applicants residing in the local service area, as defined, ~~priority~~ admission to the applicant's local California State University campus over other California residents or out-of-state applicants entering as first-time freshmen or sophomores, provided they meet relevant admissions criteria.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66202 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 66202. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the following
4 categories be followed, insofar as practicable in the following
5 numerical order, for the purpose of enrollment planning and
6 admission ~~priority practice~~ at the undergraduate resident student
7 level for the California State University and the University of
8 California:
9 (1) Continuing undergraduate students in good standing.
10 (2) California community college transfer students who have
11 successfully concluded a course of study in an approved transfer
12 agreement program.
13 (3) (A) Other California community college students who have
14 met all of the requirements for transfer.
15 (B) As stated in legislative findings, the transfer function plays
16 a key role in meeting the state’s goals of educational equity.
17 Therefore, the Board of Regents of the University of California
18 and the Board of Trustees of the California State University shall
19 declare as policy for this subparagraph and paragraph (2) that
20 students who are eligible to transfer and who are from historically
21 underrepresented groups or economically disadvantaged families
22 shall be given preference, to the fullest extent possible under state
23 and federal law, statutes, and regulations, in transfer admissions
24 decisions, and shall design policies in conformity with state and
25 federal statutes and regulations intended to facilitate their success
26 in achieving transfer.
27 (4) Other qualified transfer students.
28 (5) California residents entering at the freshman or sophomore
29 levels.
30 (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that within each of
31 the preceding enrollment categories, the following groups of
32 applicants ~~receive priority consideration in admissions practice~~ *be*
33 *granted admission* in the following order:
34 (1) Residents of California who are recently released veterans
35 of the ~~armed forces~~ *Armed Forces* of the United States.

1 (2) Transfers from California public community colleges.

2 (3) Applicants who have been previously enrolled at the campus
3 to which they are applying, provided they left this institution in
4 good standing.

5 (4) Applicants who have a degree or credential objective that
6 is not generally offered at other public institutions of higher
7 learning within California.

8 (5) Applicants for whom the distance involved in attending
9 another institution would create financial or other hardships.

10 (c) It is further the intent of the Legislature that those veterans
11 referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) who were enrolled
12 in good standing at a campus of the University of California or at
13 one of the California State Universities prior to military service
14 receive priority over other veterans recently released from military
15 service.

16 (d) (1) ~~It is further the intent of the Legislature that, within~~
17 ~~Within~~ each of the ~~priority~~ enrollment categories in subdivisions
18 (a) to (c), inclusive, the California State University *shall* provide
19 applicants who reside in the local service area of a campus with
20 ~~priority~~ admission to the applicant’s local California State
21 University campus over other California residents or out-of-state
22 applicants entering as first-time freshmen or sophomores, provided
23 they meet relevant admissions criteria. An applicant who is
24 provided ~~priority~~ admission pursuant to this subdivision shall be
25 subject to any additional admissions criteria resulting from
26 ~~impaction of a major or campus.~~

27 (2) As used in this subdivision, “local service area” means the
28 CSU service area for the campus as set forth in the California State
29 University Coded Memorandum AA-2005-05, dated February 23,
30 2005.

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