



**CALIFORNIA FACULTY ASSOCIATION**  
**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ONLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, Governor Brown has proposed a one hundred fifteenth (115<sup>th</sup>) community college, all online, in his January 2018 budget proposal; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office would be the employer of record for the proposed online community college, which is a violation of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the budget bill language proposes this college would be staffed by part-time faculty, which is a rejection of AB 1725 and the commitment to full-time faculty; and

WHEREAS, this college would not adhere to California's collective bargaining law; and

WHEREAS, the one hundred fourteen (114) existing California Community Colleges already offer robust online programs; and

WHEREAS, the Online Education Initiative (OEI) is designed to give students across the state access to Distance Education programs offered by all participating colleges; and

WHEREAS, the OEI is still in its infancy and should be given a chance to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the one hundred twenty million (\$120M) that is proposed to fund the online Community College would go a long way toward strengthening existing Distance Education programs and other badly needed classes and services around the state, including accessibility on existing Community College Campuses; and

WHEREAS, online courses may increase access for students and faculty with disabilities to fulfill their academic and professional aims, an unintended possible outcome of an entirely online campus may be an overreliance on the online campus and thereby causing existing campuses to not actively increase—or may actively disinvest in increasing—accessibility on their own campuses; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the California Faculty Association opposes the Governor's proposed online Community College, and urges the Legislature to reject it in favor of alternatives involving existing Community Colleges.

Adopted by the CFA Assembly  
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