

**A Motion by the Glendale Community College Faculty Senate
on the proposed Single Accreditation for the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD)**

Whereas: the faculty of Glendale Community College (GCC) support the mission of the Higher Learning Commission to “Serve the common good by assuring and advancing the quality of higher learning”;

Whereas: the faculty of GCC value the distinction and direction afforded by our independent accreditation;

Whereas: the faculty of GCC value their 50 year investment into an independent accreditation based upon the vision and mission of our college;

Whereas: the faculty of GCC recognize and value the investment in and support of our college by students and other community stakeholders;

Whereas: establishing a single accreditation for the MCCCD will require a significant expenditure of revenue, derived from taxes and tuition, at a time when many MCCCD college budgets are being reduced;

Whereas: the accreditation process creates a recognition of colleges, such as GCC, to Federal programs, which has an effect of making GCC eligible for certain programs, grants and awards, while also making some colleges ineligible for certain grants and awards for reasons other than quality;

Whereas: individual accreditation helps to identify colleges and programs eligible for the investment of public funds, both local, state and national, which are unique and inventive for their high quality;

Whereas: accreditation creates goals for self-improvement of weaker programs at GCC and stimulates a general raising of GCC’s high standards among educational institutions;

Whereas: the accreditation process involves the faculty and staff comprehensively in institutional evaluation and planning at the local level within departments and programs at GCC;

We are resolved that:

- the Maricopa Community College District’s move toward a single accreditation jeopardizes Glendale Community College’s distinct identity and its reputation as a unique and high quality college.
- the Maricopa Community College District’s move toward a single accreditation will disenfranchise loyal stakeholders who identify with GCC but not other colleges in the MCCCD.
- the Maricopa Community College District’s single accreditation would cause the loss of GCC’s control of its unique and inventive programs (e.g. the Honors Program, Forensics, Occupational Programs in Automotive Technology, Biotechnology, and special certificates), which are not all-encompassing across the MCCCD.
- the Maricopa Community College District’s single accreditation would make GCC accountable for issues and actions at other institutions/colleges, such as mistakes in hiring, professional certification and post-hiring licensure, and for failure to upgrade courses offering such preparation.
- and the Maricopa Community College District’s single accreditation would endanger comprehensive involvement of GCC’s faculty and staff in the accreditation process.

Therefore, the Glendale Community College Faculty Senate appeals to the Maricopa County Community College District’s leadership to continue supporting the individual accreditations of the individual colleges. The goals of the ONE Maricopa initiative to become more effective and efficient can be achieved without implementing a single District accreditation.

MOTION ACCEPTED OCTOBER 22, 2015