



SMCCCD Academic Senate

Date: June 30, 2021

To: Mike Claire, Chancellor, SMCCCD

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Subject: Budget for "In-house" Operations of San Mateo Athletic Club

Chancellor Claire,

The San Mateo County Community College District Academic Senate would like to express its concern with the Board of Trustee's direction to shift from a private contractor to an "in-house" operation of the San Mateo Athletic Club at College of San Mateo. To be clear, the District Academic Senate has no position on who manages the athletic facility, but based on the October 22, 2020, report from Harvey M. Rose Associates, LLC, the San Mateo Athletic Club would "run at a loss of between \$2.3 and \$5.1 million annually" if converted to "in-house" operations. Unfortunately, such a large operating deficit would inevitably impact the local budgets of all three campuses, which would, in turn, negatively impact the colleges' academic and student support programs. While enterprise operations are not traditionally an academic and professional matter, this particular instance would have a severe impact on academic programs, bringing it into the purview of the academic senate, and we are strongly opposed to any decision that would funnel money away from faculty hiring, classroom and technological upgrades, and direct student aid.

I am writing on behalf of the District Academic Senate leadership to formally request, in writing, the proposed budget of the San Mateo Athletic Club and the District's proposal for how it will close the operating deficit identified by Harvey M. Rose Associates, LLC. I'd like to request that this budget and proposal be shared with the District Academic Senate well in advance of any Board action. And of course, the District Academic Senate would welcome the appropriate District administrators to visit the District Academic Senate to discuss this issue.

We appreciate your assistance on this important issue.