



Academic Senate

Spring 2020

Resolution 1.01S20

Solidarity with NDNU Faculty and Students

Whereas, the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Academic Senate admires Notre Dame de Namur University's (NDNU) long-standing commitment to social justice;

Whereas, NDNU is the oldest university in San Mateo County and one of the oldest universities in the State of California, having been founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1851;

Whereas, the SMCCCD Academic Senate believes in the sanctity of the faculty's purview over academic programs and other academic and professional matters, which the NDNU professoriate has been denied for several years by university administration;

Whereas, NDNU is well renown for many of these academic programs, including art therapy, teacher credentialing, business, and humanities;

Whereas, NDNU has a coalition of faculty, staff, students, and local and state leaders who are committed and able to move the university towards financial solvency;

Whereas, many of SMCCCD's own students have transferred to NDNU and have experienced high quality, justice-oriented upper division and graduate educational experiences;

And whereas, the closing of NDNU would displace thousands of students and staff and leave an irreplaceable void in the county's higher education offerings;

Resolved, the SMCCCD Academic Senate stands in solidarity with the faculty and students of NDNU and offers its support in helping them to save the university;

Resolved, the SMCCCD Academic Senate calls on the NDNU administration to work with the faculty and local and state leaders to rebuild the university's endowment and to resuscitate its academic programs;

Resolved, the SMCCCD Academic Senate urges the NDNU administration to reinstate all students to the university so that they may finish their studies without the emotional and financial burden of transferring to another university.

Passed unanimously on May 18, 2020