5021. BOARD POLICY ON DISABLED STUDENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

References: Education Code Sections 67300, 67310-12, 84850;

Title 5 Sections 56000 et seq.

29 U.S.C. Section 794d; 34 C.F.R. Sections 104.3 and 104.44;

Section 504 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Under federal and State laws, the College is required to ensure that academic requirements and practices, facilities, electronic information technology, printed materials, and college services and activities are reasonably accessible to students with disabilities.

The College will make modifications as necessary in order to provide equal access. The Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS) Office shall be the primary provider for support programs and services that facilitate equal educational opportunities for students with disabilities who can benefit from instruction as required by federal and State laws.

DSPS services shall be available to students with verified disabilities. The services to be provided are based on educational need and may include, but are not limited to, priority registration, reasonable classroom and testing accommodations, sign language interpreters, closed or open captioning, printed college material in alternate formats, adaptive equipment, specialized classes and support programs, and disability and academic counseling.

The College Superintendent-President in consultation with the Vice President, Student Support Services shall assure that the DSPS Program conforms to all requirements established by the relevant laws and regulations.

Students with disabilities have the right to receive reasonable academic adjustments in order to create an educational environment where they have equal access to instruction without fundamentally altering any course, educational program, or degree.

Students with disabilities are not required to register with DSPS. The College's assigned ADA/504 Compliance Officer will be the contact point for students with professionally verified disabilities, not participating in DSPS, who need reasonable accommodations in order to equally participate in the regular educational programs at the College.

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