

## Resolution Supporting Physical Education Program at Foothill College

Whereas, A budget analysis report dated January 29, 2009, from the California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) proposed that the "Legislature reduce the funding for credit bearing P.E. courses ... to the regular non-credit rate" and further argued that Physical Education (P.E.) activity courses should not receive the same level of funding as other college courses because these courses are "not transferable" and are "primarily for students' personal enjoyment";

Whereas, The LAO report further stipulated that, under this recommendation, "these courses would continue to be classified as credit; only the funding rate would change," which means that if P.E. activity courses were re-classified as non-credit, this would amount to half the FTES funding rate for credit courses;

Whereas, This recommendation from the LAO report dismisses the value of the curriculum and instruction of P.E. courses; and

Whereas, P.E. courses are an integral part of the course offerings for students and our collective mission as community colleges;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Foothill College maintain that all credit courses currently taught on the campuses of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District in the discipline of physical education be classified and funded as credit courses; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Foothill College urge the administration of the Foothill-DeAnza Community College District to continue to support the classification of physical education courses as credit courses.