

Resolution FA10.03 Mandatory Assessment and Orientation

SBVC Academic Senate Executive Committee

Whereas, the July 2007 publication, *Basic Skills as a Foundation for Student Success in California Community Colleges*, listed best practices found in the literature that included:

- Orientation, assessment, and placement are mandatory for all new students
(Boylan, H.R., and Saxon, D.P., 2002. *What works in Remediation: Lessons from 30 Years of Research*.)
(Roueche, R.E. & Roueche, S.D., 1999. *High Stakes, High Performance: Making Remedial Education Work*.)

because student retention and success are measurably increased by the practice, and;

Whereas, in April 2008 the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Academic Senate adopted the SBVC Basic Skills Plan, after nine months of vigorous campus dialog, and presented these recommendations to the San Bernardino Community College District Board of Trustees:

- Implement a mandatory assessment and orientation policy for students enrolled in or completing 12 or more units.
- Increase availability of assessment test
- Develop/Adopt test that is portable, allows same-day orientation and placement
- Mandatory orientation for all students
- Comprehensive review of orientation process and curriculum

in an effort to increase student access to assessment and orientation services, and;

Whereas, the SBVC campus has worked to increase the availability of assessment tests and is near completion of on-line orientation processes that align with the SBVC Strategic Plan's Initiatives of increasing student success and institutional effectiveness, and;

Whereas, current SBVC campus-wide dialog has again cited the need for mandatory assessment and orientation;

Resolved, the San Bernardino Valley College Academic Senate reaffirms its recommendation that assessment and orientation should be mandatory and will continue to work with the administration and campus committees to implement mandatory assessment and orientation.