

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

## OFFICE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

## **Resolution in Support of Restoring Counselor Faculty Outreach**

**WHEREAS,** <u>CSU Executive Order 1053</u> mandates that counseling centers provide outreach, consultation, and preventive education as essential functions of student mental health services:

WHEREAS, the <u>International Association of Counseling Services</u> (IACS) identifies outreach as a standard of professional practice, necessary for accreditation and institutional credibility; WHEREAS, student success and retention are demonstrably tied to accessible mental health support, and <u>outreach is a proven strategy for prevention</u>, early intervention, and crisis mitigation;

**WHEREAS,** <u>limiting outreach disproportionately harms</u> underrepresented, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, undocumented, and first-generation students who are less likely to access traditional clinical services;

**WHEREAS**, counselor faculty have historically served as liaisons and collaborators with campus partners—including BMAC, Dream Success Center, Housing, and cultural resource centers—building trust, continuity, and culturally responsive care for students, and these ties are now being restricted by administrative directive;

WHEREAS, restricting counselor faculty to in-office outreach undermines their professional autonomy and departs from established role expectations under the <u>SSP-AR classification</u>; WHEREAS, <u>Cal/OSHA's recent citation</u> applied solely to unsafe satellite therapy offices and does not prohibit counselor outreach in classrooms, student centers, or open campus venues;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Long Beach affirms the essential role of counselor faculty outreach and calls for the immediate reversal of restrictions limiting outreach to in-office activities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Senate urges the Division of Student Affairs and CAPS leadership to uphold CSU policy, accreditation standards, and faculty role protections by ensuring counselor outreach remains visible, accessible, and student-centered across campus spaces;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** that this resolution be shared with the CFA Counselors Committee, Academic Senate Executive Committee, Faculty Affairs, and all campus affinity groups to ensure broad advocacy for student access to mental health care.

## **Endorsed by**

- The American Indian Faculty & Staff Association
- Asian Pacific Islander Network
- Black Faculty & Staff Association
- California Faculty Association of Long Beach Latinx Faculty & Staff Association
- Sistahs On Campus
- The Trans and Queer Staff & Faculty Association Executive Board