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**Subject:** RE: MCC Academic Senate statement regarding continued CBE efforts  
**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2024 at 2:58:42 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
**From:** Angel Reyna  
**To:** Bill Turini  
**CC:** Lynette Cortes Howden, Hillary Biehler, Erin Heasley, Juan Alvarez, Marie Harris, Justin Garcia  
**Attachments:** CBE 5.12.23.pdf, image001.png, image004.png

Good afternoon, Bill,

Thank you for the email. Dr. Garcia has reported back to Dr. Harris and me.

I'd like to provide some context that you may already be aware of regarding my quotes from the April 5, 2024 meeting. During the May 12, 2023 Academic Senate meeting, I read into the record (see attached) the potential consequences of discontinuing the CBE pilot. Additionally, on April 10, 2024, during our scheduled one-on-one meeting, I reiterated to you that if the Academic Senate decided to withdraw from the pilot, there would likely be consequences.

With that context in mind, I will share this information with our Chancellor and other stakeholders at the District.

Thanks again, and I hope everyone is having a great summer!

Thanks,

**Ángel Reyna, Ed.D.**

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Good afternoon President Reyna,

Apologies for the delay in getting this message to you. I'm confident that Dean Garcia has already reported this, but I also know that formal notification is important in matters such as this.

At the May 10, 2024 meeting of the MCC Academic Senate, the body voted unanimously to discontinue efforts toward the implementation of competency-based education (CBE) offerings.

As you know, members of the MCC faculty have been exploring this avenue for several years now, starting with the commendable work done by Drs. Aizon and Alvarez. It is the understanding of the Academic Senate that they submitted a list of concerns regarding the efforts to your office, and their developed expertise led to a recommendation that we begin to seek other avenues that would have a greater likelihood of contributing to student success at Madera Community College. The Academic Senate considered this recommendation during the Spring 2023 semester, with the result being the resolution that was adopted in August 2023 and submitted to your office.

Nonetheless, and in good faith, the Academic Senate re-engaged in the conversation during the Spring 2024 semester, providing opportunities for several experts—both internal and external--to come before both this body and our Curriculum Committee and address our concerns. What we learned, through both formal and informal communications, was that our concerns are valid and that the state of California was on the cusp of discovering those issues that Drs. Aizon and Alvarez had identified in 2022, but we were nonetheless encouraged to continue to participate and support the dedication of limited resources in the face of significant unknowns.

After weighing all of this information, the Academic Senate expresses its appreciation for the time you spent with us during our April 05 special meeting, when you offered the comments "I fully understand this is your purview. If you all want to walk away from this [CBE] and not do it, I understand and we're not going to force the issue" and "[w]ith the CBE pilot, if you all don't want to move forward, we won't keep spinning the wheels and telling the State Chancellor's office 'pause, pause, pause.'" After a great deal of time and consideration, the Academic Senate has concluded that there is no clear and compelling evidence indicating that continuing down this path will yield the desired results for our students.

Thank you,  
--Bill

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