De Anza Academic Senate Resolution on Safe On-Campus Athletic Conditioning and Caring For The Mental Health of Student Athletes

Whereas De Anza athletics students are experiencing a crisis in mental health due to lack of access to in-person conditioning, and 55% of those students are our underrepresented and vulnerable students for whom we have an institutional commitment to closing student success gaps;

Whereas, the Academic Senate supports De Anza Athletics in seeking to resume conditioning for student athletes in a manner that is safe and follows all county health guidelines with regard to conditioning classes taught outdoors;

Whereas the Academic Senate supports the District providing a safe environment for all District employees and students by ensuring all necessary precautions such as distancing, cleaning, and use of PPE;

Whereas the Academic Senate supports De Anza Athletics in pursuing some sort of student athletic conditioning, should circumstances allow this to be done safely, and, understands that there may be some limiting factor such as the costs of testing, or spikes in cases, that will keep this from becoming a reality;

Whereas, actual confirmation and costing out of those limiting factors, and not speculation of what the costs and limiting factors might be, should decide our path forward together as the Foothill De Anza Community College district;

Resolved, the Academic Senate supports slowly and safely bringing a small cohort of students back to campus in a low risk (outdoor) environment with ample space.

Resolved, the Academic Senate considers the safe return of on-campus socially distanced athletic conditioning activities to be a potential model for bringing other entities on campus safely with similar plans and procedures for COVID19.