



De Anza Student Government Senate
Resolution for Additional Financial Assistance for all De Anza Students

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WHEREAS, The Foothill De-Anza Community College District considers creating a balanced budget that supports strategies for achieving student success and equity goals a priority - even if reductions in overall expenditures become necessary¹;

WHEREAS, a survey by De Anza in 2023² highlights the alarming rates of basic needs insecurities among students, with 16% being homeless 29% being house insecure in the prior year, and 29% being food insecure in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, California students work an average of 24 hours a week. According to a study done by Equity in Learning - working more than 15 hours a week exponentially decreases a student's chance to graduate. Among low-income UC Merced students, 63 percent of students working 15 hours a week or less graduated within 6 years, and 46 percent had a C, D, or F average; and

WHEREAS, According to a study by the FHDA District, in the academic year 2021-2022, only 11,186 out of 27,148 De Anza students took 12 or more units ³; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for De Anza Promise, students need to enroll in at least 12 units

WHEREAS, Of a survey of 217 students who enrolled in the Spring Quarter of 2021, 65 respondents said they took 8 or more quarters or stayed for more than 2 years⁴; and

WHEREAS, According to the California Community College Chancellor's Office, only 9,171 unique students were provided California College Promise Grants, Grants, Loans, Scholarships, and Work Study. That leaves 17,971 unique De Anza students who did not receive federal or state financial aid in the 2021-2022 academic year⁵; and

¹ https://www.deanza.edu/emp/strategic/documents/DAC_EMP_2022-2027_Draft_May_19_2022.pdf

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https://www.deanza.edu/ir/research/documents/BelongingCivicCapacityBasicNeedsMentalHealth_Spring2023.pdf

³ https://research.fhda.edu/mis_reports/mis_financial_aid/MIS_Fin_Aid_SCFE_2023.pdf

⁴ https://www.deanza.edu/ir/deanza-research-projects/surveys/S21_Title_IX_Survey.pdf

⁵ https://datamart.cccco.edu/Services/FinAid_Summary.aspx



WHEREAS, Tuition and fees only account for 5% of costs for California Community College students living off campus; and

WHEREAS, Since June of last year, gas prices have been up 50.1%. Electricity usage and food prices are up 10.8% and 19% respectively, and household furnishings jumped 9.5%⁶. In the past decade, the cost of rent increased by 38.46%. During the same period, monthly payments of mortgages and insurance for mid-tier California homes increased by 3 fold⁷; and

WHEREAS, De Anza enjoys monetary protection under the “hold harmless” policy that guarantees a minimum funding amount equivalent to the 2017-2018 funding year, adjusted annually for Cost of Living Adjustments(COLA); and

WHEREAS, for the past 5 years, De Anza has benefited from funding non-contingent enrollment trends or student success. For the academic year 2024-2025, De Anza will rely on the new student-centered funding formula(SCFF) that allocates funding according to “(1) a base allocation linked to enrollment, (2) a supplemental allocation linked to low-income student counts, and (3) a student success allocation linked to specific student outcomes”⁸; and

WHEREAS, De Anza has an overwhelming incentive to at the minimum, momentarily increase enrollment in the 2024-2025 academic year which will act as the new funding minimum excluding the annual addition of COLA for the foreseeable years; and

RESOLVED, De Anza ensures that any future initiatives to improve enrollment numbers and student success for the 2024-2025 academic year will also **significantly increase financial aid** compared to previous years through scholarships, awards, waivers, free materials, and discounts. Furthermore, De Anza commits to **matching** or **exceeding** the level of financial assistance provided in 2024-2025 in subsequent years, regardless of funding and revenue outcomes;

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<https://sanjosespotlight.com/san-jose-silicon-valley-santa-clara-county-residents-react-to-record-breaking-inflation-food-gas-prices-shopping/>

⁷ <https://lao.ca.gov/LAOFconTax/Article/Detail/793>

⁸ <https://lao.ca.gov/reports/2024/4853/CCC-022124.pdf>