

Resolution of Concern About the Implementation of Early Start Programs Executive Committee of the CSUF Academic Senate

Resolved: That the CSUF Academic Senate is concerned about the implementation of mandatory early start programs.

Resolved: That this resolution of concern be distributed to the CSU Board of Trustees, the Office of the Chancellor, the Chair of the Academic Senate of the CSU, CSU campus Presidents, Provosts, and Senate chairs, the Chair of the English Council of the CSU, and the Chair of the Mathematics Council of the CSU.

Rationale:

- a. A pilot program, rather than a mandatory program, would be a more prudent way to determine the efficacy of an early start program.
- b. Serious attention needs to be paid to the financial consequences of shifting remediation to the summer given that summer is now self-supported, this will significantly decrease FTES in the Math and English departments.
- c. Serious attention needs to be paid to the consequences of this change on our first-time freshman, especially those from under-represented groups or those who have to financially support themselves. Can those students who are on financial aid afford summer school? Can those students of modest means afford to not have a full-time summer job? Will this lead to a loss of access to higher education?

Source: CSUF Executive Committee