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This is a first read and there will be the opportunity at the next Senate meeting to discuss the need for the first resolve statement (whether or not to keep it).

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On Feb 2, 2023, at 6:57 PM, Jessica Wojtysiak <jessica.wojtysiak@bakersfieldcollege.edu> wrote:

Hi Nick,

I appreciate the email.

Last week, I spoke with Josh and told him that administration has considered this math degree matter closed for quite some time. He told me that other faculty had worked on the resolution and that he didn't feel comfortable unilaterally pulling it from the agenda, despite my reassurance that this is a non-issue. So, when I saw Kimberly's name on the resolution beside Josh's, I reached out to her to again share that this is a non-issue, and I asked her why was it being put forward for a vote. Kimberly then shared with me that she was not an author of the resolution and didn't know why her name was listed beside it on the agenda.

Since no one in this administration has questioned the "authority and responsibility" of the Equivalency committee, and I, as a member of the executive leadership team, have expressed continued respect for that process in my discussions with both Kimberly and Josh, I have to really wonder why the Senate feels a need to "remind" the administration of its role by moving forward with this resolution (quotes denote language taken from the resolution).

Best,
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Jessica:

I've heard that there are questions/concerns/confusion about Kimberly Bligh's and/or Equivalency Committee's role in crafting the Mathematics Equivalency Resolution posted on the February 1 Senate agenda.

The Mathematics Equivalency Resolution came from the Mathematics Department. It did not come from the Equivalency Committee nor its chair, Kimberly Bligh. Kimberly's name was listed next to the item, so that she would be able to answer any questions about how Equivalency Committee determined that the MAT Mathematics degree from CSUB does not meet the min quals/equivalency for teaching college-level math classes. In other words, she was listed on the agenda as a resource person. The author of the initial resolution draft is Joshua Lewis on behalf of the Math Department. I think Michael McNellis was also involved in crafting the initial draft but even then it was as a consultant for the Math Department. The resolution is from the Math Department.

It is long-standing practice of the Senate (since at least 2010) to not put the names of the authors of the initial drafts of resolutions. Resolutions are often modified from the initial draft, so the "author" of a resolution passed by the Senate becomes the Senate body itself.

In our conversation last week after the EBoard meeting, you indicated that the CSUB MAT Math degree issue had been resolved when

Josh met with Billie Jo and Zav. I checked with Josh and he did not feel that Billie Jo and Zav were in agreement with the Math Department regarding the lack of qualifications of a high school teacher with just the CSUB MAT Math degree to teach college classes. Therefore, the resolution was brought forward on Feb 1 and will be voted upon on Feb 15.

For Brown Act purposes: this message is about the process of placing an item on the agenda and not about the merits of the item itself or how the Senate should vote on it, so it should be legal for me to send this message.

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