

**Resolution of the Board of Governors
California Community Colleges
Number 2024-17**

WHEREAS, the Legislature has directed the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to “provide leadership and direction in the continuing development of the California Community Colleges;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors’ responsibility to lead and direct includes the following broadly stated functions:

- 1.** conducting “necessary systemwide research on community colleges, and provide appropriate information services, including, but not limited to, definitions for the purpose of uniform reporting, collection, compilation, and analysis of data for effective planning and coordination, and dissemination of information.”
- 2.** coordinating and encouraging “interdistrict, regional, and statewide development of community college programs, facilities, and services;”
- 3.** facilitating “articulation with other segments of higher education with secondary education;” and
- 4.** contracting for the procurement of goods and services.

(Ed. Code, § 70901, subd. (b).)

WHEREAS, the Legislature has authorized the Board of Governors, by majority vote, to delegate the exercise of the powers described above to the Chancellor (Ed. Code, § 70901, subd. (d)); and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor’s Office has presented information regarding the rapid development of advanced technologies that are changing educational content, delivery, and administration in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the pace of innovation is likely to continue, and may accelerate, and the California Community Colleges must develop greater capacity to innovate and adapt to prepare students for the 21st Century economy.

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the legislative purposes stated above, the Board of Governors supports the Chancellor’s Office providing leadership and direction over the development of new and innovative technology within the California Community Colleges, including in the area of artificial intelligence, as described in this Resolution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1.** That the California Community Colleges Board of Governors encourages the Chancellor to establish a Digital Center for Equity, Transformation and Innovation (“Digital Center”) for the benefit the students, faculty, staff, and administrators of the California Community Colleges, and for Californians more generally;
- 2.** That the Digital Center shall, among other purposes to be defined by the Chancellor, coordinate technology across the California Community Colleges, including the

development of coherent strategies for system-wide data and information-sharing capacity across all institutional functions, and the establishment of high-quality data standards and practices that emphasize organization, representation, and integrity;

3. That the Digital Center shall be created in collaboration with one or more California community college districts, and shall be governed by such contractual arrangements as may be necessary to establish the Digital Center, subject to further approval of the Board of Governors, consistent with the requirements of law, and the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors;
4. That the Chancellor shall adopt, maintain, and publish a Charter for the Digital Center that articulates the Digital Center's purposes and values; and
5. That the Chancellor shall take all appropriate actions to give effect to this Resolution.

Vote Count: 12-0
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