

(ASBCC) Resolution in endorsement on Equitable Access to Technology

Whereas, the Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College recognizes that reliable internet access and essential technology, such as Chromebooks and hotspots, are critical for student success;

Whereas, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges adopted Resolution 11.01 (Fall 2021), affirming the importance of equitable access to technology;

Whereas, the communities served by Berkeley City College have experienced a significant decline in access to up-to-date technology and internet services, a disparity exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, limited access to essential resources perpetuates educational inequities, disproportionately affecting students from low-income backgrounds, students of color, and students with disabilities, hindering their academic performance and success;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Resolved, that the Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College strongly urges the district and campus administration to fund Chromebooks and hotspots loaner items specifically for library distribution for students to check out during the school year, promoting digital equity and ensuring student success;

Resolved, that the Associated Student Body of Berkeley City College and the Berkeley City College Library urge the Peralta Community College District to prioritize and allocate funding for this initiative, recognizing its vital role in closing the digital divide and fostering an inclusive learning environment;

Resolved, that copies of this resolution will be printed by ASBCC and distributed to the Berkeley City College Roundtable, Academic Senate, and Peralta Community College District.

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Endorsements:

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Nicolas Davalos	Senator
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References:

1. "As used here, the term "digital divide" refers to the gap between individuals, households, businesses and geographic areas at different socio-economic levels with regard both to their opportunities to access information and communication technologies (ICTs) and to their use of the Internet for a wide variety of activities." Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development, Understanding the Digital Divide, 2001, 5.

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