

Resolution of Appreciation to Honor Dr. Houston, YCCD Chancellor

(WCC Academic Senate Resolution 21-02)

Whereas, since Dr. Douglas Houston was selected as the second Chancellor of the Yuba Community College District (YCCD) in 2011, he has been a strong advocate for the district, Woodland Community College (WCC), Yuba College, and has consistently worked to raise the profile of the district and colleges as leading educational institutions in the region; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has worked with the WCC faculty, WCC administrators, and district staff to lift ACCJC sanctions leading to the reaffirmation of WCC's accreditation in 2015, then worked with the same groups leading to the reaffirmation of accreditation in 2019; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston successfully oversaw the process that led to the first ever realignment of a California Community College Center (Lake County Campus) from one college (Yuba College) to another (WCC), greatly increasing the geographic footprint of WCC and the Career Education portfolio of WCC; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has spent a great deal of time "building a bicycle while riding it" in a never-ending journey to improve the processes for shared decision making, resource allocation, and budget development throughout the district; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has worked with constancy of purpose to empower and educate the Yuba Community College District Board of Trustees and provide a meaningful role for student trustees from both colleges on the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has worked with the same constancy of purpose with the WCC and Yuba College academic senates to strengthen the governance processes at the district level through the District Consultation & Coordination Council (DC3) and the District/College/Academic Senate (DCAS) leadership group embracing the role of faculty, classified staff, and students in district and college planning; and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has successfully guided the district through a statewide recession, a pandemic, a period of politically driven uncertainty for many of our students, and worked to secure stabilization for the Lake County Campus center after a series of devastating fires, and

Whereas, Dr. Houston has decided to leave his position as Chancellor of YCCD and take his boots and energy south; therefore be it

Resolved, that the WCC Academic Senate herein expresses gratitude to Dr. Houston for his years of service and leadership to WCC, YCCD, the students and expanded communities we serve; and

Resolved, that the WCC Academic Senate wish him the best as he leaves friends and colleagues here and begins building new relationships in his new position.

On behalf of the WCC Academic Senate,



Christopher Howerton, WCC Academic Senate President 2020-2022

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