Public Comment, Academic Senate Special Meeting, 1/22/20 Michael Schwarz, Ph.D. Las Positas College

Good afternoon, my name is Michael Schwarz and I represent the Student Transfer function on our campus. At the last Academic Senate meeting, I requested that additional collaboration occur with regard to the proposed changes to the ADT Course Substitution form and process, and I am grateful to the Senate for considering my request. Based on my research and consultation so far, I found there to be widespread support for an ADT Course Substitution process that meets the intent of policy, maintains the integrity of the degree, and supports transfer students in achieving their goals. I also found widespread support for a process that includes the expertise of the Articulation Officer to guide Discipline Faculty in making decisions regarding ADT course substitutions. Finally, I fully support the feedback on the form that will be provided today by the Student Services Division representative, as I believe it will further strengthen the course substitution process for our students pursuing transfer. Thank you for your time, and if I can answer any questions related to transfer or be of further assistance, I will be here, as well as available to participate - and supportive of - any future collaboration that may occur. Thank you.