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Mover:

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Whereas, thirty-three districts/colleges throughout the system have established TRDP Programs such as Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College's "Pathways To Teaching" and "Center for Teachers" Programs;

Whereas, current and proposed state budget cuts in the third year of a five-year budget line item from the Governor, have and will severely and disproportionately reduce funding to the TRDP Programs statewide which will render them non-existent in most cases;

Whereas, in the Southern California Region alone eight of the fourteen programs show that of approximately 6,000 students enrolled, 9.5% have transferred, 15.7% are ready to transfer in 2003-2004, 45.1% are Hispanic, 35.8% are Anglo, 8.1% are Asian/Pacific Islander/Filipino, 4.2% are African American, and 1.4% are Native American (Attachment A shows data specific to SCC and SAC);

Whereas, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges and local academic senates are primarily responsible for the maintenance and success of curricular/student success programs leading to transfer, and specifically for the success of students from underrepresented backgrounds – all of which support the "highest priorities" of the community college system;

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Whereas, state faculty leadership has not consulted with the TRDP Faculty Program Directors in the field and therefore seemingly being uniformed and unable to defend against disproportionate budget cuts and de facto program discontinuance which will severely impact the success of students from diverse backgrounds;

Be it resolved as follows: The Academic Senate for Santa Ana College support the maintenance of the budget for TRDP Programs statewide, and initiate a similar resolution at the Area D Meeting on April 12, and

Be it further resolved as follows: The Academic Senate for Santa Ana College urge the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to step forward and advocate for the budget maintenance of the TRDP Programs as it is doing for other categorical student success/transfer programs and underrepresented student success programs such as DSPS/EOPS/Matriculation, and

Therefore be it finally resolved as follows: The Academic Senate for Santa Ana College work with its sister college, Santiago Canyon College's academic senate, to advocate for the maintenance of the TRDP statewide budget as well.