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Resolution F2017.09

Affirmation of Continued Funding for Turnitin.com

Moved: Professor Sproat

Seconded: Professor Cramer

Whereas, The mission for Santiago Canyon College states, “Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, to act, to communicate and to think critically. We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing accessible, transferable, and engaging education to a diverse community,” and Turnitin.com helps faculty to support students in achieving the stated “core outcomes”; and

Whereas, Rancho Santiago Community College District BP2410 states, “For the following items the Board of Trustees will rely primarily upon the advice of the Academic Senate: . . . 5) Standard or policies regarding student preparation and success,” and Turnitin.com assists faculty with facilitating student preparation and success; and

Whereas, The Santiago Canyon College (SCC) faculty has passed Resolution F2010.3: District Purchase of Turnitin.com License (see attached Appendix I); and

Whereas, After conducting a comparison between VeriCite and Turnitin.com, SCC faculty have determined that Turnitin.com remains the superior product as a result of the following: 1) Turnitin.com has a broader database than VeriCite; 2) Turnitin.com automatically identifies when a student plagiarizes from her or himself; 3) Turnitin.com identifies more instances of possible plagiarism than VeriCite and provides links to all plagiarized material (even if in quotation marks), providing professors with more information about student source choices; and 4) Of the 22 students who turned in papers to both VeriCite and Turnitin.com, Turnitin.com identified 14 papers with anywhere from 4%-30% plagiarized material, and VeriCite only identified one paper at 25% plagiarism (opposed to Turnitin.com’s identification at 27%); 5) The grading component of Turnitin.com provides greater functionality to make meaningful comments on student papers as opposed to the limited functions of VeriCite; and

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Whereas, The superior features of Turnitin.com to that of VeriCite not only assist faculty with instructing students, but also Turnitin.com serves as a resource and tool to assist students as they write and revise their papers; and

Whereas, The 2017-2018 SCC Catalog Academic Honesty policy states, “Students at Santiago Canyon College are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one’s research, to steal the words or ideas of another, or to cheat on an examination corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced,”and Turnitin.com helps faculty to promote academic honesty;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College direct the Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College President to continue to advocate for the funding of Turnitin.com at the college and district levels.

Date Presented: November 21, 2017

Date Passed: December 5, 2017

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