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## Resolution F2021.16

### Creation of Humanities Pathway

**Moved:** Senator Gonzalez

**Seconded:** Senator Gates

Whereas, Santiago Canyon College has adopted created SCC Pathways, grouping degrees and certificates together based on Interest Areas (also known as pathways, or meta-majors), to facilitate and encourage greater student success;

Whereas, Eight Interest Areas have been created, each presenting a number of disciplines having similarities allowing them to be grouped together under names that describe the nature of the disciplines in the pathways;

Whereas, The enrollment of students will correlate to the names of pathways, and the current placement of the Department of History and the Department of Philosophy in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Pathway does not allow students to infer from the pathway's name that the study of humanities such as history and philosophy occurs within that pathway;

Whereas, The creation of a ninth pathway entitled Humanities Pathway serves an important need regarding student intellectual, academic, and work readiness outcomes; and in this pathway, students develop critical thinking skills, work deeply with wide-ranging texts, enhance their understanding of self and other through the liberal arts coursework, certificates, and degrees offered in History and Philosophy;

Whereas, the Humanities Pathway programs are designed to help students prepare to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year university with a well-rounded and intellectually developed foundation centered on the questions about human existence, thought, and past experiences;

Whereas, the career options for students in the Humanities Pathway are diverse and numerous and will be communicated to students by faculty teaching within the pathway; and the Humanities Success Team will advise students on coursework, degrees, and career options according to student interests; and

Whereas, since the University of California and California State University systems to which our credit programs articulate have humanities programs and consider humanities to be a term which students understand and recognize, SCC adopts the responsibility of providing a foundation in that education by creating a Humanities Pathway that will foster student understanding concerning the nature and function of the humanities;

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College support the creation of a Humanities Pathway as part of its Guided Pathways implementation; and

Resolved, The Academic Senate of Santiago Canyon College move History and Philosophy into the Humanities Pathway, but not to the exclusion of the addition of other humanities departments to the pathway at any time in the future.

**Date Presented:** 30 November 2021

**Date Passed:**

*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 the following to our diverse community: courses, certificates, and degrees that are accessible, applicable, and engaging. (Approved 12/05/17)*