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EVENT DATE: April 23, 12-2:00 p.m.

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## CABRILLO FACULTY AND STUDENTS TO STAGE DYNAMIC DAY OF ACTION

- WHAT:** Day of Action: Keep the Community in Community College!—performances, commentary, t-shirt silk screening on site, pizza and drinks
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 23, 12-2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Upper Quad, Cabrillo College
- WHO:** Performances featuring Cabrillo Performing Arts students of Cheryl Anderson, Ray Brown, Kathryn Adkins, Sarah Albertson, Wally Trindale, Sharon Took-Zozaya, Sue Brown and more

The Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers (CCFT) has organized a Day of Action to inform the community about how new regulations on repeating classes severely limit student access and success, and to inspire action to repeal them.

A Day of Action at Cabrillo will showcase the extraordinary talents of Cabrillo College Visual, Applied and Performing Arts faculty and students, mingling dance, theatre, instrumental and vocal music along with T-shirt silk screening (bring your own T-shirt!), speakers, pizza and drinks. Among the performers: dance instructor Sharon Took-Zozaya's choreographed piece on art under surveillance, a Cheryl Anderson prizewinning vocal ensemble Il Dolce Suono, Sue Brown's violinists, a student jazz trio, improvisation, scenes from 'As You Like It' the Cabrillo Theatre Arts spring production, and original poetry and song written for the occasion.

Information will be available on what we can do to repeal the regulations: who to contact, what to sign, how to speak up, speak out. Students, faculty and community members will be on hand to answer questions, direct activity, and press the need to "Keep the Community in Community Colleges." The event is free and open to all.

### *Background*

Recent regulations barring students from repeating community college classes have eroded educational options and access to quality education for Californians—particularly students in the visual and performing arts and kinesiology as well as lifelong learners and those in areas with changing technology or curriculum. These regulations were approved by the Board of Governors of California Community Colleges at a time of deep budget cuts and rationing of education in an attempt to focus on basic skills, certificate, and transfer programs (the regulations were approved in the summer of 2012 and became effective fall 2013). In November of 2012, California voters passed Prop 30, a ballot initiative created by the California Federation of Teachers (CFT). Prop 30 stopped the devastating cuts to education and demonstrated voter support for maintaining educational programs.

The Cabrillo College Federation of Teachers and Faculty Senate both believe that the current regulations are only hindering student access and success, and that the time for such regulations (if ever there was one), has passed. Cabrillo faculty are leading a statewide dialogue on revisiting this issue to change the regulations. View the following link on our website for more information:

<http://ccftcabrillo.org/news/issues/>.

*Follow-up event:* CCFT is also sponsoring an event the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> entitled Open Forum: Keep the Community in Community College on Thursday, May 1 from 6-8pm in room 5005 of the Horticulture Center. The event will elevate the voices of a wide array of students, faculty and community members on the effects of repeatability restrictions and why they must be repealed through a three minute microphone. Attendees will learn what they can do to promote unfettered access for all community members to enroll in as many classes as deemed necessary to meet their educational and occupational and lifelong learning goals and potential. An educational film will be created. Press release to follow.