HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Resolution 16:4
In Support of SB 1059 to Restore Educational Benefits to
Hartnell College Students who Qualify under the GI Bill

Resolution in support of SB 1059, sponsored by California Senator William Monning, that will allow California veterans and their dependents who qualify for GI Bill education benefits and who complete 60 or more academic units at Hartnell College to continue to be eligible to attend law school in Monterey County under the GI Bill.

Whereas, in the drafting of AB 2099, the State Bar of California was not properly included as one of California’s statutory higher education accreditors, even though it has been an accrediting agency for law schools under California state law for almost four decades.

Whereas, the omission in SB 2099 means that effective January 1, 2016, California veterans and their dependents are no longer eligible to use GI Bill education benefits to attend law school at twelve of the California accredited law schools, including Monterey College of Law in Monterey County.

Whereas, California veterans and their dependents who qualify for GI Bill education benefits and who complete 60 or more academic units at one of the California Community Colleges, including Hartnell College, have been eligible to use their GI Bill education benefits at Monterey College of Law and other California accredited law schools for more than four decades.

Whereas, unless California SB 1059 is passed and signed into law, California veterans and their dependents who qualify for GI Bill education benefits and who complete 60 or more academic units at Hartnell College will no longer be eligible to attend law school under the GI Bill in Monterey County.

Whereas, California SB 1059 will correct this oversight, properly recognize the State Bar of California as a statutory higher education accreditor, and restore these educational benefits to Hartnell College veterans and their dependents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Hartnell College support SB 1059 and urge that the California Legislature pass the bill into law and that the Governor sign the bill.

Passed and adopted this 5th day of April 2016 at a meeting of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board by the following vote:

AYES: 7-DePauw, Donohue, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez, Salazar, Serena

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:

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Willard Lewallen, Ph.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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President, Board of Trustees