

College of San Mateo Academic Senate  
Fall 2018  
Resolution 16.01F18  
Supporting Adoption of Ex Libris' Library Services Platform  
for the San Mateo County Community College District

Whereas, Faculty Librarians and the Director of Learning Commons at College of San Mateo have strongly recommended the Library Services Platform (LSP) offered through a state-funded project;

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and California Community Colleges Technology Center, in partnership with the California Community Colleges Council of Chief Librarians, and with input from student representatives from the Student Senate of California Community Colleges, have selected Ex Libris as the common cloud based LSP for the CCCs after a rigorous one year selection process;

Whereas, SMCCCD has indicated that late implementation costs will not be a barrier to adopting the LSP;

Whereas, It is projected that State funding, approved by the Board of Governors on September 17, 2018, to cover LSP subscription and program costs, including support staff, will be secured for an additional five years, and permanently thereafter;

Whereas, The California Community Colleges Council of Chief Librarians and Ex Libris will facilitate a guided migration process for both on-time and late adopters, that includes professional development, training, and technical support for Library faculty and staff;

Whereas, The current LSP, provided by the Peninsula Library System (PLS) does not offer as full a range of library technology;

Whereas, Adoption of a common LSP across most or all California community colleges creates an equitable experience for students and adjunct faculty at more than one community college campus;

Whereas, The state-funded LSP supports Guided Pathways because it is the same LSP that our transfer students will experience in all CSU and many UC campuses;

Whereas, Adoption of a common LSP across most or all California community colleges allows for collaboration with other CCC libraries, and creates infrastructure for resource sharing, including open educational resources, among CCC libraries; and

Whereas, The exact details of the PLS Joint Powers Agreement and financial relationship may change, there is a plan in place to continue our close relationship with the Peninsula Library System and offer ongoing services for our community members from County of San Mateo;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of College of San Mateo supports the adoption of Ex Libris' Library Services Platform for the San Mateo County Community College District; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of College of San Mateo encourages the Board of Trustees to implement this new initiative for the San Mateo County Community College District.

Passed unanimously on November 27, 2018