

# UNIVERSITY SENATE *of* LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

## MEASURE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

### Resolution Calling for the Re-evaluation of the Imminent 30 June 2019 Closure of the English Language Learning Program (ELLP)

*To re-evaluate the closing of the ELLP, which the University has failed to make an inclusive and transparent process*

**Whereas**, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Loyola University Chicago (LUC) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 73, does not prevent University shared governance on academic matters and in fact states, “Our [the Union and the University] relationship is characterized by a spirit of professionalism, collegiality, and cooperation toward a common objective of providing an exceptional educational experience for the University’s students.”<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, the University upper administration decided to close the ELLP and cease all instruction, services and operations for students and LUC faculty without information, advice or consultation with faculty, the University Senate or other shared governance structures at Loyola University Chicago;

**Whereas**, the ELLP supports the Jesuit Mission of Loyola University Chicago by providing services that enable our goal of being “a diverse learning community that values freedom of inquiry, the pursuit of truth and care for others”<sup>2</sup> and conveying to our students that they “must have an educated awareness of society and culture, a sense of being interrelated and interconnected, and a commitment to act for the rights of others, especially the disadvantaged and the oppressed”<sup>3</sup>;

**Whereas**, the ELLP supports Priority 4 of the 2020 Strategic Plan to “Integrate knowledge gained through *direct engagement with our local and global neighbors* with the resources of our extensive Jesuit network of institutions.”<sup>4</sup>;

**Whereas**, no clear plan has been articulated for the continuation of these essential services for future students or the current students, whom the ELLP faculty, staff and administrators have not been given final authorization by the University to officially inform of the closure of the program

**Be It Resolved**, that University Senate requests that the Office of the Provost:

- 1) Cease the closure of the ELLP until there is a re-evaluation of the closure decision;
- 2) Release all relevant documentation, data, statistics, formal University assessments, and related material that collectively may have been used in formulating the justification for the closing of the ELLP;
- 3) Re-evaluate the process by which the decision to close the ELLP was made to ensure that the re-evaluation of the closure and other similar processes be a transparent and inclusive process that relies upon the information, advice and consultation of the University Senate and other shared governance structures at Loyola University Chicago.

Signed by the Chairperson of the University Senate



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Chiefly Sponsored By: Sarita Heer

Co-Sponsored By: Diane Jokinen

Senate Motion on the resolution presented on May 14, 2019.

Electronic Vote: 15 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions. Resolution PASSED

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/academicaffairs/pdfs/SEIU-ELLP-CBAFinalExecutionCopy-061118.pdf>

accessed 3 May 2019

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.luc.edu/mission/mission\\_vision.shtml](https://www.luc.edu/mission/mission_vision.shtml)

accessed 28 April 2019

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.luc.edu/mission/index.shtml>

accessed 28 April 2019

<sup>4</sup>

<https://www.luc.edu/strategicplanning/plan2020/4engagelocalandglobalsocietalchallengesthroughpartnerships/>

accessed 28 April 2019