**STUDENT SENATE**

Session I

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**SENATE RESOLUTION SR-01-03: A Resolution to Provide Sufficient In-Person or Hybrid Class Options for F-1 Students in Technology-Related Fields.**

WHEREAS: Nonimmigrant F-1 students in technology-related fields at Bellevue College, bound by federal regulations allowing a maximum of one online class or three credit hours for schools with normal in-person classes, encounter challenges meeting visa requirement due to the unbalanced distribution of in-person and online options particularly for technology-related classes; and

WHEREAS: Bellevue College certifies through the Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status,” that programs are not entirely online, students are not enrolled in fully online course loads during the semesters, and students are meeting the minimum online class requirements for normal degree progress; and

WHEREAS: The limited availability of in-person classes in technology-related programs at Bellevue College prompts nonimmigrant F-1 students to enroll in any available in-person class, even if unnecessary for their degree, to meet visa requirements,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF BELLEVUE COLLEGE**

THAT: Bellevue College directs the existing department responsible for class enrollment to intensify efforts and collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including program managers, to improve the accessibility of in-person or hybrid classes for international students in technology programs; and

THAT: The college takes proactive measures within its jurisdiction such as hiring new faculty to increase the number of in-person or hybrid class options for international students in technology programs thus improving their academic experience; and,

THAT: A copy of this legislation be sent to the Dean of International Education, the Associated Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the President of Bellevue College.

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