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# Football programs at four Maricopa Community Colleges could be cut

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The football team at Mesa Community College is on the verge of losing its program at the recommendation of a district task force. (Facebook/Mesa Community College Athletics)

PHOENIX · A task force that reviewed 10 schools' athletics programs has recommended four Arizona community colleges cut football.

Paul Dale, Maricopa Community Colleges' interim executive vice chancellor and provost, said the task force recommended Phoenix College, Scottsdale Community College, Mesa Community College and Glendale Community College all cut their football programs.

The district started reviewing programs, both athletic and academic, about five years ago, Dale said, and the task force started reviewing the district's athletic programs last summer.

As a result from the review, the task force recommended that district officials consider eliminating football at the four community colleges.

Among one of the main issues with continuing the district's football programs, Dale said, is funding. The district lost \$68 million in state aid and is no longer supported by the state at all.

Football in the district costs \$770,000 each year to operate, which equates to 20 percent of the district's total athletics budget.

Dale said the next step will be to pass it on to Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick, who will then ask the college presidents to review the report and provide any missing information before sending it back to her for a final review.

"Given the magnitude of this decision, this is not something we take lightly," Dale said, adding that community college leaders want to hear from members of the community as well.

Dale said there is no set timeline for the decision, but added it will likely impact football

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Another problem that can be solved dissolving the stranglehold NCAA has on the funds our tax dollars generate.

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High education cost of illegals and illegal daca/dapa! Got to get that money somewhere, as usual at something or someone's else's expense.

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Don't forget the "in state" tuition rates these fine folks get.

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As a student loan :o ) We'll never see the \$ everrrrrr

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"Scottsdale Community College"

No, don't uproot the Artichokes!!

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In my time at Phoenix College, I saw a real attitude problem from student athletes in the classroom....that's about all I can say.

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Simple solution: Charge admission to games. Brutal contact sports should be self supporting. These colleges are centers of learning after all, not concussion factories.

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Ummm...they do charge admission to games, always have

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Thanks, Chris. I stand corrected.

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Magnitude? You're trying to educate hundreds and thousands of Arizona high-school graduates who can't write a coherent paragraph or put together a logical argument, and you think FOOTBALL is an issue with "magnitude"? Good freaking grief...

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**Pistol Pete** → Melete ~ 6 days ago

Ever sit in class next to a "scholarship-ed" linebacker from Compton or East LA, Melete? ;o) Takes tutors hours to civilize them ... yeah "magnitude" is not a bad choice of words.

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