

Questions continue to loom over Summer Session 2013 transfer – promises, promises

Summary of Facts:

- August 29, 2012 – Vice President Bob Bell assures the Board of Trustees and public that Summer session classes would transfer for UCs and CSUs. The Board summarily cancels Winter Intersession that night.
- September – October 2012 – The Administration takes out at least 4 full-page ads in the PCC Courier asking the public to think of the three-term calendar **“AS 16-6 INSTEAD of 6-16”** and further claimed that new calendar was to **“improve student success.”**
- December 12, 2012 – At the College Council meeting, it is revealed that Summer Session 1 would likely not end in time to fulfill UC/CSU transfer requirements for Fall 2013. That same evening, AS President, Simon Fraser, stated that the administration had guaranteed and promised students that Summer would transfer.
- January 10, 2013 – At a Student/Faculty rally, Simon Fraser indicated in a speech that he was holding the administration accountable and expected a response from them in two weeks at a future town hall meeting.
- January 24, 2013 – At the Associated Students Town Hall meeting, administration officials assured students that they were placing calls to UCs and CSUs. Further, they claimed that Summer Session 1 classes could be rebranded as “Spring 2” to count for transfer.
- January 27, 2013 – PCC Transfer Center sends an email to UC applicants stating: **“Please do not assume you can take courses in the summer 2013 and have those courses ‘make up’ for courses you didn’t complete in fall 2012 or spring 2013. Please contact the UC campus directly about their policies permitting summer course completion.”**
- February 6, 2013 – At an Associated Students meeting, President Simon Fraser remarks that VP Bob Bell has been in touch with UC/CSU representatives and they are apprised of the situation. He also indicates that because Summer Session 1 classes ending before June 30th, would be transcribed as “Spring.” An update from Dr. Bell was still pending.
- February 8, 2013 – Humboldt State University (HSU) sends an email out to PCC students indicating that Humboldt understands that Summer Session 1 classes will end in June, however it **“will NOT be accepting summer session 1 course work for requirements to be admissible.”**
- For fuller details, please read below.

August 29, 2012

http://www.pasadena.edu/board/transcripts/BUT_2012_Aug_29.clean.txt

At the very same Board of Trustees meeting where Winter Intersession was cancelled, Vice-President Bob Bell responded the following to Trustee Mann:

*“Yes what the proposed calendar would do, Trustee Mann, is put together three academic periods a fall, a spring if you will, there's [inaudible] winter session and a summer. The summer would be proposed to be 16 weeks in length. So there would be three equal instructional academic periods within that summer, again it could be configured as two eight-week sessions **so a student who would need to complete a summer class to be in line with UC/CSU transfer could in fact finish the spring semester mid-May, take a class of first half of a 16 week summer session, conclude that summer class just about the time now that we currently conclude our spring semester and as Dr. [Olivo] mentioned, then be better aligned to have a transfer level class at the end of the summer ready for consideration to a transfer university or institution now. So that's correct.”***

September 2012 – October 2012

The Administration placed at least four full-page ads in the PCC Courier which assured the campus that the new trimester calendar would “merely [flip the 16-week semester/6-week intersession] to a ‘16-6’ pattern.” Further, it claimed that the “primary reason for the calendar change is to improve student success.”

December 12, 2012

http://pasadenaedu.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=33

At the College Council meeting, it was revealed that Summer Session 1 course would not be done in time to count for UC/CSU transfer requirements for Fall 2013.

That same evening at the Board of Trustees meeting, Associated Students President, Simon Fraser, reminded the administration and Trustees that PCC students were given “what was essentially a guarantee...that any class taken during the Summer 1 Session that would begin around the middle of May, ending before June 30th, would allow a student that would have used the Winter Intersession initially to gain those transfer courses, to still have that transfer credit and moved on.” President Fraser beseeched the administration to make whatever accommodations necessary to ensure that students transfer out on time.

January 24, 2013

video is pending

At the Associated Students Town Hall meeting to address the issue of Summer transfer, administration officials, including Dr. Bell and Dr. Olivo, indicated that they were making calls to Cal States and UCs. They further indicated that four-year universities did not count classes branded as “summer” for transfer. Thus, Summer Session 1 classes could be rebranded as “Spring 2.”

January 27, 2013

email to PCC students about UC schools

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL REGULARLY FOR UPDATES

Greetings PCC Student and UC Fall 2013 applicant,

We wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you for applying to the University of California for Fall 2013, and to try to answer some of the most pressing questions you may have about the application process at this time. We would strongly suggest if you have additional questions that you meet with a PCC transfer advisor or UC representative.

The following information is based on the most frequently asked questions we receive from applicants to the University of California trying to complete the transfer process:

- Make sure you update your UC application immediately. They want to know your fall grades and they want to know what you plan to take in spring. Even if you didn't pass a class or earned a “W” in the fall, you must list that on the application update. Completing transferable math and both English courses by the end of spring is critical to earn admission to the University of California.
- **Please do not assume you can take courses in the summer 2013 and have those courses “make up” for courses you didn't complete in fall 2012 or spring**

2013. Please contact the UC campus directly about their policies permitting summer course completion.

- You do not need to send transcripts or IGETC certification now. You only send those items when they are requested by the UC campus.
- If you kept a copy of your UC application, go back over it and check to make sure you entered all the information correctly (Two years ago, a student didn't indicate that she had completed English 1A, so she was rejected from all the UC's!. And she had completed English 1A with an "A".) If there are errors or omissions, notify the campuses that you applied to immediately.
- Domestic students should apply for Financial Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon as possible and no later than March 2nd for maximum aid consideration.
- **Students with International College or University transcripts:** Sometimes UC evaluators need to see unofficial copies of these transcripts. They will email you and ask for these. Please have copies ready in case you get notified that they need to see these transcripts.
- If you have college or university courses (other than PCC) that you are using to satisfy either IGETC or elective units to transfer, they must be evaluated by a PCCevaluator or UC rep. to determine transferability and applicability to specific requirements. Most of you have already done this, but if you haven't, please see a transfer advisor or UC rep. to start that process. Bring course syllabi and unofficial transcripts to your counselor to facilitate the process.
- Individual campuses will be notifying students March and April. Berkeley will notify applicants May 1 and UCLA will notify applicant in late April or early May.

Again, Congratulations!
The Pasadena City College Degree and Transfer Center

February 6, 2013

http://as.pasadena.edu/wp-content/uploads/minutes-agendas-newsletters/BoardPacket_2013-02-13.pdf

"S. Fraser stated that he spoke with Dr. Bell concerning receiving documentation from UCs and CSUs that the system understands that PCC has changed their calendar and that Summer 1 classes need to transfer. An update is pending. S. Fraser also clarified that Summer 1 classes (ending before June 30th, 2013) will be transcribed as Spring classes. Juan Carreon reminded the Board that classes taken during the Summer, numbered 1 – 99, are still transferrable."

February 8, 2013

email from Humboldt State University (part of CSU) to PCC student

Dear Pasadena CC students,

I was recently informed that PCC will be having a summer session 1 that will be ending in June, before our deadline for final transcripts of July 16. I was informed by my Director that we will NOT be accepting summer session 1 course work for requirements to be admissible. If you are taking summer session 1 course, but it is an additional pre-req and you don't need that course for transfer requirements (60 units-30 GE, Golden 4) than that will be okay. Again, only up to Spring semester course work will be accepted for admissions purposes. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to ask.

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