

# Report on Associated Students Meetings **Summer Transfer Updates and Vote of No Confidence**

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## First some context:

- As a result of the administration mismanaging the transfer of Summer Session classes and having breached multiple promises and deadlines with Associated Students (AS), the student government did not feel confident in the administration's ability resolve the issue adequately.
  - As a result, all AS members took it upon themselves to call or email each individual UC and Cal State campus to negotiate the transfer of Summer Session 1, essentially, doing the job of the administration for free.
- Since February 13, 2013, the Associated Students have been having an on-going discussion on an appropriate response to the administration's inadequacy to resolve issues with the 2012-2013 Student Calendar.
  - Vice-President Bob Bell had been invited to report on the issue of summer transfers. He did not show up, but rather, sent Matt Jordan in his place.
  - At this same meeting, AS initiated a discussion on a possible **vote of no confidence against the PCC administration** to be discussed and taken action on February 20, 2013, with the condition that the administration had to be given a chance to respond.

## Associated Students Meeting - Agenda Item H - February 20, 2013

- Special guest, Vice-President Bob Bell
- AS did not take action on a vote of no confidence, but rather, it opted to give the administration one week to respond with,
  - What mistakes the administration feels it made in the implementation of the Student Calendar,
  - And how they would do things differently to prevent it from happening again.
- A response from the administration is expected by Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Some highlights from the meeting:

- VP Bob Bell described the 2013-2014 calendar and how it will have two summer session again. This is the same calendar that has YET to be approved/rejected by the Calendar Committee Standing Committee.
  - When asked if the same issues with summer transfer will reoccur in the 2013-2014 calendar, VP Bell explained that the courses students need to transfer would be "rolled into" Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.
- On whether current four-year institutions would accept summer classes renamed as spring, VP Bell remarked **"I doubt a four-year institution will understand what we're doing, because sometimes it's clear we don't understand what we're doing."**
- Bob Bell did not seem to understand why UCs and Cal States can't just accept PCC summer classes, **"I'm having a hard time understanding why a receiving institution wouldn't accept these classes."**
- At various points during the meeting, VP Bell didn't seem to understand that when students submitted their UC and CalState applications this past Fall 2012, they also submitted a list of the transferable classes they were intending to complete by Spring AND Summer 2013. Simply renaming Summer Session 1 to "Spring" TODAY would not automatically ensure transfer because:
  - PCC would have to contact each and every university to inform them that Summer Session 1 would now be renamed "Spring."
  - Students *had already* been rejected because Summer session classes were not being counted by institutions at the time of application consideration.

- Despite explanations from Associated Students and other students present in the public, VP Bell was not understanding the transfer process and indicated that he needed visual aids.
- John Fraser asked VP Bell what mistakes the executive committee had identified in the implementation of the new student calendar, and what would they do differently:
  - VP Bell responded that he didn't know that UCs and CSUs did not look at academic calendars chronologically, but rather at completion by the spring.
  - As for how he would do things differently, **"Do a good job of research."**
- VP Bell offered the Associated Students the caveat that he was only speaking as an individual and NOT as the administration.
  - VP Bell then proceeded to apologize on behalf of the administration for "wreaking havoc and confusion" upon students.
- VP Bell dedicated himself to ensure that the present issues with student transfers would not happen again, **for as for as long as sat in the vice-president's chair, although he didn't know how long that would be.**
- Simon Fraser would like for Associated Students to create its own Calendar Committee that would report directly to the Board of Trustees. Yes, that would be a THIRD calendar committee.