

A RESOLUTION TO CENSURE PASADENA CITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION
WITH REGARDS TO THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR CHANGE OF AUGUST 29TH, 2013

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Pasadena City College (hereafter "ASPCC") has resolved to oppose the removal of Winter Intersession and continues to recognize the value that Winter Intersession provides for students wishing to transfer to a four-year institution for the immediate following Fall semester;

WHEREAS, ASPCC recognizes that college administration erred in its claim that completion by June 30th was enough for transfer when, in actuality, completion by Spring – regardless of when Spring ends – is the standard by which students applying for transfer to four-year institutions are judged for entry;

WHEREAS, ASPCC condemns the process by which Pasadena City College (PCC) and the governing board of the Pasadena Area Community College District (PACCD) made the change to the Academic Calendar and further condemns the lack of full disclosure to the Board when not clearly providing the Budget, Resource and Allocation Committee's budget proposal that included funding for a Winter Intersession for 2012-2013;

WHEREAS, ASPCC condemns the entitlement of any calendar as a "STUDENT CALENDAR" when the opportunity was not provided for ASPCC to participate in the joint development of recommendations for any calendar change to the governing board;

WHEREAS, ASPCC condemns the result that students now face much more difficulty in transferring to a four year institution for Fall 2013 with the loss of Winter Intersession, and that ASPCC is unsatisfied with the claim that PCC administration made a full effort to inform and notify four year institutions of the calendar change in order to minimize the impact on students;

WHEREAS, ASPCC believes that attempts by PCC to soften the impact of this calendar change (transcripts and offerings as Spring 2 versus Summer 1) have come far too late in the transfer cycle to have any meaningful effect on students applying for Fall 2013 transfer;

WHEREAS, ASPCC has now taken the initiative to carry the burden of representing PCC's calendar change to four year institutions directly due to the fact that administration did not reach out in time, and due to our inability to trust that future college administration efforts will be sufficient;

WHEREAS, ASPCC believes that the shared governance process was not used in the way that it should have been to ensure that a decision of this magnitude did not harm students; and

WHEREAS, ASPCC understands that the negative effects it warned the PACCD governing board of are proving themselves true, against the best assurances of PCC administration; and

WHEREAS, ASPCC's consistent requests for formal executive committee and administrative comment on this issue have gone repeatedly unanswered, while administration has find time to comment and act on adult film actors speaking at class-related events;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Pasadena City College formally censure and rebuke the college administration for the reasoning behind the calendar change, the claims that the calendar change would have no impact, the process by which the calendar change was undertaken, and the seeming inability of the college administration to help those affected by the change in time to prevent transfer rejections on the basis of non-completion in Spring;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASPCC formally condemn the total lack of a participatory governance process on this "STUDENT CALENDAR" when it clearly falls within the participatory governance responsibilities of ASPCC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASPCC formally conclude that the efforts of administration to offset the negative impacts of the calendar change have not been sufficient, and condemn same for not doing enough.

Executive Board Votes: AYES 8 NOES 0 ABSTAINS 0 ABSENT 2

Advisory Votes: AYES 2 NOES 0 ABSTAINS 0 ABSENT 0

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed on February 27, 2013.



Simon Fraser, President, Associated Students of Pasadena City College