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**Subject:** ASPCC's Vote of No Confidence in Dr. Mark Rocha's Administration of PCC

President Martin:

It is with the deepest displeasure, but an unfortunate duty, that I attach the following resolutions, as approved by Associated Students of Pasadena City College's Executive Board, on a motion to censure PCC Administration for the calendar change, and on a motion to adopt a position of no confidence in Dr. Rocha's administration, and calls upon the Board of Trustees to take several steps to resolve this situation. I will be explaining more at the Board meeting of March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting today was attended by the President of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and a representative of Jurena Storms, the student member of the Board of Governors; there is considerable state interest in the current transfer situation at Pasadena City College.

These resolutions stem from continued frustration by ASPCC on these areas:

- Transfer concerns, which the Board was informed about by ASPCC, were rejected as incorrect by administration, and yet are proving true.
- ASPCC has repeatedly asked for formal comment from PCC administration, and these requests have gone unanswered; we have to wonder if any other constituent group at PCC would be treated in the same way
- ASPCC continues to feel that institutionally its position at the shared governance table has been consistently ignored. These rights and responsibilities are given to us by California law, and ASPCC will pursue all avenues to protect them which include, at this point, requesting that the Board of Trustees help to enforce our legal rights to shared governance per Title V, section 51023.7.

A copy of the memorandum that was sent to the Executive Committee, that went acknowledged but unanswered by PCC administration, and the resolutions approved today, is attached. Again, I will be elucidating further in March.

I want to be clear that ASPCC did not want to be in this position. We gave several deadlines to administration to provide us with either written acknowledgments, statements, comments, or responses, and were consistently denied those. All those administrators who did attend ASPCC meetings – which was infrequent – stated that they were speaking from themselves, and not from the administration as a whole. As a shared governance constituent group at PCC, that was considered to be unacceptable. Coupled with the inability of many students to transfer on time given the calendar change, we were ultimately left with few options. Dr. Robert Bell, an administrator who I personally continue to have full confidence in, was made aware that the

unwillingness of the PCC Executive Committee to respond to our formal request to statement would be more likely to leave the door open for this sort of action, and he acknowledged that to be the case. ASPCC most certainly wants to maintain cordial and collegial relationships with not just administration, but with all constituent groups on campus. We have, however, been denied that reciprocity despite repeated attempts to make it available, and so have taken the actions outlined above.

I continue to hope that the ASPCC and the Board of Trustees can maintain a collegial, respectful and honest relationship. We acknowledge that on many areas we may agree to disagree, I only ask for the opportunity that every other shared governance group is given to be able to formulate joint recommendations on all areas that affect the students' 9 + 1 areas of shared governance responsibilities. We will also update the board on ASPCC's communication with the Chancellor's office on this issue, and the UC/CSU systems.

If you have any questions or concerns I remain, as always, open to discussion on any topic related to PCC students.

Best,  
Simon

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