

PCC Success and Retention Rates (1992-2012)

The following information was obtained from the Calendar Standing Committee via the data from the PCC Institutional Planning and Research Office (IPRO).

By not producing this information during the discussion on the cancellation of Winter Intersession throughout Spring and Summer of 2012, President Rocha possibly failed to live up to his fiduciary duty to the mission of the college and the District. Likewise, if the Board of Trustees knew of this data, they failed in their fiduciary duty to the mission of the college and the students the college serves.

The data shows that academic years with a Winter Intersession boosted the success and retention rates of Spring, Summer, Fall sessions. Student success and retention rates for academic years before the Winter Intersession was instituted in 2004 reported lower success numbers than years after Winter was instituted. Even more significant, Winter Intersession has some of the highest rates of retention and success among the intersessions.

Summary of data from Calendar Committee member

The spreadsheet includes data from Fall 1992 through Spring 2012*. The first winter term was Winter 2004. Average retention and success rates are summarized in the following table.

	Fall		Spring		Summer		Winter	
	Retention	Success	Retention	Success	Retention	Success	Retention	Success
Years without winter	80%	66%	80%	66%	87%	76%		
Years with winter	85%	68%	84%	68%	90%	79%	90%	78%

The percent increase of success rates in fall is 2.8%, for spring is 2.4%, and for summer is 3.8%. The student population has been increasing, but if it were constant from 1992 through 2012, this would mean that 1825 more students would have succeeded in Fall, 1525 more in Spring and 734 more in Winter.

The average total number of students that enrolled in summer I and summer II for years before winter was implemented is 19,468.

The average total number of students that enrolled in summer and winter for years after winter was implemented is 24,651.

*Note: In order to split up the data from summer I and summer II, a different set of data was used that only includes years 1999-2003.

Full data can be found here: http://www.pccfacultyassociation.org/calendar-docs/?preview=true&preview_id=481&preview_nonce=fff82c035a