

Dear Members of the Board:

Two brief points for consideration:

1: The controversy at PCC is erroneously focused on the cancellation of winter session. The controversy should be focused on Dr. Rocha's management methods, and the ongoing best interests of the college. I do not teach winter session, and pedagogically I prefer our current schedule without the winter term. I am, however, convinced that Dr. Rocha should be removed from his position for the sake of the college.

2: Last year, the faculty of the University of Southern Maine held a vote of no confidence in their president. The majority of the faculty voted for no confidence but the tally came short of the two-thirds majority needed to forcibly remove the president from her office. In the aftermath of this vote the chancellor of the University of Maine system recognized that the faculty's lack of confidence in the president was untenable and transferred the president to a different job in the chancellor's office. What's more, the president willingly made the move, recognizing as the chancellor did that remaining in the presidency would not be in the best interest of the college. I hope that the PCC board of trustees will conclude, as the chancellor of the University of Maine did, that a college with deep divisions between the faculty and the administration will not succeed as a whole. Unfortunately, Dr. Rocha's management style has so alienated the faculty and students of PCC that his continued service as the president of Pasadena City College will only propagate and exacerbate the deep division and broken communication that are so detrimental to a successful college.

For the sake of the college, I urge you to remove him from his office as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your time,

Dr. Daniel Cole