

Dear Committee,

Please distribute this to all faculty and community member.

Thanks, Ling

To the Pasadena Community,

My husband read part of the editorial of the Pasadena Sun to me last night. The accusations in the editorial made me feel ashamed to be a faculty member of PCC. Is this how anyone associated with PCC wants the community to perceive the faculty of this school? What kind of college can this be if the faculty is immature and greedy? Who ever gave the reporter(s) reasons to come to such conclusions clearly do not have the best interest of the school and students in his/her heart.

Personally, I have stopped teaching summer school and winter session for years because I feel those positions should go to the part time faculty when class reduction due to the financial crisis in California has dramatically cut down employment opportunities for them. I have no personal gain what so ever from the winter session. My opinion of this administration has nothing to do with money.

My experience with this administration has been such that I withdrew all my efforts in shared governance activities and have avoided any function where I may come into contact with administrative personnel. My involvement here on campus has changed from frequently attending the Board of Trustees' meetings to having not attended one in three years. My service to the community has been shifted entirely to direct service to the students and off campus. The vote of no confidence without a question demonstrated that. I am not alone. I invite everyone in the community to stop and think, can 90% of the faculty all be teaching winter/summer session and thus casted that vote based on financial greed?

The repeated shameless use of the media for self interest and destroying the reputation of this institute in the process is the last straw that broke my silence in the community for the past three years. This act alone should blast off an alarm like a nuclear bomb in anyone's mind that something is seriously amiss in the administration at PCC which comes off in the media as the victim of unreasonably greedy faculty. Indeed, enough is enough.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,

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