A Resolution of No Confidence in Pasadena City College Administration

WHEREAS, a successfully adopted vote of no confidence means that the Associated Students of Pasadena City College (hereafter ASPCC) has zero confidence in Dr. Mark Rocha’s administration’s ability to run Pasadena City College (hereafter PCC);

WHEREAS, ASPCC observes that this administration has repeatedly failed to ensure that “students (have) the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level, and to ensure that these opinions are given every reasonable consideration, and the right to participate effectively in district and college governance, and the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards” (70900.5), despite its numerous attempts at diplomatic resolution on this specific matter;

WHEREAS, ASPCC condemns the irresponsible decisions to move forward with the recommendation for this calendar change when this administration had an inadequate understanding of college transfer;

WHEREAS, ASPCC condemns the process by which this administration pushed the calendar change through the Board of Trustees, bypassing the process, which is in place in order to ensure that failures of this magnitude do not find their way further than the drawing board;

WHEREAS, ASPCC recognizes that the lack of trust in this administration from the campus community deprives it of the ability to constructively engage with any constituent group on campus, rendering it impotent in any collaborate capacity it is required to maintain;

WHEREAS, this administration has failed to fulfill its three major responsibilities: to provide educational and professional leadership for the faculty, staff and student body, to account to the Board of Trustees for the daily operation of Pasadena City College and for implementation of the Board’s policies, and to partner with our community to strengthen and improve programs and services for students; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the fact that all administrative decisions pass through the PCC Superintendent/President, including the calendar change which bears his signature, ASPCC condemns Dr. Mark Rocha, PCC Superintendent/President;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Pasadena City College have no confidence in this administration to carry out its basic duties, maintain a healthy shared governance system, orchestrate major changes responsibly in the absence of shared governance, realize the goals of the Pasadena Area Community College District, avoid unnecessary litigation from disgruntled constituent groups and employees, and provide leadership to the campus community;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASPCC demands inclusion in all decisions within its Title V rights before consideration by the Board of Trustees, as previously neglected by this administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASPCC calls on the Board of Trustees to immediately conduct a full campus review of Dr. Mark Rocha using the review process outlined in PACCD Board Policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ASPCC calls on the Board of Trustees to hold Dr. Mark Rocha, Superintendent/President, personally responsible for the actions and mistakes listed above, and therefore calls on the Board of Trustees to remove Dr. Mark Rocha as the Superintendent/President, regardless of the contract situation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Associated Students of Pasadena City College charge the Board of Trustees of Pasadena Area Community College District with taking swift and decisive action in this dire situation, returning the confidence of the governed in their government, and holding accountable those specific members who have caused this lack of confidence; .

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Associated Students of Pasadena City College is charged with enforcement of this resolution and granted the powers necessary to affect its enforcement.

Executive Board Votes:  AYES _7_  NOES _0_  ABSTAINS _1_  ABSENT _2_
Advisory Votes:  AYES _0_  NOES _0_  ABSTAINS _0_  ABSENT _2_

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

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Simon Fraser, President, Associated Students of Pasadena City College