

Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Oakley

The Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate

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Whereas, The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and his office has pursued an agenda to reform the system, an agenda that we affirm is noble in its focus on student equity, but one which is undemocratic in its method, including, but not limited to the Vision for Success, The Fully Online Community College (FOCC), a new, partially completion-based funding formula, legislation such as AB 705 and AB 19, which have the accumulative effect of implementing the Guided Pathways framework by means of financial coercion rather than collegial consultation,

Whereas, The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges has failed to consult collegially in an authentic way with the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, or otherwise include faculty in decision making, in spite of the Academic Senate's designated primary role in recommending policy on academic and professional matters in law (AB 1725), as well as Board of Governors policy (BOG Standing Order 332),¹

Whereas, Although the Chancellor and his office have disingenuously claimed to have obtained faculty buy-in for the above named reforms, in fact the Chancellor and his office has proceeded to implement these against strong faculty objections, and widespread critique, employing a strategy that may be characterized as the "Illusion of Inclusion,"² and

Whereas, The Chancellor has dismissed faculty opposition as being, for example, based on discontent with labor negotiations without acknowledging that much of the opposition comes from Senate, rather than union, leadership, and not the result, as falsely claimed, of organized union agitation, but of grass-roots faculty professional concerns,³

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for the Santa Rosa Junior College, join with fellow colleges and districts throughout the system⁴ in declaring no confidence in Chancellor Oakley's leadership heretofore, and

Resolved, That we urge Chancellor Oakley to reverse course and begin a practice which includes authentic consultation with faculty leadership.

¹ The Board of Governors Standing Orders Section 332 says, "Throughout the Consultation Process, the advice and judgment of The Academic Senate will be primarily relied upon whenever the policy involves an academic and professional matter."

² See for example these Sacramento Bee articles:

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article212964894.html>;

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³ In a letter to the Board of Governors dated May 25, 2018. Attached.

⁴ See attached resolutions.