

Resolution of No Confidence in Chancellor Oakley

The Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate

Adopted _____, 2018

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 and is born of valid concerns, 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, 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 have proceeded to implement these against virtually unanimous faculty opposition, for example the FOCC, or widespread critique, for example, The Vision for Success, employing a strategy that may be characterized as the "Illusion of Inclusion,"² and

Whereas, The Chancellor has usurped local college districts' rights of autonomy in shared governance processes by demanding Boards of Trustees to align their colleges' mission with the Vision for Success as a condition for funding,

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Santa Rosa Junior College, join with fellow colleges³ and districts throughout the system⁴ in declaring no confidence in Chancellor Oakley's 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 San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, San Diego City College, San Diego Continuing Education, Los Rios College, East Los Angeles College, Glendale College, DeAnza College (jointly with their students) and Allen Hancock College.