

Resolution

Whereas the California Community College Independents (CCCI) supports the goals of accreditation as a means of ensuring quality education for community college students and carrying out the mission of community colleges; and

Whereas the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' (ACCJC) interpretation and implementation of accreditation standards are no longer serving our colleges, faculty and especially students; and

Whereas the ACCJC under current leadership has overstepped its authority and undermined its own mission by sanctioning college districts inappropriately and with disproportionate severity; and

Whereas the ACCJC has too often ignored or dismissed the recommendations of its own accrediting site-visit teams; and

Whereas accreditation under the ACCJC has become an instrument of punishment rather than improvement; and

Whereas sanctions have too often been imposed by the ACCJC over issues not directly related to student benefit or improved instruction; and

Whereas the ACCJC's actions are now distracting college districts from their mission to serve students; and

Whereas the fear of sanctions is driving community college districts to expend considerable resources from increasingly limited budgets to meet the new and unreasonable ACCJC interpretation of accreditation standards rather than to benefit students; and

Whereas the ACCJC has interfered inappropriately in matters reserved to collective bargaining; and

Whereas the ACCJC's decisions are made in secret with little transparency and no oversight or accountability; and

Whereas the ACCJC has not been responsive or sensitive to feedback and suggestions from faculty and administrators; and

Whereas the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has continued to support the current leadership of the ACCJC and their arbitrary and unreasonable decisions,

Be it therefore resolved on this 9th day of May that the California Community College Independents, representing nearly 25% of California's community college faculty, do formally and unanimously vote "no confidence" in WASC, in the ACCJC, and in ACCJC President Barbara Beno.