



**Resolution in Support of CCC Chancellor's Office
Accreditation Task Force Report
All Faculty Association, Santa Rosa Junior College**

Whereas the faculty and students of the California Community College system are best served by an accreditation process that is respectful, transparent, collegial, supportive, and focused on the quality of teaching and learning;

Whereas the ACCJC's sanction rate of California Community Colleges is 400 percent of the sanction levels seen in other regions and among four-year California institutions;

Whereas ACCJC's increased focus on creating and assessing student learning outcomes takes faculty members away from their primary responsibility of teaching students;

Whereas ACCJC's excessive sanctioning of member colleges has created an environment of fear and intimidation;

Whereas colleges' fear of ACCJC sanctions has affected the negotiations process and areas within the mandatory scope of bargaining;

Whereas California Community College Independents, of which the All Faculty Association is a member, has consistently, since 2009, communicated its serious concerns with ACCJC's aggressive, disproportionate, and excessive sanctioning of colleges;

Whereas the Chancellor's Office has attempted to work in good faith with ACCJC, to resolve issues of concern;

Whereas the AFA believes that, after seven years of dialogue, there is no longer a possibility to work in a constructive manner with ACCJC to provide the quality of accreditation needed so that SRJC can best serve its students;

Whereas numerous professional organizations and public bodies—including but not limited to the Faculty Association for California Community Colleges, members of the California legislature, the California Federation of Teachers, and the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges—have issued formal statements of complaint and concern about ACCJC's manner of working with community colleges;

Whereas the most recent CCCC Task Force Report states that, after repeated attempts to resolve areas of concern with ACCJC, the system has lost confidence in ACCJC's ability to administer accreditation in our region;

Be it resolved that:

The All Faculty Association of Santa Rosa Junior College supports the CCCC Task Force members and the content of their Report; and

AFA urges the Chancellor's Office to contribute to the establishment of alternative accrediting bodies and a reinvigoration of the accrediting process.