



Academic Senate
Solano Community College
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RESOLUTION 11.4.2019: In Support of the Vallejo Center, our Vallejo Students, and the Vallejo Community

WHEREAS, in the Fall Semester of 1968, Black Student Union (BSU) members, after not being allowed to print their newsletter despite other student groups having access to the mimeograph machines, conducted a sit-in as protest; and

WHEREAS, the school administration called the police, had the 21 students (two of whom were minors) arrested, and then pressed charges, resulting in criminal records for many of these students; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1969, the former Governing Board voted to expel James Boyden and Mark Jefferson, students at Vallejo Junior College, and members of the BSU, for their activism and participation in these protests; and

WHEREAS, after this event, and upon establishing a new campus in Fairfield, Solano College closed Vallejo Junior College and didn't create a new center in Vallejo, our county's largest city, until 2007, over thirty years later; and

WHEREAS, our faculty colleagues in the Vallejo Junior College in 1969 affirmed that they "believe that Solano College should be run for the students rather than for the convenience and pleasure of the faculty, administration and other classified personnel. We also believe Solano College should operate as a free, open and democratic campus....it is the hope of this group that each member of the Solano College staff examines his or her attitudes and actions toward each and every student," and

WHEREAS, with historical hindsight, we can clearly see patterns of larger societal racism, lack of interest, and neglect in our historic treatment of the BSU, our African American students, and the city of Vallejo; and

WHEREAS the District, on November 6, 2019 will affirm its dedication "to understanding the truth of its past and the impact that the past may have had on the District and on the community we serve;" demonstrated by the regret for and the expungement of the expulsions of Jimmy Boyden and Mark Jefferson and the suspensions of 21 other members of the BSU;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to understanding our past in order to guide our current efforts to support students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate of Solano Community College hereby recommits to a campus culture that prioritizes students and their voices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to supporting our Vallejo Center, community, and students, specifically and as a form of restitution, by advocating for and actively encouraging increased course and program offerings, an increased number of full time faculty teaching in Vallejo, and to working with administration and our student government to advocate for improved transportation to the campus and provide more student support, specifically in the library, the Academic Success and Tutoring Center, and our DSP services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to examining our "attitudes and actions toward each and every student", specifically, by widely participating in ally and implicit bias training, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to empowering the student voice, and exploring with students the possibility of reinstating the school newspaper or other opportunities for free speech and dialog.

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