

RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BOARD OF GOVERNORS RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR A NEW MODEL FOR AN
ACCREDITING AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges seeks to act in the best interests of the system of 113 colleges, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Community College Board of Trustees supports the leadership of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and

WHEREAS, an effective, meaningful, and helpful accreditation process directly benefits the goal of advancing student success for the 2.1 million students attending California's community colleges, and

WHEREAS, a fair, transparent, collegial, and constructive accreditation process fosters continuous institutional improvement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara Community College District Board of Trustees (1) affirms the value of accreditation standards of excellence and peer-based assessment as embodied in the accreditation process and (2) supports Resolution No. 2015-03 unanimously adopted by the Board of Governors of the California Community College on November 16-17, 2015 which accepted the 2015 Accreditation Task Force findings and recommendations and declared as follows:

The current structure of ACCJC, along with its lack of credibility as perceived by its peers and the public, no longer meet the current and anticipated needs of California community colleges. Thus in an effort to raise the professionalism of accreditation processes and usher California community colleges into a new era of baccalaureate degrees and closer ties with 4-year universities, the Board of Governors hereby directs the Chancellor, working through the systems' established consultation processes, to bring to the Board of Governors at its March 2016 meeting:

- 1. a recommendation for action to establish a new model for an accrediting agency; and*
- 2. an implementation plan, along with timeline.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District this 11th day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustee Haslund, Trustee Blum, Trustee Nielsen, Trustee Kugler, Trustee Abboud, Trustee Croninger, Trustee Gallardo

Noes: None

Absent: None

Concur: Student Trustee Gribble



Dr. Lori Gaskin, Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees