Palo Verde College

Resolution No. 12-21 D-44
PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCREDITATION RESOLUTION ON GOVERNANCE

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Palo Verde Community College District (PVCCD) recognizes that the primary purpose of an ACCJC-accredited institution is to foster learning in its students and has established Accreditation Standards whereby institutions of higher learning are accredited[1];

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is committed to adhering to ethical leadership and governance standards;

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV, *Leadership and Governance*, establishes that PVCCD *"recognizes and utilizes the contributions of leadership throughout the organization for continuous improvement of the institution.*[2];

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV, *Leadership and Governance*, establishes that *"Governance roles are designed to facilitate decisions that support student learning programs and services and improve institutional effectiveness, while acknowledging the designated responsibilities of the governing board and the chief administrator."*[3]*;*

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV-A, *Decision-Making and Processes*, establishes that *"The institution recognizes that ethical and effective leadership throughout the organization enables the institution to identify institutional values, set and achieve goals, learn, and improve."*[4]*;*

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV-A2, *Decision-Making and Processes*, further establishes that "*Institutional leaders create an environment for empowerment, innovation, and institutional excellence,…..* establishing and implementing "*…a written policy providing for faculty, staff, administrator, and student participation in decision-making processes",* with clearly defined roles in institutional governance"[5];

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV-A3, *Decision-Making and Processes*, establishes that the discussion of ideas and effective communication among the College's constituencies are facilitated, "*Through established governance structures, processes, and practices,* so that *the governing board, administrators, faculty, staff, and students work together for the good of the institution."*[6]*;*

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV-A3, *Decision-Making and Processes*, establishes that, "*The institution advocates and demonstrates honesty and integrity in its relationships with external agencies …. and agrees to comply with Accrediting Commission standards, policies, and guidelines…"*[7]*;*

WHEREAS, Accreditation Standard IV-A3, *Decision-Making and Processes*, establishes that, "*The role of leadership and the institution's governance and decision-making structures and processes are regularly evaluated to assure their integrity and effectiveness….and the results are widely disseminated."*[8]*;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, each member of the PVCCD Board of Trustees accepts and adheres to the ACCJC/WASC Accreditation Standards, particularly applicable to leadership and governance, as publicly witnessed and signed below this 23rd day of October, 2012.

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Board President, Ed Gonzalez	Board Member, Lincoln Edmond
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Board Vice President, Millie Rodriguez	Clerk of the Board, Jerry Lewis
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Board Member, Ted Arneson	Board Member, Dr. George Thomas
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Board Member, Ned Hyduke II	Student Trustee, Frannie Gregory

Witness: _____
Interim Superintendent/President, Denise Whittaker

[1-9] Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) / Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Standard IV, Adopted, June 2002