



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS ACADEMIC SENATE VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Whereas, in July of 2024, the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District, for the first time in 36 years, hired a new, interim Superintendent/President and directed him to increase transparency and inclusiveness in District decision-making, and

Whereas, David C. Andrus, immediately upon assuming the role of Interim Superintendent/President, stated his leadership would prioritize developing and implementing an improved decision-making structure, rooted in shared governance, and focused on transparency and inclusion of all college stakeholders, and

Whereas, enthusiasm for President Andrus's respectful and open leadership style and emphasis on repairing the college's decision-making processes fostered an environment of collaboration across stakeholder groups and profoundly improved the campus climate, and

Whereas, in December of 2024, the new Board of Trustees was seated with three new members, each having little if any experience working in a higher education setting, let alone a California community college, and

Whereas, the three new board members, despite their lack of experience, voted themselves into the board Officer positions, assuming responsibility for crafting board agendas and determining district priorities, and

Whereas, despite immersive training, presentations by executive leadership, and reporting from campus leaders, the Board officers remain routinely ill-informed about, and dismissive of, the legally mandated role of shared governance in community college decision-making as outlined in, among other sources, California Education Code section 70902(b)(7), Title 5 section 53200, *et seq.*, and Board Policies 7215, 7270, and 7272, and

Whereas, in late Spring 2025, the Board of Trustees employed the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to administer their annual evaluation, the results of which were the "worst board evaluation" the ACCT had "ever seen," and

Whereas, in July 2025, the Academic Senate President implored the Board to take the ACCT's findings seriously, engage in on-going training, work collaboratively with campus stakeholders, and respect the role of shared governance, all in service to the District's mission, and

Whereas, the Board has dismissed the stakeholder portion of their evaluation administered by ACCT (2.6 on a 5-point scale, 5 being highest), instead focusing solely on their self-evaluation (3.8 on the same scale) and never acknowledging or attempting to understand the vast difference between the scores, and

Whereas, despite this history, the Board of Trustees moved to remove the Interim Superintendent/President, even after he received votes of confidence from all stakeholder groups and despite the ongoing search for a permanent Superintendent/President to assume District leadership before the start of the next academic year, causing deep and unnecessary disruption to college operations and further undermining the campus community's trust in the Board to make decisions in the best interest of the District and in furtherance of our mission, therefore

Resolved, that the Academic Senate of College of the Canyons declares no confidence in the Officers of this Board (President Johnson, Vice President Arnold, and Clerk Trevino) to respect the role of shared governance, to make decisions in the best interest of district stakeholders, and to prioritize our mission of creating a “supportive environment where all students can successfully achieve their educational goals.”

Adopted, by the Academic Senate on November 6, 2025