Joint Resolution from the College of Marin Academic Senate and United Professors of Marin regarding the recent ACCJC Action against City College of San Francisco

Whereas, ACCJC has sanctioned 72 of 114 colleges at least once if not multiple times since 2009; and

Whereas, ACCJC gave all other schools a sequence of progressive sanctions thereby allowing them time to meet the recommendations; and

Whereas, ACCJC gave City College of San Francisco recommendations but no sanctions over the last accreditation cycle; and

Whereas, ACCJC gave City College of San Francisco the most severe sanction immediately after its latest self-study and has refused to recognize the efforts made by CCSF faculty and staff since Show Cause was imposed and has now given them the ultimate and unconscionable sanction of closure by July 2014; and

Whereas, ACCJC appears to be following a path of punitive actions against the majority of the California Community Colleges and particularly against City College of San Francisco; and

Whereas, ACCJC has admitted that most sanctions relate to management, planning and assessment rather than the quality of education; and

Whereas, CCSF employs 850 full time and over 1000 part time faculty, 95% of whom have Masters degrees and 250 have PhDs; and in a 2010-2011 poll, 95% of students rated the quality of instruction at CCSF as good or excellent and the completion rate at CCSF, according to the Chancellor's Office, stands at 55.6% compared with 49.2% statewide; and

Whereas, CCSF offers over 100 occupational disciplines in 27 fields and transfer programs in over 50 academic disciplines and serves over 85,000 students in their pursuit of higher education and occupational training, thus contributing significantly to the economy of San Francisco, the Bay Area, the State of California and the nation;

Therefore, be it resolved that, the College of Marin Academic Senate and the United Professors of Marin join in expressing our support for City College of San Francisco and for the outstanding quality of its many educational programs which are crucial to the lives of its students; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that, the College of Marin Academic Senate and the United Professors of Marin request that ACCJC reconsider the punitive action taken by ACCJC against our sister college; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that, the College of Marin Academic Senate and the United Professors of Marin join in expressing our resolute support for the faculty, staff and students of City College of San Francisco.