

A Resolution to Restore Full Funding for PASCAL

Submitted by: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council

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Purpose: To advocate the restoration of full funding for PASCAL by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide academic library consortium, of which Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is a member, and

Whereas, PASCAL's funding has been supported by the member colleges and the S.C. General Assembly, and

Whereas, PASCAL has succeeded in serving the research needs of students in rural areas by expanding access to information through a rapid delivery system and through access to online databases provided at consortial pricing, and

Whereas, the state funding for PASCAL was decreased by 90% in FY2008-2009, necessitating increased fees by the member colleges and reduced services, and

Whereas, without a reinstatement of legislative funding, PASCAL will cease to exist in FY2009-2010, and

Whereas, the online and print materials provided by PASCAL will no longer be available to the majority of the 230,000 students and faculty of South Carolina academic institutions, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education Study Committee has identified PASCAL as "the best current example for sharing inter-institutional costs for technology in South Carolina," and

Whereas, the Commission on Higher Education has recommended funding PASCAL at a cost of \$2.3 million,

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has the authority to reinstate PASCAL's funding and to support the inter-institutional cooperation that serves the students and faculty of South Carolina's colleges and universities, and

Whereas, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is a direct beneficiary of PASCAL's resources and services. Therefore,

Be it enacted, by the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council the following:

That, the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council, on behalf of the students of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, strongly appeals to the South Carolina General Assembly to fund PASCAL at the \$2.3 million recommended amount.