

A Resolution to Restore Full Funding for PASCAL

Piedmont Technical College Faculty Senate

Approved January 22, 2009

Purpose: To advocate the full restoration of state funding for the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Whereas, PASCAL is a consortium working on behalf of South Carolina's college and university libraries, of which Piedmont Technical College is a member, and

Whereas, PASCAL levels the playing field for college students and other scholars in every corner of South Carolina by expanding access to information resources, and

Whereas, PASCAL has initiated creative, cost-saving strategies such as resource sharing and consortial pricing to provide resources at a significantly reduced cost to each institution, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education Study Committee recognizes PASCAL as a state leader in academic cost-sharing, and

Whereas, PASCAL's resources help individual colleges and universities comply with library standards set forth by academic and professional accrediting groups, and

Whereas, PASCAL has been funded by the South Carolina General Assembly and through dues and feeds paid by member colleges, and

Whereas, state funding for PASCAL decreased by 90% in FY2008-2009, thereby increasing costs to member colleges and reducing services, and

Whereas, without full funding restoration from the South Carolina General Assembly, PASCAL will cease to operate in FY2009-2010, and

Whereas, to the detriment of our students, most member libraries will not be able to afford the expense of replacing resources that will be lost should PASCAL fail, and

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

Whereas, Piedmont Technical College students, faculty and staff are direct and appreciative beneficiaries of PASCAL's resources and services. Therefore,

Be it enacted, by the Piedmont Technical College Faculty Senate:

That, the Piedmont Technical College Faculty Senate strongly urges the South Carolina General Assembly to restore funding to PASCAL at the recommended amount of \$2.3 million.