

A Resolution to Sustain PASCAL

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Purpose: To encourage the reinstatement of PASCAL's funding to the required levels of operation by state legislators.

Whereas, PASCAL is a statewide conglomerate of academic libraries, of which Florence-Darlington Technical College is a member, and

Whereas, PASCAL provides a cost effective means of accessing electronic educational resources that are used by students and staff, and

Whereas, PASCAL has been decreased by 90%, from \$2 million to \$200,000, which means less resources for more money as the replacement will be quite costly for the college without the statewide licensing, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education has appealed for \$2.3 million dollars to fund PASCAL, and

Whereas, the South Carolina Legislature has the authority to re-establish PASCAL funding support, thereby returning it to satisfactory functionality for student usage, and

Whereas, Florence-Darlington Technical College has a great concern in actively encouraging the release of these funds to sustain these crucial resources for student access.

Be it enacted, by the Florence-Darlington Technical College Student Government Association the following:

That, the Student Government Participants, on behalf of the students of Florence-Darlington Technical College, strongly encourage the South Carolina Legislature to increase the priority of education, and beseech the General Assembly to pass the essential funding for PASCAL.