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**A Resolution to Support PASCAL
Florence-Darlington Technical College Faculty Senate**

Purpose: To advocate adequate funding for PASCAL on the part of S.C. General Assembly

Whereas PASCAL stands for "Partnership Among South Carolina Libraries" which provides hard-copy and electronic resources to the state's students, staff and faculty,

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

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

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

Whereas Florence Darlington Technical College uses these electronic databases and resources from PASCAL Delivers, receiving a significant resource value for every dollar spent,

Whereas the cost of maintain licenses for the content that PASCAL currently provides to each institution would be prohibitive if purchased by an individual institution,

Whereas PASCAL previously had an appropriation of two million dollars annually which has been reduced 90% for 2008 – 2009,

Whereas the General Assembly of South Carolina has the ability to restore the funding,

Whereas Florence Darlington Technical College has an interest in making sure that the PASCAL system is restored to full capacity for use of students and faculty,

Whereas without full funding from the General Assembly PASCAL will cease to operate next year,

Whereas PASCAL programs also ensure that all faculty, students and staff at every institution of higher learning in South Carolina have equal access to the high-quality library resources necessary for teaching, learning, and scholarship,

and, most importantly,

Whereas the service that PASCAL provides is essential for accreditation purposes,

Resolved, on behalf of the students, staff and faculty, that the Faculty Senate of Florence-Darlington Technical College, respectfully recommend that the General Assembly fund the PASCAL system adequately enough to maintain its full use.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Winfield Brown".

Winfield Brown, Faculty Senate Chairman

A handwritten date "3/13/09" written in cursive script.

Date