

RESOLUTION: DRAFT

WHEREAS, in the Fall Semester of 1968, Black Student Union members and others protested the unequal treatment of Black Student Union members by Vallejo Junior College; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1969, the former Governing Board voted to expel James Boyden and Mark Jefferson, students at Solano County Junior College, and members of the Black Student Union, for their activism and participation in these protests; and

WHEREAS, our colleagues in the Vallejo Junior College in 1969 affirmed that they “believe that Solano College should be run for the students rather than for the convenience and pleasure of the faculty, administration and other classified personnel. We also believe Solano College should operate as a free, open and democratic campus...it is the hope of this group that each member of the Solano College staff examines his or her attitudes and actions toward each and every student,” and

WHEREAS the District, on November 6, will affirm its dedication “to understanding the truth of its past and the impact that the past may have had on the District and on the community;” demonstrated by the regret for and the expungement of the expulsions of Jimmy Boyden and Mark Jefferson

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Senate of Solano Community College hereby recommits to a campus culture that prioritizes students and their voices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to understanding our past in order to guide our current efforts to support students, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to supporting our Vallejo campus and students, specifically, by increasing course and program offerings, increasing the number of full time faculty teaching in Vallejo, and to working with administration to improve transportation to the campus and provide more student support, specifically in the library, the Academic Success and Tutoring Center, and our DSP services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to examining our “attitudes and actions toward each and every student”, specifically, by widely participating in ally and implicit bias training, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Academic Senate of SCC commits to empowering the student voice, and exploring with students the possibility of reinstating the school newspaper or other opportunities for free speech and dialog