

To Members of Board of Governors, Pima Community College:*

We, former faculty members and administrators (some of whom were founding members), and some former members of the College's Board of Governors, understand that the Board of Governors will soon be considering a proposal to change from the current open enrollment to one requiring a high school diploma for admission. In the wake of dramatic reductions in funding from the state some adjustments must be made; however, we feel that excluding community members who are not high school graduates should be avoided.

We believe that a significant role of the community college is to enable many to initially enter, and then succeed, in higher education. Since its inception, Pima Community College has grounded its programs and procedures in the idea of "take the student from where he is, to where he wants to go." That philosophy extends to adjusting programs to fit the needs of students in order for them to be successful. Thus, a community college has an especially unique function of providing learning opportunities for those often bypassed by traditional public education.

Since this commitment to open access has contributed to the broad and deep support for the College from the community, which continues to this day, we urge you to wait until all other viable alternatives have been thoroughly considered, together with seeking and gaining input from the community, before proceeding with any such drastic decision as abandoning the tradition of open enrollment. And, as to finding other ways to augment the College's revenue base rather than, for instance, reducing developmental education expenditures, some of us would eagerly join with you in exploring other sources, including appealing to the many former students, staff, faculty, administrators, board members and the Tucson community itself.

We urge you to continue the policy of open enrollment.

Retired Faculty--Delfina Alvarez (1970-1997), Barbara Anderson (1970-2007), Pepe Barron (1969-1971), Johnny Bowens (1970-2001), Nick Busch (1969-2008), Pat Davis (1970-2001), Dan Davidson (1970-2006), Ed Duperret (1970-1992), Richard Fridena (1977-2007), David Gallagher (1970-2000), George Giley (1970-1982), Jim Goff (1971-2007), Bram Goldman (1970-1973), Raquel Rubio Goldsmith (1969-1999), Don Graham (1971-1998), Adalberto Guerrero (1969-1970), Mark Homan (1975-2008), Roger Irwin, (1970-1998), Ed Johnson (1969-1993), Bob Longoni (1970-1991), Vivian Longoni (1975-1995), Phil Lopes (1969-1973), Jim Lowell (1969-2001), Jim Martin (1969-1998), Steve Schneider (1970-2006), Lee Scott (1969-1990), Larry Toledo (1970-1996), Carla Van West (1983, 1987-1988), Larry Victor (1974-1997), Jim Waid (1971-1980), Nancy Wall (1971-1992), Herman Warrior (1971-1973).

Retired Administrators—Joe Cosentino, Dean of Admissions and Records (1968-1990); Carol Gorsuch, at College (1976-2001) and Assistant Chancellor (1995-2001); Ken Harper, President (1969-1972); Sylvia Lee, at College (1996-2011), Northwest Campus President 2006-2009) and Community Campus President (2009-2011); James Manilla, President (1979-1988); Fred Montes, at College (1970-1996) and Downtown Campus Dean of Student Services (1981-1996); Diego Navarette, at College (1969-1989) and President (1987-1989); Miguel Palacios, at College (1971-2004), Downtown Campus President (1984-1997) and Desert Vista Campus President (1997-2004); Wesley Soderquist, Vice-President (1973-1978) and returned to College, serving in different positions (1982ff.) until becoming West Campus President (1987-2003); Ray Stith, West Campus Executive Dean (1978-1985); Denis Viri, Assistant Registrar (1987-1999).

Former Members, Board of Governors—Michael Brown (1967-1973), Chris Molina (1985-1994), Macario Saldate (1973-1979), Don Shropshire (1970-1976; and on Pima's Foundation Board, 1978-1982); Esther Tang (1975-1984).