

## **A Resolution to Restore Full Funding for PASCAL**

**Submitted by: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council**

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**Purpose:** To advocate the restoration of full funding for PASCAL by the South Carolina General Assembly.

**Whereas,** PASCAL is a statewide academic library consortium, of which Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is a member, and

**Whereas,** PASCAL's funding has been supported by the member colleges and the S.C. General Assembly, and

**Whereas,** PASCAL has succeeded in serving the research needs of students in rural areas by expanding access to information through a rapid delivery system and through access to online databases provided at consortial pricing, and

**Whereas,** the state funding for PASCAL was decreased by 90% in FY2008-2009, necessitating increased fees by the member colleges and reduced services, and

**Whereas,** without a reinstatement of legislative funding, PASCAL will cease to exist in FY2009-2010, and

**Whereas,** the online and print materials provided by PASCAL will no longer be available to the majority of the 230,000 students and faculty of South Carolina academic institutions, and

**Whereas,** the South Carolina Commission of Higher Education Study Committee has identified PASCAL as "the best current example for sharing inter-institutional costs for technology in South Carolina," and

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

**Whereas,** the South Carolina General Assembly has the authority to reinstate PASCAL's funding and to support the inter-institutional cooperation that serves the students and faculty of South Carolina's colleges and universities, and

**Whereas,** Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College is a direct beneficiary of PASCAL's resources and services. Therefore,

**Be it enacted,** by the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council the following:

**That,** the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Student Activities Council, on behalf of the students of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, strongly appeals to the South Carolina General Assembly to fund PASCAL at the \$2.3 million recommended amount.