

**Los Rios Community College District Academic Senate  
Resolution in Support of Los Rios Participation in the Pan-African Virtual College  
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Whereas, the purpose of the Los Rios International Education Program is to help students explore the world;<sup>1</sup>

Whereas, current Los Rios study abroad opportunities are limited primarily to western European countries;

Whereas, in April 2025, the California Community College system, the African American Male Education Network and Development (A<sup>2</sup>MEND) program and the University of Ghana announced a new collaborative effort to establish a Pan-African Virtual College;<sup>2</sup>

Whereas, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recognizes the Pan-African Virtual College as a cross-cultural exchange program that "seeks to establish a virtual college that connects California community colleges and Ghanaian higher education institutions, fosters cultural understanding, promotes African-centered knowledge, and provides high-quality, accessible education."<sup>3</sup>

Whereas, goals of the Pan-African Virtual College include the promotion of African-centered pedagogy and the fostering of connections between U.S. and African students in a rich and robust academic environment;

Whereas, the Pan-African Virtual College initiative aligns with the California Community Colleges' DEIA efforts and the Vision for Success, which aims to close equity gaps for students;<sup>4</sup>

Whereas, the Los Rios Community College District equity statement asserts that "we value equity and diversity" and that "we work toward just and fair inclusion into a society in which all people can participate, prosper, and reach their full potential;"<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Los Rios Study Abroad." *Los Rios Community College District*, accessed 25 October, 2025, <https://losrios.edu/academics/programs-and-majors/los-rios-study-abroad>

<sup>2</sup> "California Community Colleges, A<sup>2</sup>MEND and University of Ghana Collaborate to Establish Pan-African Virtual College." *University of Ghana*, accessed 20 October, 2025, <https://www.ug.edu.gh/news/california-community-colleges-a2mend-and-university-ghana-collaborate-establish-pan-african>.

<sup>3</sup> "Supporting International Education Opportunities for California Community Colleges Students." *California Community Colleges, The Success Center for Vision 2030 – The July 2025 Edition*, accessed 25 October, 2025, <https://www.cccco.edu/-/media/CCCCO-Website/docs/vision2030/international-education-discussion-paper#:~:text=Pan%2DAfrican%20Virtual%20College,and%20California%20Community%20Colleges%20leaders>.

<sup>4</sup> "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA)." *California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office*, accessed 20 October, 2025, <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/diversity-equity-inclusion>

<sup>5</sup> "Our Commitment to Equity and Diversity." *Los Rios Community College District*, accessed 21 October, 2025, <https://losrios.edu/about-los-rios/our-values/equity-and-diversity>

Whereas, the Los Rios Community College District International Education Committee supports participation in the Pan-African Virtual College;

Resolved, that the Los Rios District Community College District Academic Senate fully supports district participation in the Pan-African Virtual College; and

Resolved, the Los Rios Community College District Academic Senate urges Los Rios Community College District Board of Trustees to support the establishment of the Pan-African Virtual College.

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