Honorable Board of Trustees of the  
San Francisco Community College District  

Subject: Resolution No. 970424-B3  
Authorization to conduct two excursions to Paris, France, for Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 in connection with instructional programs, and authorizing contract with Accent International Consortium for Academic Programs Abroad, Ltd, ("Accent") to obtain travel and educational program arrangements, with costs to be borne by students, for the excursions, January 28 - May 24, 1998, and September 6, 1998 - December 10, 1998, City College of San Francisco.

President and Members:

On July 8, 1991, a Request for Proposals, City College of San Francisco International Education Program, "Paris" was mailed to 9 agencies which provide travel services. The closing date for receipt of proposals was Monday, July 29, 1991. Two proposals were received, a bid by Opportunities In Learning (O.I.L.) and one by the Consortium for International Education (CIE). O.I.L. was awarded a contract based upon the criteria of our requirements and their price, policies, and past performance.

In 1992 O.I.L. changed its name to Accent International Consortium for Academic Programs Abroad Ltd., (Accent). Accent, who had previously been the subcontractor for E.S.A. (European Studies Association), has now completed 25 semesters of Paris study abroad programs in France for CCSF. Over 700 students have benefitted from this academic and cross-cultural experience.

Accent is now requesting to renew their contract for both Spring and Fall 1998. Their proposed costs are as follows:

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Due to the economic stabilization in the franc, the program price for 1998 will remain the same for Spring and drop $100 for Fall vs. 1997 prices.

Since Accent has been evaluated extremely positively over the semesters, has consistently received excellent evaluations by the students, and has continually met and exceeded the criteria of our requirements in price, policies, and performance, a contract with the firm of Accent is recommended to provide the necessary travel and educational program arrangements for the Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 Semester in Paris programs.

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The following resolution is recommended for adoption:

RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Community College District conduct excursions to Paris, France, Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 in connection with an instructional program in French language and culture, art history and humanities, provided that the excursion be conducted in conformance with applicable laws. The District shall expend no funds for transportation, housing, meals, or incidentals.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Community College District contract with Accent to obtain travel and educational program arrangements with costs to be borne by students for two excursions to Paris, France, January 28, 1998 through May 24, 1998, and September 6, 1998 through December 10, 1998, and that the Chancellor, Chief Operating Officer and/or their designees are hereby authorized to execute such contract on behalf of the San Francisco Community College District.

Recommended for adoption:

Del Anderson
Chancellor

Originator: Joanne Low