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01-018	AUTHORIZE SOLE-SOURCE BRIO SOFTWARE UPGRADE
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REPORT:	Brio was selected through an RFP process and Board award in 1997 (#97-138) as the end user query and analysis software for the College's Data Warehouse. At that time the dominant query technology was client/server. Since then there has been a profound switch from client/server to web-based delivery for all types of information exchange. Information Technology Services (ITS) would like to upgrade the College's current Brio software with their newer web-based products. This upgraded client software works with a web browser, which is now the standard client at PCC. The benefits of this upgrade would be improved accessibility of information, quicker access to information and lower support requirements. The quoted total cost for this upgrade is $83,016 (which includes 131 licenses, a 6.0 HP-UX server and software maintenance for one year). Staff considers this to not actually be a new acquisition, but rather a sole-source upgrade to an existing investment. The transition would be very smooth as the College can continue to use the current client software during the switch over to the web-based software. In addition, existing queries and reports would not need to be re-developed and user re-training would be minimized. Note: Brio Technologies is not a certified M/W/ESB firm.
RECOMMENDATION:	That the Board of Directors authorize a sole-source purchase of a web-based software upgrade from Brio Technologies in the amount of $83,016 total. The expenditure would be from the General Fund.

Director Anderson moved for approval of Resolutions 01-015 and 01-017 through 01-