

An update on  
*City College of  
San Francisco*

*Presented to the Board of Governors  
of the California Community Colleges*

*July 8, 2013*

# *California Community Colleges Currently or Recently on SHOW CAUSE*

- **College of the Redwoods** – Removed from SHOW CAUSE in January of 2013
- **Cuesta College** – Removed from SHOW CAUSE in January of 2013
- **City College of San Francisco** – Determination July 2013
- **College of the Sequoias** – On SHOW CAUSE determination in January of 2014

# *Why is accreditation important to a college or university?*

- **Ability to transfer credit.**
- **Ability for students to receive federal financial aid.**
- **Ability for a California institution to receive state financial support.**

# *Accrediting Commission*

## *levels of sanction*

- **WARNING** – Institution deviates from the standards.
- **PROBATION** – Institution deviates significantly from the standards.
- **SHOW CAUSE** – Institution is in substantial non-compliance with standards and must demonstrate why it should not lose accreditation.

# *Recent history of City College of San Francisco Accreditation*

- **July 2006 – Initial Commission report detailing concerns**
- **2012 – College placed on “SHOW CAUSE.”**
- **March 2012 – College submitted required Show Cause report detailing progress and closure plan.**
- **July 2013 – Commission ruled to terminate accreditation of the college in July of 2014.**

# *What are the reasons CCSF is facing accreditation sanction?*

- **Finances**
- **Governance**
- **Planning**
- **Student learning outcomes**
- **Program evaluation**

*The Commission found the college still out of compliance with 4 of the 21 eligibility requirements, and parts of all 4 of the standards for accreditation.*

# *Are there other indicators that the college is experiencing difficulties?*

- **Original FCMAT Report – September 2012**
  - **No plan for fiscal stability**
  - **Assumes revenue not guaranteed**
  - **Far too much of total budget in personnel**
  - **No enrollment management**
  - **Too much interim management**
  - **CCSF is “facing financial insolvency”**
  - **“Operational dysfunction”**



# *Are there other indicators that the college is experiencing difficulties?*

- **2nd FCMAT Report – Draft June 27, 2013**
  - **Lack of skilled staff at all levels**
  - **Unauthorized wage rate changes**
  - **Staff payroll overpayments**
  - **No verification of vacation and sick time**
  - **No one assigned to position control**
  - **Employee benefits not re-confirmed**
  - **Data system overly-customized**

# *Possible Commission Action on CCSF in July*

- **Move to more modest sanction giving the college more time to complete their recovery.**

## **Scenario A**

- **Keep on Show Cause suggesting progress inadequate and termination likely.**

## **Scenario B**

- **Terminate accreditation effective pending appeal.**

## **Scenario C**

# *What would termination of accreditation mean to CCSF*

- College can no longer accept new students.
- College must “teach out” existing students.
- College will no longer receive state funding.
- College will be unable to meet its financial obligations.
- College would no longer be a “going concern.”

# *What happens before termination of accreditation?*

- **College can file a request for a review of Commission action.**
- **College can file an appeal of the Commission action.**
- **College can continue to admit new students until all review and appeal actions are exhausted.**
- **Entire process can take a year or more.**

# *What impact does state intervention have on the accreditation of CCSF?*

- **Accreditation remains pending the outcome of all appeals.**
- **The Chancellor's Office, through its Trustee, and college staff can continue to address accreditation issues.**
- **Intervention would begin to address Commission concerns about the college Board.**
- **Intervention would immediately improve the college relations with the Commission.**

## *What state intervention does NOT mean to CCSF?*

- **Does not grant additional time to address concerns of the Commission.**
- **Does not lessen the accreditation requirements for the college.**
- **Does not void any collective bargaining agreements.**
- **Does not ensure successful exit from termination.**

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# *Why should the state intervene in CCSF?*

- **Thousands of students would be without an option for access to higher education.**
- **Largest workforce trainer in the Bay area.**
- **Critical public institution for prominent California city.**
- **Financial default of a large public institution.**
- **Thousands of CCSF employees stand to lose their jobs.**



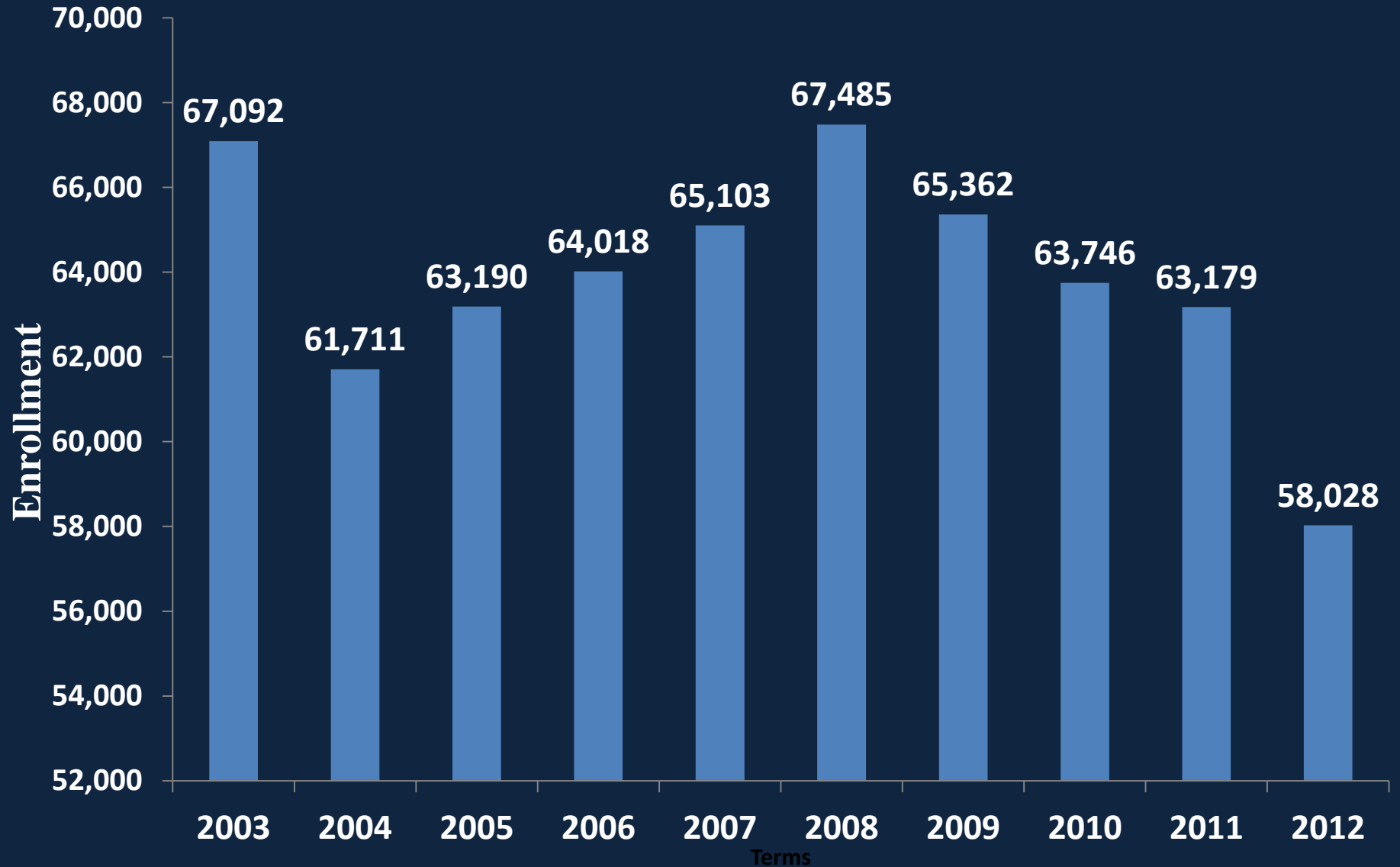
# *What would be the effect of intervention?*

- **Board of Governors approves rescue.**
- **Immediately elevate Special Trustee and set-aside the existing board.**
- **File for Commission review and then for appeal.**
- **Work to meet all standards while appeal is underway.**
- **Seek reversal of decision to terminate accreditation at the end of the appeal.**

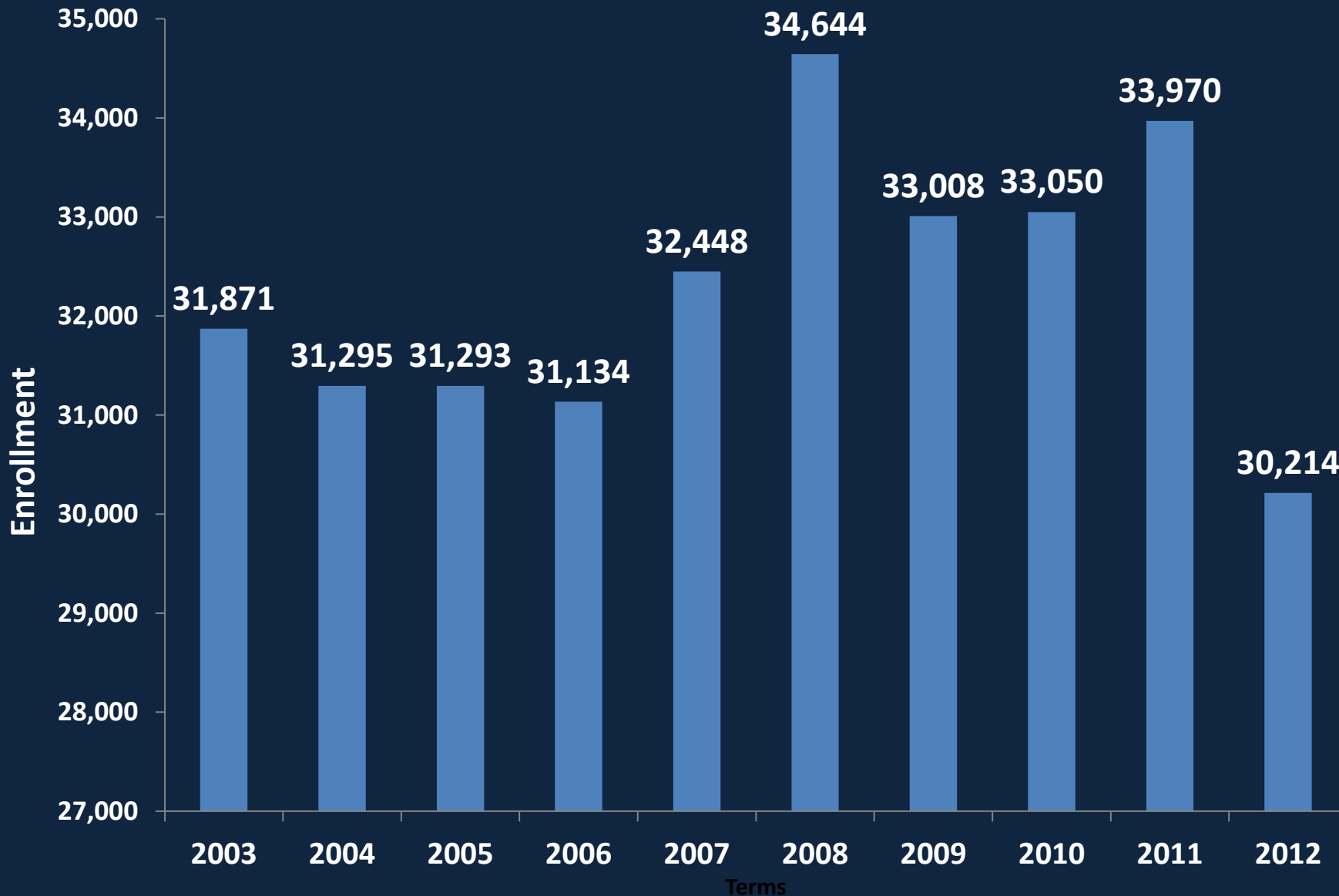
*Would special legislation  
or a financial  
“bail-out” be necessary?*

*Not at this time.*

*City College of San Francisco*  
*Fall Enrollment Credit And Noncredit Headcount*



*City College of San Francisco*  
*Fall Term Credit Headcount Enrollment*



# *What State help would be needed?*

- **Support of the rescue effort.**
- **Support of the Chancellor's Office in their efforts to rescue the college.**
- **Expression of confidence in the plan to rescue the college.**
- **Willingness to revisit the need for special legislation and financial support later if necessary.**

*Concerns about  
Accreditation and  
ACCJC*

*vs.*

*City College of San  
Francisco*

# *In Summary*

- **Civic leadership in SF support the rescue effort.**
- **Mayor Lee and area legislators are supportive.**
- **City College does not have the luxury of time.**
- **Difficult decision – but one that must be made to save education for 85,000 students and the City of San Francisco.**