





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: January 7-8, 2013

SUBJECT: Update on City College of San Francisco		Item Number: 4.1	
		Attachment: Yes	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Erik Skinner, Exec. Vice Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

ISSUE: As described in earlier presentations and updates to the Board, City College of San Francisco is facing significant challenges related to accreditation and fiscal solvency.

BACKGROUND: On October 22, 2012, the Board of Governors appointed Dr. Robert Agrella to serve as Special Trustee at City College of San Francisco. In this capacity, he provides oversight and guidance to the City College of San Francisco Board and exercises stay and rescind authority over the Board’s decisions. These functions are performed with the goal of supporting implementation of a recovery plan that will allow the college’s continued operation.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Agrella will present an update to the Board on City College of San Francisco’s current status. Following the presentation, the Board will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the matter.

ANALYSIS: Below is an overview of the accreditation timeline for City College of San Francisco. In addition, attached is the July 2nd letter from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) to City College of San Francisco placing the college on “Show Cause.”

City College of San Francisco Accreditation Timeline

July 2, 2012 – ACCJC Show Cause letter

This action letter from the ACCJC to City College of San Francisco identified numerous deficiencies and moved the college directly to the most severe level of sanction, Show Cause.

According to ACCJC, “Show Cause is issue when the Commission finds an institution in substantial non-compliance with the Commission’s Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, or policies or when the institution has not responded to the conditions imposed by the Commission.” A college under Show Cause must submit specified reports, listed in the timeline below, and successfully make its case to ACCJC that it has a viable plan in progress to address the identified deficiencies or the college’s accreditation will be revoked.

The July 2 Show Cause letter identifies numerous deficiencies covering a broad range of college operations. The most substantive findings focus on failures in the areas of fiscal planning, fiscal integrity, governance, and administration.

October 15, 2012 – City College of San Francisco Special Report Submitted:

This report describes the college’s overall plan to address the identified deficiencies.

March 15, 2013 – City College of San Francisco Show Cause Report due:

This report is required to present the college’s case that it is on track to full compliance with requirements and standards and should retain its accreditation. The burden of proof is on the college.

March 15, 2013 – City College of San Francisco Closure Report due:

This report is required to outline the college’s plan to cease operations in the event that accreditation is revoked.

June 10, 2013 – ACCJC to issue ruling:

At its June meeting, the ACCJC will announce whether City College of San Francisco has successfully justified its continued accreditation.