





The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Appointment of Patricia Sullivan to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges		Item Number: 1.3	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Foundation for California Community Colleges	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Keetha Mills, President/CEO	Consent/Routine	X
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	

ISSUE: This item requests the reappointment of Patricia Sullivan to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges (Foundation), for a special two-year term.

BACKGROUND: The Foundation is an auxiliary organization to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (Board). The Foundation was created pursuant to the California Education Code for the purpose of providing supporting services and benefits to the California Community Colleges and the Board. Pursuant to the Education Code, Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors, and Foundation Bylaws, members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors are appointed by the Board. The Foundation’s Board of Director’s voted unanimously at its June 2014 Regular Board meeting to recommend the reappointment of Patricia Sullivan for a special two-year term during which time the Foundation Board intends to review and finalize board terms and rotation as detailed in the final two paragraph of the analysis below.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It is recommended that the Board of Governors reappoint Patricia Sullivan as a Director of the Foundation Board for a two-year term.

ANALYSIS:

Patricia (Patty) Sullivan has over three decades of experience in executive management, sales, operations, solutions and marketing with IBM. During her time with the company, Patty developed extensive knowledge of business and technical solutions for the education industry working with a wide range of K-12 and higher education institutions globally. While serving as solutions executive of IBM's Global Education Industry, she oversaw a portfolio of academic, administrative and research solutions that generated over \$1B in revenues.

Since retiring from IBM in December 2013, Patty has devoted herself to her long-standing efforts to develop and support community-based organizations. She continues to consult with not-for-profit organizations on sustainable business models and leadership, volunteers with community wellness programs, and serves on community boards.

Patty resides in Berkeley, CA with her partner, Bill Grove, and has one daughter, Christina.

Ms. Sullivan has served on the Foundation Board since 1999 and currently serves as Board Chairperson. While Foundation Board members typically serve terms of six years, in this case a special two-year term is recommended to allow one year to serve out Ms. Sullivan's term as Chairperson and allow Ms. Sullivan to serve a final year as immediate-past Chairperson.

During its June 2014 Regular Board meeting, the Foundation Board also discussed a number of corporate governance practices including the need to appropriately balance between ongoing board stability and necessary revitalization. The Foundation Board specifically discussed board size, appointment terms, and term limits. At its September 2014 Regular Board meeting, the Foundation Board will review a number of recommended Bylaw amendments, including: increasing maximum board size from 9 to 11, shortening appointment terms to 4 years, implementing term limits of 3 consecutive terms, and establishing current Board member term limits using a staggered schedule based on tenure. Recommended changes to Foundation Bylaws are subject to Board of Governors consent, to be requested at a future date following final recommendations from the Foundation Board.