Resolution of the Board of Governors
California Community Colleges
No. 2015-02

WHEREAS, Education Code section 84040 requires the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to adopt criteria and standards for periodic assessment of the fiscal conditions of community college districts and to develop appropriate procedures and actions for districts that fail to achieve fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors has adopted California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58310 et seq., to implement that statute; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58310, requires community college districts to report regularly regarding financial and budgetary conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors has previously determined that the San Francisco Community College District (SFCCD) failed to comply with the principles of sound fiscal management as delineated in the Board of Governors' regulations; and

WHEREAS, by its letter dated July 3, 2013, the contents of which is incorporated herein, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has acted to terminate the accreditation of City College of San Francisco for failure to comply with numerous accreditation standards; and

WHEREAS, the evidence clearly supported the conclusion that SFCCD had failed to maintain fiscal integrity, faced imminent threats to its accreditation, and all efforts short of intervention had been unsuccessful;

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons on July 8, 2013, the Board of Governors passed Resolution No. 2013-04, authorizing the Chancellor, in part, to suspend the authority of the Board of Trustees and delegate to the special trustee the rights, duties and powers of the governing board of SFCCD for the period of one year;

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons on July 7, 2014, the Board of Governors passed Resolution No. 2014-03, authorizing the Chancellor, in part, to continue the suspension of the authority of the Board of Trustees and the delegation to the special trustee of the rights, duties and powers of the governing board of SFCCD for the period of one year;

WHEREAS, City College of San Francisco under the guidance of the special trustee has made significant progress toward complying with all accreditation standards, and toward ensuring compliance with principles of sound fiscal management set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58311;

WHEREAS, more time is needed to solidify this progress and ensure that City College of San Francisco fully complies with all standards, to ensure restoration of fiscal health, and to ensure a successful transition of governance responsibility back to the Board of Trustees of SFCCD; and now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges directs the following actions:

1. The Chancellor is authorized to extend the appointment a special trustee as provided in Education Code section 84040 and California Code of Regulations, title 5, section 58312, at SFCCD's expense, to provide oversight and assistance to the district for a year, through and including July 20, 2016.

2. The special trustee is authorized to stay or rescind any action taken by the SFCCD board of trustees if he/she determines that the actions are deemed inconsistent with the district’s recovery, fiscal stability and integrity, and continued accreditation.

3. The special trustee shall report regularly to the Chancellor regarding the district’s progress, including the implementation of action plans necessary to meet accreditation standards and eligibility requirements. If at any time the special trustee determines that the district’s recovery is in jeopardy, he/she will recommend corrective actions to the Chancellor up to and including the suspension on the rights, duties, and powers of the board of trustees.

Dated: July 20, 2015

Geoffrey L. Baum, President
Board of Governors California Community Colleges