



# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: September 19-20, 2016

SUBJECT: Recognition of Patricia Sullivan, member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for California Community Colleges		Item Number: 4.6	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Foundation for California Community Colleges	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Keetha Mills, President/CEO	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Erik Skinner, Interim Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

**ISSUE:** This item recognizes the long-standing commitment of Patricia Sullivan, including 17 years of service as a member of the Board of Directors for the Foundation for California Community Colleges.

**BACKGROUND:** This is an informational presentation in acknowledgment of outstanding service in support of students, colleges, college foundations, and the California Community College system. For nearly two decades, Patricia Sullivan has been a passionate advocate for the California Community Colleges. Over the course of 17 years, serving in numerous leadership roles through her tenure, Sullivan has overseen the growth of the Foundation into a dynamic and diversified organization capable of serving the needs of students, colleges and system priorities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This item is presented to the Board for recognition of exemplary service.

**ANALYSIS:**

**Patricia Sullivan** joined the Board of Directors of the Foundation for California Community Colleges in 1999, shortly following its formation. Sullivan has served in a number of officer positions throughout her tenure with the Foundation Board. She has been instrumental in advising the Foundation on a myriad of business and financial issues related to the Foundation's growth, contributing to the achievement of over \$30 million in annual revenue and over \$100 million in total assets. Under Sullivan's leadership, the Foundation has provided hundreds of millions of dollars of direct support to the California Community College system, distributed nearly \$20 million in student scholarships, employed tens of thousands of students in meaningful internship opportunities, and made significant strides in building a nest egg of important net operating reserves to sustain the Foundation into the future.

Sullivan has over three decades of experience in executive management, sales, operations, solutions, and marketing with IBM. During her time with the company, Sullivan 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, Sullivan 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.

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