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BOARDreport

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BOARD MEMBERS

**John T. Nejedly, President (Ward IV) • David N. MacDiarmid, Vice President (Ward I) • Jo Ann Cookman, Secretary (Ward V)
Tomi Van de Brooke (Ward II) • Sheila A. Grilli (Ward III) • Valentin Lorian, Student Member**

The Governing Board of the Contra Costa Community College District is comprised of five trustees elected from individual wards and one student member with an advisory vote selected on a rotating basis from our colleges. The Governing Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the George R. Gordon Education Center, 500 Court Street, Martinez. You can reach the Governing Board by calling (925) 229-1000. Minutes of the meetings are available online at www.4cd.net.

Governing Board Meeting of January 25, 2006

The Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board met in the George R. Gordon Education Center at 500 Court Street in Martinez on January 25, 2006. The meeting began with a closed session at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Regional Training Institute Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. and open session beginning at 7:00 p.m. Highlights of the meeting follow:

Future Bond Planning

The Governing Board approved a contract with Brad Senden of The Center for Community Opinion (Board Report No. 49-B) to conduct polling for a June or November 2006 bond election. This bond would provide additional funding for continued and new construction at the colleges.

New Managers Welcomed

The Governing Board welcomed Charles Gibson as the new Chief of District Police Services, effective February 6, 2006. President Nejedly encouraged all of the Board members and the community to attend Mr. Gibson's swearing in ceremony at the District Office on February 16, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Gary Fincher, the new Director of Admissions and Records at Diablo Valley College, was also introduced.

Nonresident Tuition Fee

The annual nonresident tuition fee increase (Board Report No. 53-B) was approved by the Governing Board. The combined fees of \$177.00 per unit represent both nonresident tuition and foreign student capital outlay costs. This increase will take effect with summer session 2006.

Cesar Chavez Day Holiday, March 31, 2006

The Governing Board approved that Cesar Chavez Day be designated as a holiday for the 2005-06 academic year only (Board Report No. 54-A). The celebration of this holiday replaces April 14, which was previously designated as a "local" holiday. The State Chancellor's Office does not count local holidays in FTES reporting. If not corrected, the District's FTES reporting method would have to be changed, resulting in the District losing between \$540,000 and \$1,200,000 in funding this academic year.

Student Health Centers Survey

Student Trustee Valentin Lorien, along with Gigi Green of Contra Costa College, Daniel Leahy of Diablo Valley College and Stephen Solana of Los Medanos College, presented a report on establishing student health centers at the three colleges. Mr. Lorien concluded by saying that health services would contribute to the educational aims of students by promoting physical and emotional well being through health-oriented programs and services. The Governing Board expressed interest in the proposal and would like to see a more detailed plan.

Governing Board Suggestions for Future Agenda Topics

The Governing Board discussed an agenda for a special meeting which will be held on February 15, 2006, at Contra Costa College. The special meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in the Health Sciences Building, Room 101. The Board members will finalize their action plan and discuss the polling survey results for a future bond election during this meeting.

Upon approval at the next regular meeting, complete Governing Board minutes for this meeting will be posted at http://www.4cd.net/governing_board/minutes05_06.asp.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22, 2006**