

## Contra Costa Community College District

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# BOARDreport

The Governing Board Believes In Open Lines of Communication  
with Employees and the Community

The Colleges of  
Contra Costa

pathways to success

### BOARD MEMBERS

Sheila A. Grilli, President (Ward III) • John T. Nejedly, Vice President (Ward IV) • David N. MacDiamid, Secretary (Ward I) •  
Jo Ann Cookman (Ward V) • Tomi Van de Brooke (Ward II) • Valentin Lorien, 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](http://www.4cd.net).*

## Governing Board Meeting of November 16, 2005

The Contra Costa Community College District Governing Board met in the George R. Gordon Education Center at 500 Court Street in Martinez on November 16, 2005. The meeting began with a closed session at 5 p.m. and was followed with an open session at 7:05 p.m. Here are highlights of the 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/agenda.asp](http://www.4cd.net/governing_board/agenda.asp).

### Governing Board Goals 2006 (First Reading)

The Board discussed goals that were developed by President Sheila A. Grilli and Vice President John T. Nejedly with the assistance of the Community College League of California. The Board will continue to discuss and refine its goals.

### College Real Estate Survey

A report was presented illustrating ways in which the District could convert unused real estate assets into productive educational facilities through public/private partnerships. Such partnerships would allow the District to advance modernization plans of existing facilities or to construct new facilities at the colleges or on new sites.

### Compressed Calendar Study Process

The District is exploring options that would allow it to alter its 17.5-week semester calendar to a "compressed" calendar of less than 17.5 weeks as a means of reaching students who prefer shorter semesters. This is a common practice in other college

districts, where compressed calendars typically include 15- or 16-week semester-length courses, in addition to summer and winter intercession offerings.

### **Out-of-State Employee Travel**

The Governing Board, at the request of Board Secretary David MacDiarmid at an earlier, October 26, 2005 meeting, reviewed a report outlining all out-of-state employee travel for October.

### **Report on 2004-05 Financial Aid and Scholarship Awards**

The Governing Board heard a report on student financial aid and scholarship awards. Included in this report was data showing that:

- Financial aid programs disbursed \$17,969,166 to 24,289 students, an increase of 32% in funds disbursed and an increase of 11% in the number of program recipients over the average of the last three years.
- Scholarship programs disbursed \$799,479 to 568 students, a decrease of 12% in funds disbursed and a decrease of 15% in the number of program recipients over the average of the last three years.
- The majority of students receiving awards successfully completed their coursework. Most were female, members of minority groups, and 20-24 years of age.

### **January Retreat**

The Governing Board announced a retreat for Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
DECEMBER 14 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.***