

BOARD Report

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Governing Board Meeting of October 9, 2024

The Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) Governing Board conducted a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by closed session, and continuation of public session at 6:00 p.m.

Highlights are listed below.

Special Report – 2025-2030 4CD Strategic Planning

This special report focused on the key components of the *2020-2025 Strategic Plan*, highlighting achievements and opportunities related to its strategic directions. An overview of the 2025-2030 strategic planning process and timeline were also discussed. The Governing Board and the Student Trustee shared suggestions for core values for 2025-2030.

Purchasing Agreements

The Governing Board approved various agreements, including the following new agreements:

- Diablo Valley College will work with the Institute of International Education to subsidize educational expenses of refugees and displaced persons originally from Afghanistan and Ukraine; and
- Districtwide funding will be provided through the Bay Area K-16 Collaborative Grant for the Career Center Capacity Initiative.

High School Program Definitions and Benefits

The Governing Board heard an overview of the evolution of early college credit programs, which began with concurrent enrollment for high school students in the 1970s. Information was also presented regarding the current student experience. Currently, 4CD strategically utilizes a range of early college credit models, recognizing that the various models address the needs of different student populations, provide unique benefits, and entail varying degrees of administrative coordination and resource allocation.

DVC Overflow Parking Lot Ground Lease Project Overview and Update

The Governing Board heard an overview of options to optimize usage of the overflow parking lot and generate a financial return, thereby providing continued support of 4CD students. Development options considered also focused on how 4CD could retain the property and further retain suitable synergies between the campus and the surrounding community.

2024-25 Undocumented Student Action Week

The Governing Board approved the Resolution for 2024 Undocumented Student Action Week, which will be celebrated from October 14 to 18, 2024. Presented annually, this Resolution demonstrates support for a systemwide effort by the California Community Colleges for its undocumented immigrant students, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. It also emphasizes the importance of making higher education accessible to all students, regardless of their immigration status.

4CD colleges have created Dreamer Resource Centers for Undocumented Student Programs. These centers provide a safe space for undocumented students to access resources, legal assistance, and academic support. Further, 4CD has shown strong support for Assembly Bill 540 (and amendments) and the California Dream Act, which allow eligible undocumented students to pay in-state tuition and apply for state financial aid. 4CD has also created and promoted scholarships specifically for undocumented students.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned in memory of retired Los Medanos College Nursing Professor Mary Jo Nuxoll.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**