

CHANCELLOR'S CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

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The purpose of the Chancellor's Cabinet is to serve as the leadership team, ensuring the sustainability of our District to educate all students effectively and equitably. Chancellor's Cabinet members lead in empowering and meeting the needs of our diverse communities in partnership with classified professionals, faculty, and other managers as we achieve the mission of the 4CD.

Legislative Insights from Lobbyist, Mark MacDonald

Lobbyist Mark MacDonald, from MGI Advocacy, presented at Cabinet to provide a wrap-up of the recent legislative session and discuss key bills impacting California's community colleges. He also shared updates on the 2025–2026 state budget and its implications for higher education. In addition, Mr. MacDonald invited Cabinet members to contribute policy ideas for future legislative consideration, emphasizing the value of local perspectives in shaping statewide decisions.

Strong International Enrollment Trends Continue for Fall 2025

Associate Vice Chancellor, Educational Services, Mandy Liang, presented an update on international student applications and enrollment for Fall 2025 compared to Fall 2024. Despite global competition and ongoing U.S. visa challenges, 4CD achieved record-high applications and enrollment at Contra Costa College, with Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College maintaining strong applicant pools. The new centralized international admissions system has significantly improved efficiency and transparency, reducing processing time to just one to two business days.

Curriculum Management System to be Implemented

Executive Vice Chancellor, Education and Technology Kelly Schelin shared that 4CD is moving forward with the implementation of a new academic operations platform called Coursedog, which will replace eLumen. The new agreement, which will run through June 2029, will provide a platform for curriculum and online catalog management and academic scheduling services.

and outstanding higher education learning opportunities and support services.