

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: 2/7/11

Title of Item: Board Elections – Moving from Odd to Even Years

Background and Analysis:

At the regular board meeting on January 10, 2011 and the study session on January 31, 2011, trustees discussed at length whether to move trustee elections from odd years to even years. The Registrar of Voters provided information regarding additional costs as well as savings if trustees voted to move their elections. Vice Chancellor Kevin McElroy also provided an analysis of savings.

At the January 31 study session trustees requested the following resolution be brought to the February 7 meeting for action. Resolution 2011-02 must be filed with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in a timely manner and at a date to be determined by the Registrar of Voters.

Recommendation: Chancellor Linda Thor recommends adoption of the Resolution to move trustee elections from odd years to even years.

Submitted by: Linda Thor, x6104
Additional contact names:
Is backup provided? Yes

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-02

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF FUTURE
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS WITH THE
STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS EFFECTIVE IN 2011**

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g. November 2012) (Elections Code section 1001); and

WHEREAS, the District is responsible to pay certain costs to the Santa Clara Elections Office for conducting each Board election as the elections are deemed to be “special” election because they are conducted at a different time than most local general elections or statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Elections Office has informed the District that the cost to conduct future College Board member elections will be substantial and such cost must be borne by the District’s budget; and

WHEREAS, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school Board member elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save District monies and to provide greater voter input into College Board elections; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change of the Board of Supervisors of the affected county (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2011 to November 2012 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2011 being extended to 2012 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 [*refer to Appendix A*].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED that the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Chancellor will forward this resolution to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting withing 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in public places.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor will notify the Santa Clara County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(e).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors at least 240 days prior (Election Code section 10405.7(a)) to the next scheduled College Board election in November 2011, the date of that election will be moved to November 2012 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2011 will be extended to November 2012 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Governing Board at a regularly scheduled meeting the _____ day of _____, 2010.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

President of the Governing Board

Secretary of the Governing Board

Foothill-De Anza Community College District

**Appendix A
To Resolution No. 2011-02**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Election Year</u>	<u>New Election Year</u>
Betsy Bechtel	2011	2012
Laura Casas Frier	2011	2012
Pearl Cheng	2013	2014
Joan Barram	2011	2012
Bruce Swenson	2013	2014