

## **Board of Trustees Agenda Item**

**Board Meeting Date:** 8/6/12

**Title of Item:** 2012-2013 Board Priorities

**Background and Analysis:**

A draft of the board priorities for 2012-13 was discussed at the July 2, 2012 board meeting. The attached Board Priorities incorporate additions requested by the trustees.

**Recommendation:** Chancellor Linda Thor recommends board approval of the revised board priorities for 2012-13

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Is backup provided? Yes

### **Board Priorities for 2012-13**

- *Keep focus on student access and individual student success.*

Maintain high quality programs that our community has come to expect.

Maintain the excellent reputation/image that has become “branding” for the district both locally and internationally.

Provide clear pathways and support for students to complete Associate Degrees, Certificates or transfer in a timely manner.

Support recruitment and retention of students from underserved and underrepresented populations and close the achievement gap.

Encourage study and implementation of best practices in teaching and learning, including student support services.

Support implementation of the Student Success Task Force recommendations if funding is available.

Encourage the use of instructional technology and online learning.

- *Ensure that district facilities are modern and effective learning/working spaces.*

Protect the investment made in our infrastructure.

Monitor planning for the Education Center.

Continue oversight of bond projects.

Ensure environmental sustainability.

- *Maintain fiscal stability and solvency.*

Develop a “realistic” budget that is structurally balanced and maintains our 5% reserve along with some additional reserves beyond that to handle unforeseen circumstances in 2013-14 and beyond.

Keep an “eye to the future;” develop a strategy to emerge from the fiscal crisis as strong or stronger than when the budget problems emerged.

Maintain adequate management and support serves to ensure effective and efficient operations.

Support the fiscal and structural changes required to manage the current crisis resulting from the state funding cuts.

Encourage proposals to external foundations and state and federal agencies and support entrepreneurial activities.

Support the activities of the Foundation board and cultivation of major donors.

Achieve fiscally responsible bargaining unit agreements.

Explore ways to operate more efficiently using technology.

- *Ensure that planning is integrated and progressing.*

Remain informed about and involved in accreditation processes.

Monitor strategic plan goals and metrics.

Encourage regional planning and collaboration between the colleges and with neighboring community college districts and universities.

**Ongoing Priorities:**

- Community relations and outreach
- Legislative advocacy
- Institutional research
- Pedagogical excellence
- Technology resources
- Representation in Trustee organizations