MONTEREY PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING
10:30 a.m., Open Session
Administration Building, Large Conference Room
980 Fremont Street, Monterey, California 93940
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

AGENDA

The Monterey Peninsula College Governing Board welcomes you to the Governing Board of Trustees Special Meeting. Documents that are public records and are provided to the Governing Board regarding a Special Meeting agenda item will be made available for public inspection in the Superintendent/President's Office at Monterey Peninsula College, 980 Fremont Street, Monterey, California, during normal business hours the day preceding the Special Meeting. If you intend to submit documents at this meeting, the Brown Act requires you to bring enough copies for the Trustees and the audience. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring special assistance to access the Board meeting room, to access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate at a Board meeting, can contact the Superintendent's Office at (831) 646-4272. Notification at least 72 hours prior to the Board meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the Board meeting and to provide any required accommodations, auxiliary aids, or translation services.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. NEW BUSINESS
   Public comments on Special Meeting agenda items will be heard at the time the matter is under Board consideration. If you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, please do so when that item is considered. Presentations will be limited to a maximum of three minutes, or as established by the Board. Persons are not required to give their name or address, but it is helpful for a person to state their name in order that the Board and others present may identify the speaker.

   A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board endorse the resolution for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) as written and approved by the Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) Academic Senate and MPC College Council.

      RESOLUTION:

      WHEREAS, the U.S. system of regional peer-review accreditation has been well-established and provided essential guarantees of quality in America's post-secondary institutions since the 1950's; and

      WHEREAS, the keys to the overall success of this unique system are a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect between the regional commissions and their member institutions and a shared focus on the needs and interests of the students who attend these institutions; and

      WHEREAS, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) has expressed various concerns with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) regarding faculty participation and representation on the Commission's committees and on on-site evaluation teams through a variety of means, including resolutions

passed by the body, concerns expressed to the California Community College Chancellor's Office, and the Board of Governors, and letters sent by the ASCCC to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE); and

WHEREAS, the current troubled nature of the relationship between ACCJC and some of its member institutions is manifested in multiple ways, including the following:

- *The extraordinary frequency and severity of sanctions levied by the ACCJC against California community colleges compared to sanction levels and types seen in other regions, as well as in four-year institutions in California accredited by WASC-Senior (WASC is the only regional accrediting agency to have separate bodies for accrediting two- and four-year institutions)*
- *Articles and complaints prepared and approved by organizations such as the Community College Council of the California Federation of Teachers, the Community College Association of the California Teachers Association, the California Community College Independents, and the Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges*
- *The creation of two separate task forces by two different State Chancellors in order to grapple with the issues surrounding the accreditation of the system's colleges*
- *ACCJC's announcements in July 2012 and July 2013, of its action first to place City College of San Francisco (CCSF) on "Show Cause" and then to deny accreditation to CCSF, effective July 2014 without offering adequate resources to make improvements, actions which have created an unprecedented public relations, enrollment and financial crisis for that institution, threatening its very existence as the only public community college in the City and County of San Francisco, despite widespread support for the college from the people of San Francisco*

Resolved, That Monterey Peninsula College hereby expresses its deep concern over the nature of the relationships between the ACCJC and some of California community colleges; and

Resolved, That Monterey Peninsula College urges the ACCJC to model and exemplify effective and transparent self-evaluation practices by acknowledging and addressing any areas of non-compliance identified in evaluations by the USDE Accreditation Group and the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Improvement (NACIQI); and

Resolved, That Monterey Peninsula College urges the ACCJC to document and make public what steps it will take to address any areas of non-compliance.

B.   BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board endorse the proposed revision to the draft ACCJC Accreditation Standard IIIA6 as written and approved by the MPC Academic Senate and MPC College Council.

4.   ADJOURNMENT

Any writings or documents that are public records and are provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding an open session item on this Agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District Office located at 980 Fremont Street, Monterey, CA, during normal business hours. Governing Board documents are also available on the Monterey Peninsula College website at www.mpc.edu/GoverningBoard.

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