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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris Will Appoint Special Trustee to Help City College of San Francisco Through Accreditation Appeal**

*SACRAMENTO, Calif.* – California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris issued this statement today following the announcement by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges that it plans to terminate the accreditation of City College of San Francisco effective July 31, 2014:

“As chancellor of the largest system of higher education in the nation, I cannot sit by and allow this institution, which serves 85,000 students, to close. After consulting with San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, I have determined that the best course of action to try to rescue City College is to appoint a special trustee with extraordinary powers to help right the institution and position it for long term success. Under the accrediting commission’s appeal process, City College can appeal the decision and work over the next year to address the remaining deficiencies identified by the commission. It is very important to note that City College is still open and accredited and will accept new students for the fall term.”

*A video message from Chancellor Harris on this issue is available [here](http://bit.ly/16JqiqO). ([bit.ly/16JqiqO](http://bit.ly/16JqiqO))*

*The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.*

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