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California Community Colleges Board of Governors Re-elects Officers for 2012

Himmelstein stays on as president for another one-year term as finalized Student Success Task Force recommendations to be presented to Legislature early next year

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The California Community Colleges Board of Governors re-elected officers for the 2012 calendar term during its bimonthly meeting held at the State Capitol. The 17-member board, appointed by the governor, nominates and elects its president and vice president each November and the chosen officials serve for a one-year term.

The re-elected officers are:

Scott Himmelstein of San Diego, remains president of the board of governors. Himmelstein has served as the director of the Center for Education Policy and Law at the University of San Diego since 2007. He also serves as president of the William D. Lynch Foundation for Children. He was appointed to the board of governors in 2008.

"I am honored to serve as president of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors for another year," Himmelstein said. "The Student Success Task Force has been working on a plan to address completion hurdles and improve educational achievement rates for students. I'm looking forward to working with the task force to adopt a plan to submit to the Legislature in March. It's an exciting time to be leading the board through bold reform that will help more students complete their goals and get through college faster."

Alice Perez of Roseville, vice president of the board of governors. Perez is a consultant currently serving as the interim president and CEO of the Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson's team as director of governmental affairs for the education non-profit STAND UP. Perez worked for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), where she served as manager of customer strategy and spent 23 years in the financial services industry. She was appointed to the board of governors in 2007.

"Community colleges are key in creating the educated workforce needed for California's economic recovery

and sustainable future growth,” Perez said. “I’m pleased to continue serving in the role as vice president of the board of governors for another term. It will be important in 2012 to remain focused as a board on bringing forward policy recommendations to ensure students are successful and have the skills needed to compete in California and the new global economy.”

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 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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