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**Chancellor Woodruff Announces the Appointments
Of Two New Members of the Board of Governors**

SACRAMENTO – Chancellor Diane Woodruff announced that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed a Pasadena Area Community College District trustee and an education policy expert to the Board of Governors (BOG) of the California Community Colleges.

“I am absolutely delighted that Geoffrey Baum and Scott Himmelstein have been appointed to serve on the Board of Governors,” said Chancellor Woodruff. “They both have excellent backgrounds in the business and higher education sectors so they will bring a valuable new perspective to our Board.”

Baum has served as the assistant dean for University of California’s Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California. He worked for C-SPAN as executive producer from 1999 to 2000 and as a senior producer from 1989 to 1993. From 1994 to 1999, he was the assistant vice president of marketing and public relations at Claremont McKenna College. Baum was the acting senior editor for public radio’s Marketplace in 1994 and was an editorial assistant of the Army, Navy and Air Force Times from 1986 to 1987. He was a substitute English teacher for the Huntington Beach High School District in 1989.

“By providing affordable, quality education and retraining students of all ages for new careers, California's community colleges will play a critical role helping our state and nation meet the many challenges we face in the years ahead,” said Baum. “I am honored that Governor Schwarzenegger has given me this opportunity to work with interim Chancellor Diane Woodruff and incoming Chancellor Jack Scott on behalf of the more than two million community college students statewide.”

Himmelstein has served as the director of the Center for Education Policy and Law at the University of San Diego since 2007. He also currently serves as president of the William D. Lynch Foundation for Children and previously held the same position from 1990 to 2005. Himmelstein served as the Deputy Secretary and Chief of Staff for the Office of the Secretary of Education (OSE) from 2005 to 2007 and was acting secretary from 2006 to

2007. Prior to joining OSE, he served as chair and chief executive officer of the National Even Start Association.

“As former Deputy and Acting Secretary of Secretary of Education, I know firsthand the critical role the Board of Governors and our community colleges play in our state,” said Himmelstein. “I am pleased to receive this gubernatorial appointment because it affords me the opportunity to contribute my experience and expertise in education policy to help community college students. I look forward to working with Chancellor Woodruff, Senator Scott and my colleagues on the Board of Governors to benefit our students, faculty and communities.”

The BOG, which formally interacts with state and federal officials and other state organizations, sets policy and provides guidance for the 72 districts and 110 colleges that constitute the California Community Colleges system. The largest system of higher education in the nation, the California Community Colleges provided educational, vocational and transfer programs to more than 2.7 million students. More information about the system can be found at www.cccco.edu.

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