

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club
City College Board of Trustees Candidate Questionnaire
for meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:30pm
Potrero Hill Neighborhood House
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*Please write a brief response (up to 200 words) to each question. **Please email the completed questionnaire to contact_us@phdemclub.org by Monday, September 5.** The questionnaires will be made available online to club members.*

Please describe your qualifications for this office.

If elected, what are your top 3 goals for CCSF? Specifically, how do you plan to accomplish these goals?

1. expand existing allied health programs including nursing, community health worker, many others; determine the cost to expand each (staff time, upgrades to facilities), decide whether this cost could legally be absorbed by funds other than credit enrollment funds, and what the project what student growth might be based on these program changes.

- Develop partnerships with UCSF, SFSU, USF CSU East Bay, Stanford and Santa Clara; each should be willing to either donate lab and classroom space or take on admitting CCSF students to complete their studies and/pr internship

2. Determine the feasibility of introducing true urban planning and data science certificates that meet CSU/UC transfer requirements, allow for job growth in existing job roles, and that prepare students for internships in these fields

Review existing course outlines at CCSF and transfer institutions. Consult experts in the field and recruit them to help develop course outlines to teach these disciplines at CCSF.

3. Explore the feasibility of developing more modular course patterns where a student could complete 12 units toward one certificate or degree through intensive 3-6 week courses offered in sequence from term to term, beginning with a computer science department pilot that could emulate a Hack Reactor data science intensive program.

Consult with other schools public and private that already offer these programs.

Why did you choose to run for a 4-year term and not a 2-year term?

I chose the four year term because I chose the two year seat in my last race, which was a very challenging race. Had I chosen the four year seat I might have already won in the other contest. It would also be nice to get some work done prior to initiating another campaign in less than one year.

If you are an incumbent, please tell us what you are most proud of. If you are the challenger, describe something the incumbent(s) did that you would have done differently

If I were an incumbent, I would have begun partnering with the community long before the institution lost 50,000 students over a ten year period.

During the pandemic, I would have attempted to bring back vital student services employees, especially counseling faculty, with the adequate personal protective equipment and 6 foot spacing to ensure there was a team to encourage the many students who reached locked doors at all campuses during the pandemic to stick with CCSF and not attend a neighboring district.

I would not have allowed the Chancellor to suspend negotiations with the bargaining units and the participatory governance council/budgeting council, prior to presenting a budget that decimated the ability for the college to provide enough courses for students this term.

I would have ensured that the college developed partnerships with the health care institutions and tech companies that weathered the pandemic to support the college financially and programmatically in meeting its mission to serve the San Francisco community.

What allocations in the current budget are higher/lower than needed and why? Please describe your current or previous experience with budgetary oversight.

The budget at CCSF is not transparent. When you compare the final budget on the CCSF website with budgets from peer districts throughout the State, it is challenging to make comparisons and determine where to cut. This was the same situation when I was non-voting Student Trustee in 2012 and 2013. Without access to a budget that has an organizational chart that fully accounts for all staff positions, their roles, and how each meets the mission of the college in narrative form, it is challenging to understand where cuts need to be made.

Generally, in most public budgeting, salaries comprise 80 to 85 percent of a budget. Salaries are typically expenses that the college looks to when lowering costs. One might also look at the number of days and hours a campus is open relative to the number of support staff needed to maintain a campus. Providing alternative calendars for provisioning courses, for example offering a winter inter session or several summer sessions could also increase or decrease enrollment funding depending on how each is deployed.

My experience with budget oversight is my more than decade of governing board experience at SF (LGBT) Pride (Parade Governing Board of Directors), Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, KPFA/Pacifica Radio, the ACLU of Northern California, CCSF Associated Students, and on the San Francisco Community College Board as Student Trustee.

In addition to what you might have cited in your goals, what is CCSF doing well that needs to be supported and maintained? How would you support these strengths as a trustee?

CCSF transfers students to four year universities. CCSF graduates new professionals into paralegal, information technology, allied health, nursing, and biotechnology careers without students having to transfer to a four-year university. CCSF also provides well paying careers for workers at all levels, doctors, masters, baccalaureate, associate, high school and even folks who didn't finish high school. The classified staff, which has the most diversity within its ranks, looks like the student body demographically. I want to support CCSF hiring more Black and Latinx math, science, engineering and architecture teachers. My expertise as a former classified staff member at Foothill College, as a CCSF alum, and community organizer with Board governance experience all support the strengths. I hope to build upon them.

In addition to what you might have cited in your goals, what is CCSF not doing well and how would you bring about improvement or change as a trustee?

CCSF could be a better partner with employers, nonprofits, other educational institutions and its own students. City College should take FRISCO Day, its outreach and student recruitment fair, onto high school campuses. I did this as a retention worker in 1998 and 1999. The college should develop partnerships with UCSF, Kaiser, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry and Sutter Health to expand opportunities in its nursing, community health worker and allied health programs to increase the number of local residents in those health care jobs that often are held by traveling contract employees. Our computer

science programs should mirror Hack Reactor and General Assembly, programs that get wealthy San Franciscans into tech jobs after 8 to 10 weeks. CCSF should be the training campus of choice for government workers in the Bay Area. We should train our bus drivers, our police cadets and street pavers at CCSF. They could also take ethnic studies or interdisciplinary studies courses to supplement their employment development courses, which could help San Francisco meet its own racial equity work plan. I hope to work hand in hand with the Trustees and the Chancellor to realize these goals.

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out, and thanks for running!