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CTA President Dean E. Vogel Issues Statement on Commission Decision to Deny Accreditation to CCSF

BURLINGAME – Dean E. Vogel, president of the 325,000-member California Teachers Association, released this statement regarding the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges’ decision to deny accreditation to City College of San Francisco:

“The California Teachers Association is stunned by this week’s decision of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to deny accreditation to City College of San Francisco. The decision threatens the ability of up to 90,000 City College students to obtain degrees and certificates from a highly regarded accredited institution, affects the hard-working City College faculty and staff, and is sure to have ripple effects throughout the city and county of San Francisco.

“In recent years, the ACCJC has issued an extraordinarily high number of sanctions to community colleges in California compared with other regional commissions in the United States. This is in spite of the fact that there is no evidence California’s community colleges provide education of lower quality than comparable community colleges across the country. We have urged the Commission to adopt a collaborative approach with colleges to overcome weaknesses, rather than impose sanctions. Unfortunately, it appears the Commission has disregarded the herculean effort made by City College of San Francisco over the past year to address ACCJC recommendations.

“We stand with City College faculty, represented by the American Federation of Teachers Local 2121, and the college itself in its appeal of this decision, and hope their good work will continue in order to keep the doors open to thousands of students who depend on the excellent education provided by the community college.”

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