

STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
1525 E. Weldon
Fresno, California 93704

PRESENTED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: October 10, 2013

SUBJECT: Consideration to Approve the Willow
 International Community College Center
 Needs Assessment and Adopt Resolution
 to Establish an Independently Accredited
 College

ITEM NO. 13-86

EXHIBIT: Needs Assessment and Resolution No. 2013.28

Background:

To respond to tremendous growth and demand at the former Clovis Outreach Center, State Center Community College District purchased a 110-acre site in 2003 to establish Clovis Community College as the third independent college in the district. The Willow International Community College Center/Clovis Community College opened on the 110-acre site in 2007 to primarily serve northeast Fresno and the greater Clovis area.

There are two approval processes required to establish a new college. The first is the accreditation process for initial accreditation through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC). The second is the formal approval process by the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO). It is a multi-step process, requiring the district to submit a letter of intent. The letter of intent was submitted in November 2008 and approved in July 2009. The next step is the development of a needs assessment study, which provides the findings from a comprehensive analysis that demonstrates evidence of the need for the location and establishment of new institutions and campuses of public higher education.

Since Willow International Community College Center was granted candidacy from the ACCJC/WASC on March 6, 2013, it is appropriate to submit the Needs Assessment Study to the California Community College Chancellors Office for approval as an independently accredited college. It is also necessary to adopt Resolution No. 2013.28 establishing the need for the third independently accredited college in the District.

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees officially adopt Resolution No. 2013.28 to establish the third independently accredited college in the district and approve the Needs Assessment Study

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for Willow International Community College Center (eventually to be called Clovis Community College).

RESOLUTION NO. 2013.28

**AUTHORIZING STATE CENTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO
ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENTLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE
TO SERVE NORTH FRESNO AND THE CITY OF CLOVIS**

WHEREAS, the Willow International Community College Center began operation in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the population in north Fresno and the City of Clovis has grown dramatically during the past several years as has the number of students served by the campus, and that growth will continue for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, during the last six years, the Willow International Community College Center reached a critical mass of students, faculty, and staff, as well as facilities infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Willow International Community College Center needs the autonomy to interact with the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, such service can best be rendered by an independently accredited college working in concert within the multi-college district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the State Center Community College District, enthusiastically supports the transition of the Willow International Community College Center towards college status as Clovis Community College within a multi-college district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of October 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

Board of Trustees Secretary
State Center Community College District