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The college we deserve!



By Tim Killikelly

Over the last several years the accreditation crisis at City College has had a devastating effect on all of us. The community that supports a vibrant, robust, open access City College has lost out. The students who continue to take classes at City College live under a cloud of uncertainty about their educational and occupational future. The nearly 25,000 students who are not going to City College because of either misinformation about our accredited status or who are waiting simply to see if we remain open have lost educational opportunities. The

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faculty and staff find their livelihoods held in limbo and wonder what will happen to them and their families. Our faculty is paid 3.5% less than we were in 2007. We are now one of the lowest-paid faculties in the Bay Area and in the lowest quartile in the state while we live in one of the most expensive areas in the United States. The continuation of these arrangements is unsustainable for our entire community and not what we deserve.

What kind of City College of San Francisco do we deserve? Students deserve an affordable, quality

education. We all deserve a bottom-up process where the community will be deciding through their representatives what kind of public college it wants to be. The city deserves the best faculty to come and teach at CCSF to maintain our educational quality. Last year, Chancellor Tyler made an argument justifying “salary-gate”. He said that to attract the best administrators CCSF needed to pay them more, even if it was off the salary schedule! It is now time that we attract the best faculty and staff by paying adequate wages to the people who are the backbone of CCSF.

The negotiations that will be happening this semester for our new contract are crucial to what kind of future City College of San Francisco will have. We need to be restored to the top quartile of California Community College districts in salary. There must be a place for a strong professional development program for faculty. This begins with hiring new full-time faculty at CCSF. Our community deserves a college where the faculty members are supported around innovative teaching methods that they can bring back to the classroom.

We deserve a diverse set of programs that reflects the values of our community. That means supporting an entire range of classes that support lifelong learning, cultural enrichment, and life skills. This must include protection of our diversity collaboratives and our noncredit programs. We also deserve classes for

transfer to CSU and UC. We deserve support for our Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and a strong workforce development program. Although City College does a wonderful job of educating our most underprepared students, we need to continue to close the achievement gap in all areas so that we can provide opportunities for all. This is what the mission of a community college should be; it should not be narrowed.

Reclaiming this college we deserve will not take place without

the return of our democratically and locally elected CCSF Board of Trustees. They need to be making decisions about City College’s future, not an unelected Special Trustee with Extraordinary Powers. The recent Civic Center relocation fiasco is a prime example of what happens when administrators are not accountable to the community. Students and faculty were not informed of the closure of the Civic Center building until the Friday before Monday start of classes. They were told to come back three weeks later to the buildings at CCSF’s Gough Street location, only to be informed on the Thursday before Monday, Feb. 2, that Gough Street was not safe either. We need our Board back!

But there is hope on the horizon on several fronts. When the District sought to impose a compressed calendar, which would have forced an extra five hours of work per week on Civic Center faculty, our union resisted and we won.

Another hopeful sign is the recent decision of Judge Karnow. He confirmed what we have been saying all along: the ACCJC broke the law! Now is the time for others to take action and to rein in this rogue agency. The damage the ACCJC has wrought goes way beyond City College of San Francisco. Colleges in the statewide community college system live in a climate of fear about what the ACCJC might do.

In January, the Board of Governors ended the monopoly of the ACCJC. There now needs to be further action taken to find either a new accreditor or alternative accreditors. The state legislature needs to create a fair and transparent accreditation process that focuses on educational quality and improvements in student success. On the federal level, the Department of Education needs to disaccredit the ACCJC, and federal legislation on accreditation reform is needed. All of these are now possible because our union has been persistent and tenacious in telling the truth about the ACCJC.

We have changed the narrative through our work and commitment to voicing the truth. We will remain steadfast in fighting alongside our students and the community so that we can all have the college we deserve. (tkillikelly@aft2121.org)

On the cover:

CCSF supporters rally in January for access to Civic Center campus.

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The faculty have spoken—voices in support of democracy at CCSF

At the January 22nd Board of Trustees meeting, City College faculty made it clear that top-down decision-making is unacceptable, whether it's the continued imposition of a Special Trustee or misguided plans put forth by the administration. Our elected board had a presence at the monthly forum for the first time since being disempowered in July 2013. Several faculty and a few trustees voiced skepticism about the district's proposal to reorganize departments across the college. The abrupt January decision to relocate Civic Center classes has mobilized our union and members in supporting educational access for CCSF students from diverse and marginalized communities like SF's Tenderloin.

Bringing Back the Board of Trustees

Shanell Williams,
CCSF student trustee

It's really important for new board members, as part of this training plan, to integrate some listening sessions with students. I have a report here [showing], in terms of the past few years, the lack of student voice in the governance of this college. I think it's really, really critical that we include student listening sessions and talk to the student leaders not only at Ocean campus but at the centers about what their expectations are for the board. There are 75,000 students that need to have their voices heard.

Dana Jae Labrecque, broadcast electronic media arts instructor

I'd like to use the analogy of input channels in a sound mixing console that feed the signal through to the master section (AKA monitoring section) through which the sound output is heard. All of the inputs (students walking in the doors to the college) and the knobs in the channel strip that mix, synthesize, and forward the signal (the faculty and staff) to the outputs are currently thwarted because our master section is broken; there is no signal flow. Leadership is about opening up the channels. Please open doors, turn up the faders and knobs and let everyone have input to the output.

Robert Agrella, special trustee with extraordinary powers (until February 2015)

I can assure you that no one wants to see the board come back more than me. How this institution is to be measured, in many ways, will be how you provide leadership to the institution in the decisions you make as a working body.

Alan D'Souza, librarian, AFT 2121 vice president

The Board of Trustees is not a board on training wheels. I'd like

to see you proactively getting the board back.

Proposed Departmental Reorganization

Brigitte Davila, CCSF trustee

I come from a culture of shared governance; I'm not sure how it wouldn't enrich the discussions to have faculty.... Is what you're saying that it's proved to be impossible to have faculty input in coming up with the solutions that you have?

Lillian Marrujo-Duck, historian, CCSF Academic Senate president

The current administration is using the accreditation crisis as a justification to engage in overreach of its intended authority. Community and faculty input has historically been a defining feature of the strength of community colleges across California, and this reliance on faculty is important enough to codify into law. The Academic Senate is concerned that many high-impact decisions are being made by administration without equal attention being paid to AB 1725, Title V, or the Ed Code. Our current board policies identify the types of steps they should have taken when making substantial changes at the college. Policy after policy identifies that decisions need to be made using data.

Debra Wilensky, ESL instructor

Back in 1988, we were told we had too many administrators. With shared governance that came in at that time, faculty were given a huge amount of work to do with no compensation and we accepted that because we got respect as a result. The college is going backwards. If you say that reorganizing the department and creating a second department chair for ESL is to help us function better, we don't see it. What would make us function better is to restore the hours that were taken away from our department chairs and our coordinators, and restore our clerks that were taken away from us and not replaced.

Lenny Carlson, music instructor

I'm all for reorganization—if it's merited. There may be good reasons for it; I just haven't seen any yet. We are now under temporary leadership at the college. This reorganization is such a major thing; the implications are so broad not just for the faculty, but for the community: our underserved and disenfranchised students, that it, along with the decisions about

closing the various facilities, should wait for this board [of elected trustees] to be permanently seated.

Civic Center Relocation

Sally Winn, ESL instructor, Civic Center campus

The statement below was translated into ten languages, which does not begin to cover all the languages from the more than 50 countries that our students come from. But those who could read and understand signed their names to this statement.

We, the students at the CCSF Civic Center campus in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco, protest the surprise closure of our school on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, our first day of classes in spring semester. They locked us out of our campus with no warning and no discussion. CCSF Civic Center gives the people in this neighborhood a great education. We demand to be included in plans for our school and to be treated as equally and fairly as other students at CCSF.

Vivian Ikeda, ESL instructor, Civic Center campus

We were prevented from meeting with students in an organized way. We are experts in handling students who do not speak English as their first language. Now the administration admits it could have been better handled. The secret was kept from us for a whole week that classes would be cancelled, and we could have helped plan that in a more positive way.

Carole Meagher, business instructor

I was reading through *Leadership on the Line* and I found this quote: "Give up the idea of being the heroic lone warrior who saves the day. People may beg you to play that role; don't let them seduce you. It robs them of the opportunity to develop their own strengths." So the solution that I propose: Reopen Civic Center...As long as you leave this building closed, it's going to blow up in an unhealthy way. Have a little faith that the CCSF faculty and students and the community can help you solve this problem.



Students at Civic Center rally

Debra Wilensky



THE EPIC BATTLE CONT

JANUARY 2014

CA Superior Court Judge Curtis Karnow issues injunction in City Attorney's lawsuit, prohibiting ACCJC from discrediting CCSF until trial is complete.



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi holds press conference in support of CCSF at the college's Chinatown Campus, encouraging enrollment and criticizing ACCJC's actions.



Hundreds rally in the rain while inside, CCSF's chancellor admits top administrators were paid well above the published salary schedule without public notice. Faculty had just taken a 4% pay cut.

MARCH



Student protests against state-imposed trusteeship and CCSF payment policy are met with police force and arrests.

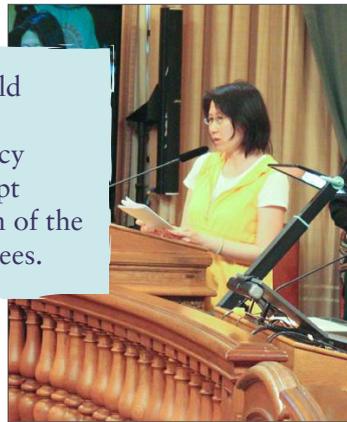


Faculty and students deliver 2500 signatures (more than 80 feet!) against rash class cancellations to CCSF administration.

ACCJC rejects CCSF's request that disaccreditation decision be reviewed; college moves to appeal decision.

Dozens of AFT 2121 members lobby in the State Capitol for new funding and fair accreditation standards; accreditation reform bills introduced.

SF Board of Supervisors hold hearing on local control, democracy, and transparency at CCSF, unanimously adopt resolution calling for return of the duly elected Board of Trustees.



Judge Karnow hears, and immediately denies, ACCJC's Motion to Stay.

SF's Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club honors "City College Champions" at annual dinner, held at CCSF's Mission Campus.

City Attorney asks judge to go back, start process anew: "back before first unfair and unlawful acts were committed against the college" by ACCJC.

Several dozen CCSF advocates address state Board of Governors, outlining why it should not reauthorize a Special Trustee With Extraordinary Powers and should restore the Board of Trustees.

Documents accidentally made public by ACCJC indicate that the commission's visiting team *unanimously* recommended a lesser sanction than Show Cause for CCSF in 2012, and never discussed the harsher sanction.

Governor signs 3 bills relating to CCSF and accreditation, including stabilization funding for CCSF to protect the college from cuts due to unprecedented enrollment drops.

JULY

Students present thousands of bricks to administration: stop canceling classes and rebuild our college!



SEPTEMBER

Disclaimer: This doesn't cover it all. For events leading up to these, see our previous Union Action timeline: <http://bit.ly/accredtimeline2013>.

AUGUST

MINUTES CCSF, community & leaders stand up for fair accreditation

APRIL

ACCJC leaders' odd proposal for CCSF to start over by applying for accreditation "candidacy" roundly rejected by college, community, legislative leaders.

Statewide Student Success Scorecard shows CCSF above average in many success measures for second year in a row.

At its annual dinner, the San Francisco Labor Council honors City Attorney Dennis Herrera and AFT 2121 for their work defending CCSF.

MAY

As July disaccreditation date nears, intense public pressure mounts for ACCJC to take a new look at CCSF and extend deadline; ACCJC remains intractable.

As CA Assembly unanimously adopts a resolution to support CCSF, yet another Republican, Don Wagner (Irvine), offers critique: "I spent twelve years as a community college trustee. I have had to deal with the ACCJC many times. The dealings are almost uniformly unpleasant."

In letter to Nancy Pelosi, Dept. of Education clearly indicates that ACCJC has the ability to extend deadline.

JUNE

Hundreds from around the state rally outside the ACCJC meeting—more than a dozen colleges represented.



Conflict-ridden Appeals Panel, handpicked by ACCJC, affirms commission actions against City College.

Newly devised "restoration" policy announced: could avoid disaccrediting CCSF, but would hold college to higher standards than any other, with no appeals.



The People vs. the ACCJC in session Oct. 27-31; at each session for a full week, the 100+ seat courtroom is mostly filled to capacity with CCSF supporters.

New CCSF Board of Trustees members elected by San Franciscans.

State Board of Governors adopt slow "plan" for return of local control to CCSF, amidst objections by CCSF Board of Trustees members and CCSF advocates.

300 faculty letters delivered to Chancellor Tyler & Special Trustee Agrella protesting the administration's ill-conceived, top-down reorganization plan for the college.

DECEMBER

ACCJC grants unfair "Restoration Status" to CCSF, allowing more time but setting up stricter standards no other college is held to.

Judge's ruling: ACCJC broke the law; ACCJC must give the college opportunity for due process on some points.

OCTOBER



CCSF supporters engage press, public outside courthouse during October trial.

NOVEMBER

JANUARY 2015

Contract campaign to rebuild CCSF



By Chris Hanzo

In the wake of years of ACCJC sanction and state trusteeship, CCSF is a shadow of its former self. Enrollment has plunged 30% from 33,000 to 23,500 full-time equivalent students (FTES), far more than neighboring community colleges, which have seen only modest post-recession declines. Years of wage cuts and hiring stagnation have compromised the living and working conditions of our faculty, undermining their ability to do their jobs and making it difficult for CCSF to recruit new faculty. Class cancellations and shrinking programs push down enrollment, impacting the lives of students and livelihoods of faculty, as well as funding for the College.

CCSF budget priorities are still upside down

With the help of San Francisco's Prop A and California's Prop 30, District revenues are on the rise and above pre-recession levels. Since the College was placed on Show Cause in 2012, budget priorities at CCSF dramatically shifted to provide exorbitant salaries to those at the top and cut faculty pay and benefits, while moving millions of dollars to College reserves well above the 5% minimum required by the State. It is time to stop these regressive policies and fund education at CCSF, including restoring cuts to faculty and programs.

A once-thriving shared governance system and elected Board of Trustees provided the avenues for

debate over issues at CCSF including budget priorities, student and worker equity, and educational programs and policies, to name a few. With power in the hands of the Special Trustee came top-down decision-making and the hiring of a new upper echelon of administrators dedicated primarily to enacting an ACCJC/state austerity program.

The AFT/District contract expires June 30, 2015. We seek a new agreement that commits the College to rebuilding educational programs and enrollment and to improving the learning environment at CCSF by improving faculty working conditions. We need to restore competitive, equitable pay for faculty, fill vacant full-time faculty positions, and adjust pay for labs and noncredit to be commensurate with workload. These measures will better sustain current faculty and attract new faculty to CCSF—both keys to providing quality education to students.

We seek to restore faculty, student, and community voices in decision-making at CCSF through the following:

- ending the state-imposed trusteeship. Restore the elected Board of Trustees with full authority immediately;
- open negotiations with the faculty over the broad range of working and learning conditions at CCSF toward a new, forward-thinking collective bargaining agreement (CBA); and
- revitalizing shared governance

AFT 2121 members and students rally for a contract to rebuild City College before sunshining our platform at the February 26th board meeting.

Student Lalo Gonzalez (L) and African American studies Chair Tarik Farrar (R) join other faculty and students at the Sunshine Rally.

through joint administration/faculty/student committees and task forces on rebuilding enrollment, restoring the Civic Center campus, faculty professional development programs, building upgrades to improve heating/ventilation, maintenance programs and new technologies.

We seek the reinvigoration of community college values at CCSF through the following:

- access to education for all communities, including the most disadvantaged;
- faculty, staff, and administrator commitment to quality education;
- decent salaries and working conditions;
- due process and fair treatment for all employees and students;
- ending pay excesses for administrators at the top;
- equal pay and benefits for part-time employees;
- fair wages for student workers; and
- involvement of community, workers, and students in program, budget, and policy decisions.

Join our contract campaign!

- Open negotiations: AFT 2121 members are invited to observe negotiations beginning in March.
- Members with specific experience or knowledge related to our contract demands can serve as a resource person in negotiations.
- Support the AFT bargaining team by joining the CAT, our Contract Action Team.

Goals for AFT 2121 contract bargaining:

- Increase access to quality education.
- Retain and attract high-quality, diverse faculty.
- Clarify language and enhance faculty rights.

A sample of provisions in our platform:

- Implement a comprehensive Enrollment Recovery Initiative involving faculty, staff, and students to reach out to our communities.
- No program cuts or campus closures without shared decision-making and community dialogue.
- During the life of this Agreement while the College rebuilds enrollment, refrain from class cancellations due to low enrollment.
- Prioritize recruiting additional full time faculty, including replacing full time faculty who have resigned or retired, and stop the practice of displacing full time with part time jobs. (Article 12).
- Recover from years of pay cuts and no cost-of-living increases. Restore wage cuts and benchmark compensation (including columns and steps) above the median of Bay Area community colleges. (Article 20.A).
- Restore the "frozen" salary step advancement of 2009-2010 by advancing affected faculty the appropriate number of lost semesters or step advancement. (Articles 20.A and 20.C).
- Resume progress toward "equal pay for equal work" for all faculty work at CCSF, including part-time and full-time overload. (Article 20.A).

Read the entire AFT 2121 Sunshine Document at www.aft2121.org.

Photos by Jim McKinney



Lie #1. Educational quality doesn't matter.

ACCJC has overlooked all the evidence that shows City College students receive an excellent education. The Student Success Scorecard places the college above the state average when it comes to degree and transfer attainment, as well as student performance in English and ESL. In fact, City College success data trumps the performance of the commissioners' colleges. But in the eyes of the ACCJC, that's not what matters in accreditation. With a driving emphasis on documentation of student learning outcomes, institutional finances, and governance, it clearly has a different vision for community colleges that diverts resources from the work of educating our students.

Lie #2. The college was bankrupt.

On the witness stand during the October 2014 trial of the City Attorney's case against the ACCJC, Commission Chair Steve Kinsella claimed that City College was on the brink of financial insolvency. In fact, he had manipulated the numbers in several ways. For example, he based his assessment on June 30th figures before state funding showed up in the books a week later. ACCJC further inflated the college's liabilities by requiring pre-funding of "other post retirement benefits" (OPEB) to the tune of millions. This is neither standard practice across the state, nor is it a legal requirement.

Kinsella insisted, despite repeat questioning from the City Attorney's counsel, that the Prop A and Prop 30 funds, which bolstered City College's funding by tens of millions, had no effect on its financial situation!

Lie #3. City College didn't work to respond to ACCJC's recommendations.

In the courtroom last October, faculty were shocked to hear ACCJC commissioner claims that City College didn't take the Show Cause sanction seriously. In fact, CCSF faculty rolled up their sleeves starting in summer 2012 to work on addressing each of the standards deemed out of compliance. The college identified 300 action items, and by June 2014 had addressed 95% of them. The ACCJC requirement for Student Learning Outcomes has translated into countless hours spent by faculty on rewriting curricula, assessing and documenting progress, and incorporating the SLO's into their activities.

Lie #4. CCSF had "deficiencies" since 2006.

In Judge Kurtis Karnow's Jan. 16th decision on the case against the ACCJC, he recounts the sequence of events since 2006, when City College had regained full accreditation but received eight recommendations as guidance. Over the next several years, ACCJC accepted City College's midterm reports without fanfare, but it chose to use the term "deficiency" on one occasion.

Karnow concluded, "Nothing else in the Commission's communications with City College up to and including the Commission's acceptance of the Focused Midterm Report indicates that City College was deficient in meeting the accreditation standards. To be sure, the Commission had identified concerns and required City College to take action to address those concerns. But it had not identified deficiencies."

Lie #5. The college spent too much on employee salaries and healthcare.

Commission chair Steve Kinsella cited in his trial testimony a mythical standard: that just 80% of an institution's budget should go to employee costs. This figure is neither documented nor in the standards. Other colleges whose spending on employees was above 90% have not been sanctioned. Urban colleges and those with a broader scope of operations have higher expenditures, and CCSF's is currently in line with the statewide average of 84%.

Lie #6. ACCJC claims that CCSF did not meet 10 additional standards, contradicting the Show Cause visiting team's report.

ACCJC thinks it knows better than the teams it sends out to review colleges. It put the College on Show

Cause in 2012, overriding its 2012 visiting team that recommended probation. And then when the commission issued the fateful termination order, it claimed an additional 10 standards had not been met—standards that were deemed satisfactory by the 2013 visiting team. These supposed areas of non-compliance were merely listed in the July, 3 2013 termination letter, without any explanation.

Lie #7. ACCJC did not need to give notice on its termination decision for City College.

Since colleges under sanction must be noticed around any identified deficiencies before ACCJC can take action, the commission tried to dodge the bullet by creating a strange definition for "deficiencies," describing them as something other than non-compliance with accreditation standards. The argument didn't fly, and Judge Karnow's ruling indicates that ACCJC broke the law in denying City College due process in 2013 when it ordered revocation but did not provide a detailed report on deficiencies, or an opportunity for City College to respond.

Lie #8. ACCJC didn't do anything wrong or treat CCSF unfairly.

Judge Karnow ruled that the ACCJC violated the law. Yet the commission claims it's fine even though it has taken committed numerous improper actions, as the U.S. Department of Education has pointed out. Having ACCJC President Barbara Beno's husband on the visiting team created a potential conflict of interest, DOE noted in their August 2013 letter to the Commission. And the ACCJC didn't correctly apply the two-year rule for imposing sanctions; somehow its 2006 recommendations for CCSF morphed into "deficiencies" six years later. The commission used that rationale in its sudden decision to put CCSF on Show Cause in 2012. And it decided on termination after allowing one year for the college to come into compliance, while it allowed 21 other institutions two or more years to do so.

The California State Auditor's June 2014 report has plenty to say about ACCJC's over-the-top rates of sanctioning community colleges. From 2009 to 2013, the ACCJC sanctioned 53 percent of the colleges it evaluated, compared to a sanction rate of just over 12 percent for all the other regional accreditors.

Lie #9. ACCJC President Barbara Beno kept her hands off the accreditation team's work.

During cross-examination by the City Attorney's counsel, Beno claimed that she reviewed the Show Cause visiting team's report for clarity and consistency in her role as staff reader. Yet she managed to take out language stating that City College "demonstrated a high level of dedication, passion, and enthusiasm to address the issues, and provided compelling evidence of action to address previous findings." The attorney revealed the activist hand of Barbara Beno with two examples (also see Lie #6) where the Show Cause visiting team concluded that the college had met Standards IIB4 and IVA1, while the commission moved to terminate accreditation citing those standards, among others, as not being met.

Lie #10. Restoration is the best path forward for City College.

ACCJC created this new policy in June 2014 after the appeals panel, stacked by the ACCJC, stood by its termination ruling. The commission refused to grant City College a two-year "good cause" extension which it has done for other colleges. Now on restoration status, City College will have two years to fully meet all the standards; no other colleges are held to this high bar, yet what it takes to meet standards is pretty subjective as ACCJC's actions have shown. Even CCSF Chancellor Art Tyler balked at the "imposition of this disadvantaged (and unprecedented) status." Restoration leaves City College with no right of appeal or review at the end of two years; it's a ticking bomb.

Judge Karnow issues ruling and injunction

By Li Lovett

On February 17th, Judge Curtis Karnow issued a final injunction in SF City Attorney Dennis Herrera's case against the illegal actions of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). While the judge did not vacate the 2012 sanction and 2013 termination order against City College, he ruled that ACCJC clearly broke the law. Karnow's injunction holds the ACCJC accountable by requiring justification of its 2013 decision and opening this process to public scrutiny. Below are key statements from Karnow's 3-page final injunction and lengthier statement of decision.

Statement of decision

Judge Karnow ruled that the ACCJC violated due process laws. He discounted its attempts to throw out the case. However, he steered clear of ruling on the accreditation decision itself and didn't call ACCJC on numerous unfair practices cited by the City Attorney.

"The evidence does show that ACCJC violated certain federal regulations and a law known as the 'common law fair procedure' doctrine. That doctrine requires basic due process, that is, the fundamental opportunity to be able to respond to accusations of deficiencies before a final termination finding is made. These are this court's findings on liability. On my way to those findings, I have had to evaluate a series of defenses that ACCJC claims bar this suit altogether. I have generally rejected those defenses." (p.16)

"This relief directly accounts for the significant unlawful practices I have found, it pays attention to the extensive federal regulations which surround the accreditation process, and it respects, as it must and as all parties agree, the fact that under federal law it is ACCJC, and not this court, which exercises its discretion with respect to accreditation decisions." (p.17)

"Indeed the point of and outcome of this case is to hold ACCJC to the very standards that govern it." (p.29)

Judge Karnow dismisses arguments by the City Attorney that numerous conflicts of interest occurred, including the improper selection of ACCJC commissioners, the "political fight" over the Student Success Act, President Barbara Beno's editing of the evaluation team's 2013 report, the presence of her husband and too few academic members on the visiting teams. (p.60-64)



Judge Karnow hears arguments during October 2014 trial of the People vs. ACCJC.

People of the State of California vs. ACCJC Final injunction and judgment

A process of "reconsideration" is now underway, requiring the ACCJC to provide due process for its 2013 decision to terminate CCSF's accreditation; this does not supplant CCSF's restoration status. (For more info, read Top Ten ACCJC Lies page 7).

"Within 40 calendar days of service of CCSF's opt in notice [submitted by Chancellor Tyler on Feb. 27th], ACCJC must prepare a written report that clearly identifies any deficiencies in City College's compliance with accreditation standards as of June 2013 (Written Report). For each such deficiency, the Written Report must set forth the evidence as of June 2013 which supported the finding of deficiency. The Written Report must be publicly available."

"On receipt of CCSF's written response...ACCJC must then promptly convene a meeting of its Commission to review the written response as well as the record as it existed as of June 2013, all in accordance with its Bylaws. The ACCJC must provide CCSF an opportunity to appear before the Commissioner at this meeting. The Commission must then determine within its lawful discretion whether to modify the decision to terminate CCSF's accreditation or affirm it, and must then in writing inform CCSF of its decision. This decision must be publicly available."

Documents available at sfcityattorney.org.

AFT Calendar

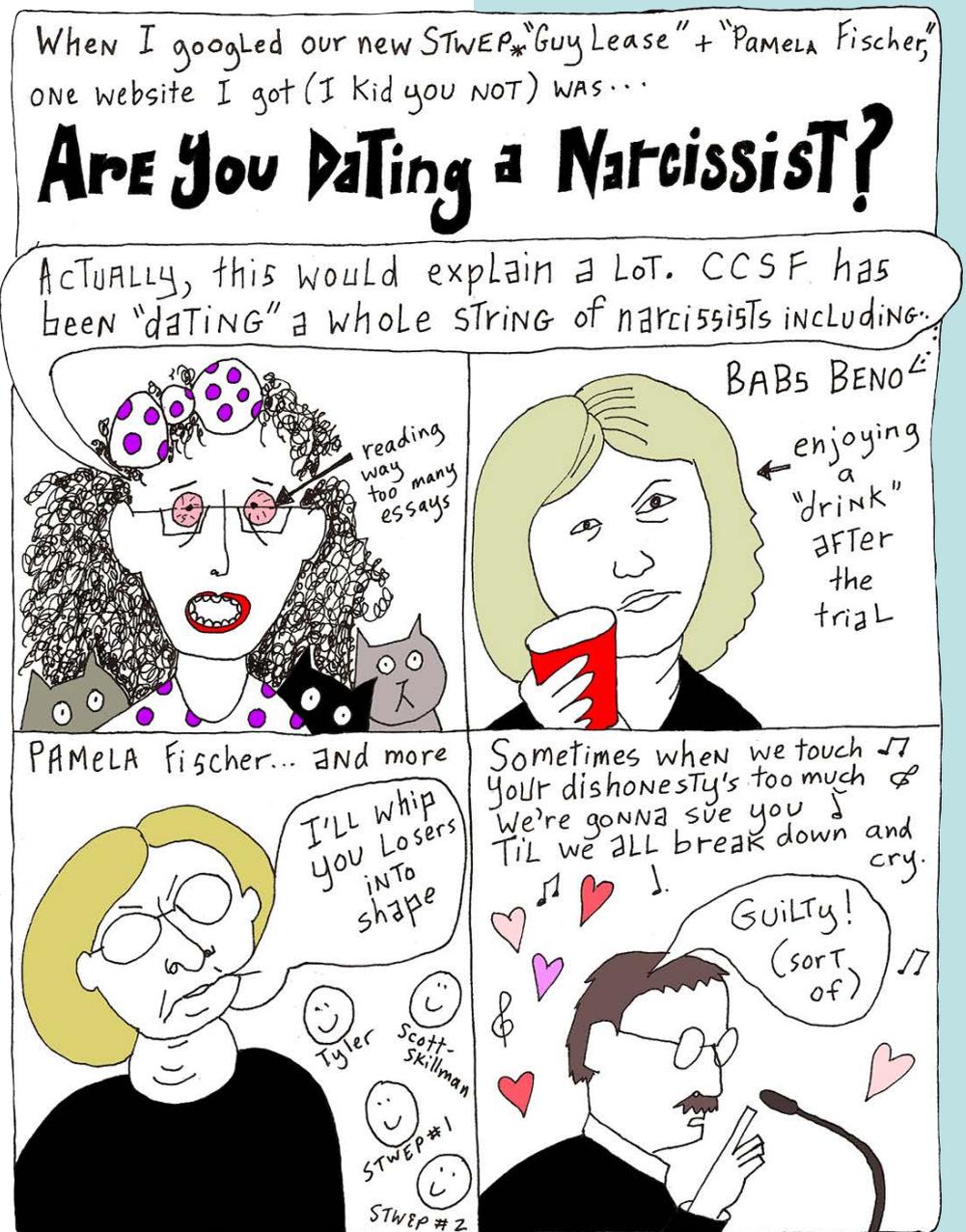
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CFT convention
Manhattan Beach, CA

Tuesday, April 7
Executive Board
Union Office
3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21
Delegate Assembly
Downtown
3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 5
Executive Board
Union Office
3:00-5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 19
Delegate Assembly
Ocean, MUB 251
3:00-5:00 pm



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