

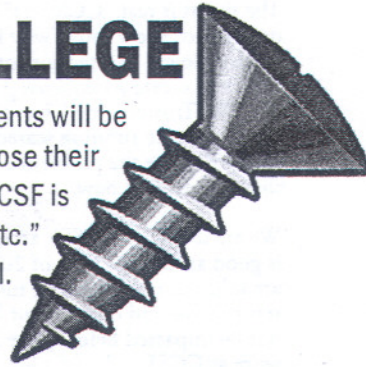
SAVE CITY COLLEGE

San Francisco's 90,000 CCSF students will be tossed to the curb if accreditors close their college. WHY?? Accreditors say, "CCSF is poorly run, too generous, budget cuts, etc."

But CCSF is educating students well.

The REAL ISSUE is...

AUSTERITY!



CCSF students are leading the drive to save their college!

Aug 15 Homecoming @ CCSF Ocean Campus

10 AM - 2 PM, 50 Phelan Ave., San Francisco, CA

Music, free food, teach-ins, speak outs, tabling and action! Come join us for the kickoff of homecoming week Aug 15-22 to respond to the accreditation crisis. Your CCSF is threatened! BE THERE!



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Facebook: Save City College of San Francisco!!!

Website: www.saveccsf.org

City College of San Francisco: www.ccsf.edu/NEW

William Walker, CCSF Student Trustee: csfwill.blogspot.com

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Is CCSF Really Losing Its Accreditation?

The threat is real. CCSF has been ordered to "show cause" why it *shouldn't* be shut down. Accreditors ordered CCSF to create a *shutdown plan* by Oct 15. The Trustees, the Chancellor and the unions are running scared yet insist they will solve the problems. Only they haven't said how.

We are told that CCSF's accreditation is good at least till June of 2013. We are told our classes will be fully transferable and our student loans will not be impacted before June 2013. But we're at CCSF to build a life and a future. Is a one year "guarantee" good enough?

CCSF is working hard to comply with the accreditation recommendation-demands. Yet accreditors won't tell us what "full compliance" means. Can we try our hardest and still be shut down? *No one is sure!* But one thing is certain. Everyone is afraid students will leave in droves.

We need educational security. To get this, we must organize and make our voices heard.

What Can Students Do?

Currently, students are powerless. *Yet our entire futures are on the line.* We must:

Educate! The issues are complex but a lot simpler than what many of us are studying.

Connect the dots! The austerity cram down is local but the issues ripple Sacramento, Washington and beyond.

Make demands! Students must insist on a seat at the table when decisions are made that affect them. We can't afford to be junior partners manipulated by the "adults" who created the crisis and may try to "solve" it at our expense.

Why Are Accreditors Cracking Down?

In 2006, the accreditors gave CCSF 8 "F"s and told Trustees, fix the problems. They didn't act. Now, six years later accreditors have given CCSF 6 additional "F"s for a total of 14 failing grades they call "recommendations." The recommendations are really demands the CCSF radically change its generous mission statement, its college governance and comply with the educational bureaucracy.

Of the 14 "recomendatons" the most critical relate to our funding, slashed since 2006. Tens of millions of dollars have been cut. Now CCSF is in a classic "Catch 22" with a generous mission to educate San Franciscians during the most severe economic crash since the Great Depression. Should our educations be slashed because the One Percent blew it? During a financial crisis with so many out of work and needing re-training shouldn't education budgets be *increased*?

Other "F"s don't relate to funding. One is the "recommendation" we reorganize college governance. Accreditors want to destroy CCSF's bottom up, stakeholder democracy and install a top-down, corporate business model. Why? Because that way austerity can be forced on us. Is a top-down, corporate model better? Does it fit the reality of San Francisco?

Bottom up democracies are messy. But a corporate style cram down during an austerity crisis is far worse. *And it won't work in San Francisco!*

CCSF Student Demand:

Affordability!
Accessibility!
STUDENT POWER!