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## **Santa Fe Community College Presidential Search Under Way**

SANTA FE, NM – Santa Fe Community College Presidential Search Committee Co-Chairs Carole Brito and Linda Siegle, member and chair, respectively, of the SFCC Governing Board, have begun meeting with a variety of groups this week to kick off the process of replacing current President Sheila Ortego. Ortego has announced her retirement effective August 31, 2012.

A series of meetings are being held this week with faculty, staff and students, and forums involving business, education and community representatives will occur later in February. The discussions will help guide the process of naming a search committee and also help outline the sought-after characteristics for SFCC's next president.

"We want to invite feedback and participation throughout the search process to ensure we hear all ideas," said Ms. Brito. "Participants in the forums will have the opportunity to propose nominations to the search committee. We want members who represent a broad range of interests and constituencies."

"We are excited to be moving forward, and we look forward to a productive and inclusive process," said Ms. Siegle. "We want to invite everyone with an interest in the future of the college to participate."

Once a search committee is named, a presidential profile will be developed and a national search firm will assist the process of gathering applications and scheduling interviews. To support the college in this endeavor, SFCC's Governing Board has selected Gold Hill Associates, the firm that helped in the 2006 search. Based in Asheville, North Carolina, Gold Hill works exclusively on community college presidential searches. Established in 1990, the company has successfully completed nearly 100 searches nationwide.

For more information on the presidential search process, visit [www.sfcc.edu/presidential\\_search](http://www.sfcc.edu/presidential_search).

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