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SFCC Begins Search for New President

Santa Fe, NM, Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005 – The Santa Fe Community College Governing Board has begun a search for its next president in preparation for SFCC President James N. McLaughlin’s retirement next year. McLaughlin, the college’s fifth president, plans to retire at the end of 2006 when his three-year contract expires.

The governing board met Nov. 5 to begin the search process. The first step will be preparing a request for proposals (RFP) to hire an outside consultant who will assist the board in conducting the search. Linda S. Siegle, chair of the search committee and a member of the SFCC Governing Board, said the board plans to seek information from various constituent groups to ensure there is broad representation and input into the process.

McLaughlin came to SFCC as dean of administrative services in 2001. He served as interim president after former president Frank Viveló resigned in 2003. McLaughlin signed a three-year contract becoming president in January 2004 following 30 years of experience in community college administration in Colorado and New Mexico.

“Having served as the college’s chief financial officer and president, Jim McLaughlin has brought financial stability, direction and organization to Santa Fe Community College,” said Bruce R. Besser, chair of the SFCC governing board. “He has served the college with professionalism and distinction and we are grateful for his contributions to this college and the community.”

SFCC has had five presidents in its 22-year history. The school was established in 1983 and serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs.

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