

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: July 28, 2009

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
V.B.4	President Emeritus Distinction Chandler-Gilbert Community College	Dr. Rufus Glasper

Recommendation

In accordance with the Governing Board Policy it is recommended that the Governing Board award President Emeritus Distinction to Dr. Maria Hesse.

Justification

Dr. Maria L. Hesse has been a dynamic leader within the Maricopa Community College District since 1984. She served at Mesa Community College, South Mountain Community College, the District support services office, and for the last 22 years at Chandler-Gilbert Community College.

Since 2002, Dr. Hesse has been President and Chief Executive Officer of CGCC. Prior to becoming CGCC's second president, she served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Business and Computer Information Systems Faculty, and Associate Dean of Student Development.

Dr. Hesse's passion and commitment to serving students and the community has been valued by faculty and staff within and across departments and divisions throughout the District. Under Maria's leadership, CGCC has received national recognition in several areas including the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) campus sustainability national leadership award, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Community Engagement Designation, the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Distinction, the National Council for Instructional Administrators (NCIA) award for best practice in assessment of student learning, the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACTEPP) exceptional colleges award, and the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) High Performing Colleges in Active and Collaborative Learning.

She is actively involved in the community, serving on many boards, including East Valley Partnership, East Valley Think Tank, the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce, the Alumni Association of Arizona State University, CHW East Valley Hospitals, the Chandler Education Foundation, and several others.

Her dedicated service of more than 25 years warrants the distinction of emeritus status.

Funding	Approvals/Certifications
<p><u>Source:</u></p> <p><u>Account Identification:</u></p>	<p>Chancellor _____</p> <p>Academic & Student Affairs _____</p> <p>Business Services _____</p> <p>Human Resources _____</p> <p>Res Dev. & Com. Relations _____</p> <p>College President _____</p>