SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

DOMESTIC PARTNERS 4045

POLICY: Domestic partners registered with the California Secretary of

State shall have, insofar as permitted by California law, all of the same rights, protections, and benefits, as well as the same obligations, responsibilities, and duties of married persons (spouses) under state law. Former domestic partners shall have all the rights and obligations of former spouses. Surviving domestic partners shall have the same rights, protections, and benefits as are granted to a surviving spouse

of a decedent.

Therefore, all references to "spouses" in Governing Board policies or procedures shall be read to include registered domestic partners as permitted by California law.

REFERENCES/ AUTHORITY:

Solano Community College District Governing Board

Family Code, Sections 297, 298, 298.5, 297.5, 299, 299.2, and 299.3

Assembly Bill 205 (effective January 2005)

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