



Student Success Series Continues

Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, commenting on another successful, well-attended, highly interactive pre-board conversation about Student Success, thanked **Jerry Buckley**, Dean of Math, Natural Sciences/Exercise Science and Acting Senior Director Institutional Research, for leading the discussion, which examined the relationship between students who have completed basic skills courses and their success in subsequent courses. **Miles** applauded the willingness to look openly at data and ask tough questions.

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Nursing Program Selection Process

Associate Dean of Nursing **Debbie Yaddow** reported to the Governing Board that changes will be implemented to the selection process for the Grossmont College Nursing Program starting Spring 2011. "The current 'first come, first serve' system has led to increased attrition rates and reduced pass rates," **Yaddow** said. The program will adopt new criteria allowed by Assembly Bill 1559, including a review of academic degrees, GPA in the sciences and general education courses, life experience, language proficiency, and assessment test scores.

Yaddow said a new department website, www.grossmont.edu/nursing/, has been created explaining the new criteria. All 1,124 students currently on the waiting list will be contacted and asked to reapply under the new system.

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Yousif Receives Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** presented **Angham Yousif**, Business and Professional Studies Instruction Lab Assistant, with the quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. According to the nominators, **Yousif** has "incredible people skills" as well as outstanding technical skills and work ethic. She has used her ability to communicate with students in three languages (Arabic, Chaldean, and English) to assist students in many ways.



Instructor **Pat Newman** spoke for a large group of nominators, saying that **Angham** is tirelessly dedicated to helping students achieve success and fills numerous roles in the department.

Yousif's husband, children, and extended family were in attendance.

Gafcon Reports Progress

Gafcon Project Manager **Jim Davies** reported progress on several ongoing projects during his semi-annual *Prop. R* program/project management report to the Governing Board. The Cuyamaca College Business and Technology Center is now complete; the Grossmont College Health and Science Building is 86% complete; and the Grossmont College parking project is complete.

Board members viewed photos of construction progress and architectural drawings, including the Cuyamaca Learning Resource Center and Grossmont Student Services.

Board Actions

Budget Transfers

Following discussion initiated by Trustee **Deanna Weeks**, the Board approved all budget transfers. **Weeks** said she had inquired about the decision-making process for determining how to fund facilities maintenance, renovation, and repair, and was very appreciative of the clear and thorough response. Chancellor **Miles** noted that infrastructure maintenance is essential to delivering the learning experience and is often under-funded. A facilities committee reviews all needs and prioritizes them. Current projects receiving funding include classroom repairs.

State Budget Resolution

The Governing Board passed a resolution on the impact of the state budget crisis on the District rejecting further cuts to community colleges and supporting advocacy. SDSU student and Grossmont College alumna **Crystal Sudano** asked Board members to add language supporting student efforts. Board members asked that a separate resolution be considered at next month's Board meeting. Trustee **Greg Barr** expressed support for wording that would urge legislators to work together.

Sabbatical Leaves Approved

The Board ratified eight sabbatical leave requests. Trustees expressed support for the program and its benefits. Trustee **Greg Barr** commended both Academic Senates for upgrading the review process.

Nursing Professor **Tom Oertel** presented a report on his sabbatical leave activities. He expressed appreciation for the support of the Board and administration for this academic tradition, saying it would have been difficult to complete his doctoral dissertation without their help.

From Closed Session

In closed session, the Board, by votes of 5-0, approved the request to defend and indemnify employees in the case of *Scannell v. Tina Pitt, Steve Baker, Sunita Cooke, and Does*; approved a settlement agreement of all disputes with Gwentyth Mapes; and authorized the Chancellor to give notice of non-renewal to a tenure-track probationary faculty member.

Board Reports

Board members commended everyone involved in the Cuyamaca College convocation.

President **Bill Garrett** congratulated Trustee **Deanna Weeks** on being honored for her economic development work by the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce, adding that Grossmont College Foundation Executive Director **Ernie Ewin** and Foundation Board President **Steve Devan** are also being honored. **Garrett** praised the OPT inspiring graduation event he and **Weeks** attended, and asked **Weeks** to report on the involvement of the San Diego Women's Foundation.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** explained the role and purpose of the Foundation and said they were so impressed by OPT that they are considering, for the first time ever, multi-year funding for the program.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said he and Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Breakfast, noting that all the recipients have stories about adversity, but have risen out of it with support.

Trustee **Rosinski** thanked everyone who donated scholarships and the Foundation board members for their work. She encouraged everyone to become involved in the March 4 advocacy events.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** reported on his recent trip to Sacramento, saying that he believes the advocacy efforts made some impact on legislators.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reported on ASGCC activities. He said three new clubs have applied for recognition on campus.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said he was honored to meet Under Secretary of Education **Martha Kanter** at the SDICCCA Annual Trustees Dinner. **Enders** said he will travel to Sacramento on March 22 for the student advocacy march.

Chancellor's Report

Summer Workweek 4/10

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** announced that the District will implement a 4/10 workweek schedule for summer 2010. She thanked the Districtwide Executive Council for its work on this project, calling it an excellent example of the District coming together to make significant decisions that affect everyone.



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Miles said projections indicate the District will serve 2,800 full-time students over the cap, for which the District receives no funding, the equivalent if fully funded of \$13 million to the District.

Grossmont College Report

- President **Sunny Cooke** reported that despite 200 fewer sections this spring, the college hit another enrollment high, serving just under 21,000 students.
- The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accepted Grossmont's follow-up report at its January meeting.
- **Cooke** announced that Grossmont will have a unique articulation agreement with Grand Canyon University in Arizona. The University will offer our students the ability to transfer into a nursing bachelor's degree program, which will start in their last semester with Grossmont.

Cuyamaca College Report

- Interim President **Ron Manzoni** congratulated Math Instructor **Eric Preibisius** (full-time) and English Instructor **Barbara Pescar** (part-time) for being honored with the 2010 "Award for Teaching Excellence."
- Cuyamaca College hosted the annual SDICCCA Trustees Dinner in the Student Center on February 3. Guest speaker was **Dr. Martha Kanter**, Under Secretary of Education for the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Manzoni** encouraged everyone to visit the Learning Technology Resource Center and view the display on Black History Month running through February.

Staff Reports

Gregg Robinson, AFT representative, said the organization actively supports the events taking place on March 4 and is asking faculty to participate. **Robinson** said he will join a march from Los Angeles to Sacramento calling attention to the need for improved education in California.

Mike Wangler, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, noted that **Pat Setzer** will receive recognition from the Board of Governors and State Academic Senate next month for receiving the Hayward Award. **Setzer** is the second recipient from the District in the history of the award. **Wangler** reported that all but one of the officers were re-elected to the Academic Senate Board. The new part time officer at large is **Elisabeth Wiering**.

Debi Miller, Classified Senate President, said work is underway on the upcoming Classified Staff Appreciation Day on March 29. **Miller** said a portion of proceeds from a cookbook fundraising project, currently underway will benefit Osher scholarships at both colleges.

Public Comment

Crystal Sudano, Grossmont College alumna, discussed plans for the March 4 mobilization of students across California to call attention to state education budget cuts and fee increases. **Sudano** is a local coordinator for activities in San Diego.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events



Through Thursday, February 26
"Connectivity," sculpture exhibit
by Miya Hanaan
Hyde Art Gallery, Grossmont College

Thursday, February 25, 7:30 p.m.
"Sicilian Swing," Spring Concert Series
Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Theatre

Thursdays, February 25 through April 29, 5:30 p.m.
Culinary Arts Department Dinner
Grossmont College

Monday, March 1, 9 a.m.
Federal Student Aid Workshop
Room 70-103, Grossmont College

Monday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.
Grossmont College Concert Band
with Grossmont High School Band
Cuyamaca College

Tuesday March 2, 7:30 p.m.
"Kembang Sunda," Spring Concert Series
Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Theatre

Wednesday, March 3, 2:30 p.m.
Arbor Day Celebration
Cuyamaca College Ornamental Horticulture Department

Thursday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.
"Early Music Recital (Faculty Recital)," Spring Concert Series,
Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Theatre

Saturday, March 6
Southern California Regional Science Decathlon
Grossmont College

Friday and Saturday, March 11-12, 8 a.m.
Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference
Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Center

March 11-13 and 17-20, 7:30 p.m.; March 13 and 20, 2 p.m.
Musical Theatre: "I Love You Because,"
Grossmont College Stagehouse Theatre

Sunday, March 13, 8 a.m.
Senior High School Math Field Day
Cuyamaca College L Building

Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
Cuyamaca College Concert Band, Spring Concert Series,
Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Theatre