

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

Board Focus on Student Success

This month's conversation about Student Success included a lively discussion between under-represented students and college faculty. Panelists **Joan Ahrens**, Grossmont College English Instructor, **Chris Hill**, Grossmont College Geology/Oceanography Instructor, and **Michael Wangler**, Cuyamaca College Geography Instructor, provided insights regarding the large number of students that leave community colleges after only one semester, as well as large achievement gaps that exist for some of our most popular general education courses. Students **Katrina Piliaris**, **Sundus Ali**, **Fadi Matti**, **Tatiana Odish**, and **Luay Aziz** identified issues related to financial aid, the cost of textbooks and student software, as well as limited campus-based services as some of the barriers to their success. Students and faculty agreed that a clear connection between academic and career goals is the best motivation for student success.



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Board Member Reports

Trustee **Greg Barr** thanked **Jennifer Danks**, **Valeri Wilson**, **Sandy Rosenthal**, Chancellor **Miles**, fellow board members, and staff for the cards and wedding gift.

Cuyamaca College student trustee **Chuck Taylor** thanked Administrator in Charge **Arleen Satele** for making the most of a last minute opportunity to host students from Barstow Community College and hold a Leadership Summit with ASGCC members.



Board Actions

Revenue Resolution Approved by Board

Trustees approved a resolution 3-1 (**Rick Alexander** opposed, **Deanna Weeks** absent, with student trustees **Christopher Enders** and **Chuck Taylor** casting advisory votes in favor) in support of establishing an oil severance tax as a revenue source for higher education that should be considered by the Governor and California State Legislature during budget deliberations.

Trustee **Alexander** offered an amendment that would not restrict the tax revenues, saying he was concerned about spending "silos" in Sacramento. The amendment was defeated.

The resolution received unanimous approval from the Districtwide Legislative Strategy Committee as a way to ease the state's fiscal challenge and support higher education funding, aiding the state's economic recovery. The resolution will be distributed to the Governor, San Diego's legislative delegation, and legislative leaders.

CSEA Agreement Ratified by Board

The Governing Board ratified the 2010-2011 Tentative Agreement between the California State Employees Association Chapter 707 and the District by a 4-0 vote (**Weeks** absent). Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** noted that many hours went into this agreement and thanked everyone who put in the work at the bargaining table on both teams. CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** thanked the trustees for their vote, and the District and CSEA bargaining teams for their efforts.

Ratified by both CSEA membership and the Governing Board, the contract term is January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2011, with all negotiated changes effective on August 1, 2010.

From Closed Session

The Governing Board, by a 4-0 vote (**Weeks** absent) ratified the separation agreement for Dr. **Stuart Savin**.

Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked **Arleen Satele** for the job she is doing as Administrator in Charge at Cuyamaca College following the departure of Dr. **Stuart Savin**. **Miles** noted that the entire college family has stepped up. "I'm really proud of this college," she said. **Miles** reported that a screening committee, led by Dr. **Sunny Cooke**, hopes to have an interim president in place for the coming academic year, before the start of classes. A search will then get underway for a permanent president.

Chancellor **Miles** thanked everyone who attended the discussion on student success prior to the Governing Board meeting; and expressed appreciation to **Jerry Buckley** and the Institutional Research staff, **Chris Hill**, and **Michael Wangler** for their continued input and participation in the presentations.

There is still no state budget in sight. Chancellor **Miles** said the District is watching the situation closely.

Chancellor **Miles** congratulated Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** on being honored with the "Spirit of Leadership Award" at the recent statewide Classified Senate Leadership Conference.

The District has received good media coverage over the past month including more than 20 print and electronic media stories. Among them was coverage of Congressman Duncan D. Hunter's job fair, summer course cuts, Vice President of Administrative Services **Tim Flood's** appointment, and Chancellor/Classified Senate award recipients.

Chandler Receives Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

Melissa Chandler,

Chemistry Technician in the Science/Engineering Department of Cuyamaca College, received the quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award.



President **Debi Miller** and Chemistry Instructor **Laurie LeBlanc** joined Chancellor **Cindy Miles** to present **Chandler** her award. **LeBlanc**, who nominated **Chandler**, said "She does a great job keeping us organized and on track." **Chandler** won praise for organizing a work-study program for student volunteers who offer support in exchange for career experience. **Miller** said her nomination scored high for initiative and innovation. **Chandler's** husband, sister, father, niece, and nephew were on hand to see her receive the award.

A celebration conga line of two dozen faculty, staff, and administrators led by Chancellor **Miles** snaked through the Cuyamaca campus, making its way to the lab to announce **Chandler's** award.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employee **Lamont Lee**, Custodian, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations to **Madelaine Wolfe**, Interim Vice President Student Services, Cuyamaca College, on her new assignment.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** reported that fall enrollment is up 24% over the same time last fall, indicating that students are registering earlier.
- ◆ President **Cooke** introduced Dr. **Barbara Blanchard**, new Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Dr. **Kerry Kilber**, new Dean of Learning Technology and Resources.
- ◆ Grossmont nursing students participated in the recent Veterans Village of San Diego "Stand Down" event for homeless veterans.



- ◆ Administrator in Charge **Arleen Satele** welcomed Dr. **Robin Steinback**, new Vice President of Instruction, and **Mark Warner**, Interim Athletic Director.
- ◆ **Satele** shared photos from the Administrative Services Fiesta, an annual event honoring administrative staff for their efforts.
- ◆ Barstow Community College student leaders who visited Cuyamaca College are sharing ideas and interacting with Cuyamaca student leaders since their visit.

Additional Board Matters

Trustee **Rosinski** expressed concern about the number of change orders for the Grossmont College Health & Sciences Complex project. **Dale Switzer**, Senior Director of Facilities, Planning and Maintenance, said most change orders are resolved near the end of a project. He said the overall change order rate is less than 1%.

Staff Reports

Grossmont Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** said the Senate will hold a campus-wide activity following Grossmont's Convocation, focusing on teaching, learning, and student success.

AFT representative **Lauren Halsted** thanked the Governing Board for its resolution supporting an oil severance tax.

Administrators Association President **Michael Copenhaver** announced the new 2010-2011 Association officers. Copenhaver was re-elected President; Vice Presidents are **Janet Althaus** and **Connie Elder**; Treasurer **Madelaine Wolfe**; Secretary **Walter Sachau**; Members-at-large **Linda Haar** and **Ray Reyes**; and Ombudsmen **Serene Pritchett** and **Debbie Yaddow**.

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** congratulated Melissa Chandler on her award and Michael Copenhaver on his re-election as Administrators' Association president.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** extended congratulations to new administrators and staff; invited the Governing Board to attend the Classified Senate Retreat on September 24, 2010; said the Classified Senate would be organizing and participating in the "Assist-a-Student" Campaign during the first week of classes; and reported Chancellor Jack Scott is being urged to revise the Board of Governors Consultation Council to include two community college Classified Senate representatives.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 3, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Adult Reentry Program Informational Meeting
Room 220, Grossmont College.

August 9–12, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Basketball Camp for boys and girls, 3rd-8th grade
Grossmont College

Monday, August 16, 8:00 a.m.

Grossmont College Convocation
Main Quad, Grossmont College

Wednesday, August 18, 8 a.m.

Cuyamaca College Convocation
Student Center, Cuyamaca College

Monday, August 23

Fall Semester Day and Evening Classes Begin

August 23 through September 16

Painting exhibition featuring Wade Cline,
William Glen Crooks and Suong Yangchareon
Hyde Art Gallery, Grossmont College

Sunday, September 12, 12:30 p.m.

Fourth Annual Suzanne Donahue Memorial
Golf Tournament
Rancho Bernardo Inn

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, August 17, 2010, in Building 65, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Mary Kay Rosinski, Deanna Weeks ♦ **Student Trustees:** Christopher Enders, Charles Taylor III
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca Administrator in Charge:** Arleen Satele