

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

Board Focus on Student Success

The Student Success series continued this month with a discussion regarding the impact of Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS) on our students, including foster youth. EOPS Counselors Michael Perez, Brian Woolsey, and Pearl Lopez, along with students Beronica Obney, Mauricio Delgado, Tesfom Mesfun, Luke Wolske, and Edith Zamorano, led an informative and inspirational presentation showing how Grossmont College's EOPS Summer Institute Program addresses the needs of first time college students and improves student outcomes.



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Board Member Reports

Board members attended numerous year-end ceremonies and events. All praised the many people who worked hard to organize and stage all of the events, including the commencement ceremonies at Grossmont and Cuyamaca. Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said, "It's thrilling to be part of them."

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked presenters at the pre-board meeting from the EOPS and Summer Success Institute program. "The stories we heard from students were moving and touching."

Trustee **Greg Barr** disclosed his impending marriage to a District employee and, regarding potential conflicts of interest, said he was advised by District legal counsel that he has no conflict regarding labor negotiations. However, his fiancée may not be promoted or apply for a new job in the District while **Barr** is in office.

Barr requested that Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and consultant **Dana Quittner** prepare a resolution for consideration at the July meeting in support of a proposed oil excise tax to help fund education in California.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** said the East County Economic Development Council's fundraising concert at Cuyamaca College was one of the best-ever fundraising events. "Our colleges and local high schools will benefit."

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** expressed thanks for being able to participate in commencement ceremonies.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** thanked Chancellor **Miles** and Board President **Garrett**, for attending the ASGC officers swearing-in ceremony. He also expressed appreciation for the advocacy flyers urging students to contact state legislators about education budget cuts.

President **Bill Garrett** noted that it is the time of year when those in the District can "see the fruits of our labor" at commencements and the many smaller graduation celebrations. **Garrett** reported on his attendance at the California Community Colleges State Commission on the Future meeting. He said that it will be important for the District to keep data and track students for four to five years from now to determine which programs have been effective.

Board Approves Tentative Budget

Trustees approved the District's 2010-2011 Tentative Budget on a 4-1 vote, with Trustee **Rick Alexander** opposed. Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the budget total is \$190M, with \$124M in operational funds. It is a balanced budget with no deficit funding. **Rearic** noted two reductions: a 9% cut in contract positions, and significant course reductions.

Alexander expressed concerns about unfunded retirement health plan liability, Associated Student Government funding, and cuts to part-time instructors and sections when some other areas "are not making sacrifices."



Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked everyone who helped coordinate the "massive move" to the modular village buildings at Grossmont College, enabling it to go as smoothly as possible. Chancellor **Miles** made note of outreach programs including the upcoming Health Fair and the exhibit at the San Diego County Fair this summer.

She praised the many people who worked on the District's 2010-2011 tentative budget, including the staff and the numerous committees who contributed many hours of input and who were deeply engaged in problem solving. Said **Miles**, "I am most worried about the impact (of cuts) on students, but also on our employees.

Miles reported that Cuyamaca President **Stuart Savin** ruptured a disc in his back and had to undergo emergency surgery. He will be out several weeks. In the interim, Cuyamaca Vice President **Arleen Satele** will act as the administrator in charge until **Savin's** return.

Special Reports to the Board

Budget Cuts Make Big Impact This Summer

Statewide funding cuts have forced the District to severely reduce summer course sections, limiting the number of students that can be served. Over 4,900 students were placed on waiting lists this summer. Grossmont President **Sunny Cooke** and Cuyamaca Vice President of Administrative Services **Arleen Satele** told Governing Board members the focus is on core priorities: transfer and degree courses, workforce education, and basic skills. The colleges reduced the frequency of electives, increased the efficiency of class fill rates, and cut almost all noncredit courses with the exception of ESL and workforce courses. Noncredit courses have been converted to fee-based and contract education courses.

Satele said students find it increasingly hard to finish degree programs in a reasonable time and struggle to fit courses into their schedules. New students have fewer classes to access. Students receiving financial aid are in danger of losing the required full-time student status.

Cooke said the colleges find themselves at a point where choices are the best of bad choices. "We sincerely hope this is not the 'new normal.' We don't walk away feeling good about this," said **Cooke**.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said legislators need to know about these problems.

Annual Labor Compliance Report

Vice Chancellor **Rearic** told the Governing Board that the District's Annual Labor Compliance Report has been completed. Twenty-one contracts were reviewed, with no willful violations. Of the findings noted, most involved confusion concerning holiday pay. Contractors are required to pay all back wages and penalties, which can be appealed for reduction or dismissal.

Student Trustees Sworn Into Office

On behalf of the Governing Board, President **Bill Garrett** administered the Oath of Office to Student Trustees **Christopher Enders** of Grossmont College and **Chuck Taylor** of Cuyamaca College and congratulated both on their re-election to new one year terms for 2010-2011.



Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Cooke** reported that 4,000 people attended Grossmont's 49th annual Commencement ceremony on June 3. Students earned 1,057 associate degrees and 341 certificates of achievement.
- ◆ Relocation efforts into the modular village in parking lot #5 are continuing. Although efforts are being made to minimize the disruption, **Cooke** said there will be delays and inconveniences.
- ◆ Women's Soccer Coach **Howie Hawver** was selected as the 2010 Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Female Sport Coach of the Year. **Hawver** is currently battling ALS.



- ◆ Vice President **Satele** thanked everyone for attending the many campus celebrations the past few weeks. Cuyamaca awarded 378 associate's degrees and 128 certificates to graduates on June 2. Graduates ranged in age from 19 to 65.
- ◆ The Cuyamaca College Foundation's annual "Shine On" celebration broke fundraising records.
- ◆ Five hundred people attended Cuyamaca's 16th College Career Fair on May 4. The numerous employers and organizations found the students well prepared.

Additional Board Matters

Trustees approved improvements to permanent and temporary buildings at Grossmont College as part of the move into modular space to allow construction of the new Student Services facility.

Board member **Rick Alexander** asked for a progress report on plans to acquire cell phone towers in an effort to improve service and generate revenue. Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said a current inventory has been completed and an analysis of cell services will be completed by experts. **Rearic** said a recommendation will be made to the Governing Board in the next few months.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Victor DeVore**, Acting Admissions and Records Supervisor, Cuyamaca College, and **Kerry Kilber**, Dean, Learning and Technology Resources, Grossmont College.

Staff Reports

Grossmont Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** distributed an advocacy brochure developed by intersegmental committees of the Academic Senates and student leadership groups throughout the state.

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** reported that a tentative agreement was reached between CSEA and the District. She said classified employees are very happy and thanked both the Association and District negotiating teams for their work, as well as the Governing Board, the Chancellor, and faculty union for their flexibility and support. The agreement will go to the membership for a vote. **Recktenwald** said two resolutions have been passed regarding state legislation on labor issues.

Classified Senate Vice President **Pat Murray** said officers now serve two-year terms, and all will continue into their second year of service. She gave a virtual “high five” to all staff who helped with the facility moves at Grossmont College.

AFT representative **Michael Golden** said he has never seen so many groups working so hard toward a common goal to provide for students, noting everyone is sacrificing--it’s a “fantastic” environment, and he hopes it continues.

Calendar of Events

Daily Through July 5

Grossmont and Cuyamaca College Community Outreach Display,
Racetrack Infield, San Diego County Fair

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Cuyamaca College Student Center. 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 President:** Stuart Savin, Ed.D.