# The Courier Highlights from the Governing Board Neeting 

Grossmont-Cuyamaca<br>Community College District

## NcWilliams Awarded Emeritus Status

The Governing Board conferred emeritus status posthumously on English Professor Kathleen McWilliams in recognition of her distinguished service as a faculty member.

Academic Senate
President Michael
Wangler described
McWilliams' many contributions as a founding faculty member, her numerous awards, and contributions to the Cuyamaca College community. "Her contributions cannot be overestimated," said Wangler.

McWilliams' husband, Bill, was present to accept the award, saying, "My wife loved her job. Thanks to you all."


Pictured left to right: Chancellor Cindy Miles, Bill McWilliams, Michael Wangler

## Weeks and Alexander Honored for Service

On their departure after 26 years of combined service to the District and community, Governing Board Trustees Deanna Weeks and Rick Alexander attended a farewell reception before presiding at their last board meeting. Fellow board members,
administrators, and staff praised their dedication, integrity, and leadership.
Grossmont College Student Trustee Christopher Enders said to Alexander, "To have someone like you work hard so someone like me has a future, thank
 you." Trustee Greg Barr called Weeks a "beautiful person inside and out. People look at you, and light up." Chancellor Cindy Miles said, "You two have given me a wonderful start. You've left a wonderful legacy, and you will always have a home here."
Governing Board President Bill Garrett said it had been a privilege to serve with Weeks and Alexander. He presented each with a gift in recognition of their service to the District.

Weeks said she will always think of "all the things we've done together. Service on the Board has been a highlight of my life." As a parting gift Trustee Weeks and her husband John made Osher Scholarship donations of $\$ 600$ to each college in honor of their six grandchildren.
Alexander thanked everyone for the kind words, and his wife for her support. He noted that "together we have created a lot of good things to help students."

## Board Reports

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee Chuck Taylor reviewed numerous campus events. He reported that the ASGCC donates money to events that have lost funding and $\$ 200$ stipends upon request to new campus clubs. ASGCC attended the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Fall 2010 General Assembly.

Grossmont College Student Trustee Christopher Enders attended meetings of the California Community College Student Affairs Association and the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Enders said he is thankful to the District for listening to students. Enders participated in the AFT teach-in to "rock the vote" prior to Election Day. Enders thanked trustees for honoring the Veterans Day holiday, and for attending the dance recital "Breaking Boundaries."

Trustee Mary Kay Rosinski enjoyed recent events including New Beginnings and the OPT $25^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary dinner. Rosinski congratulated Chancellor Miles and Associate Dean of Nursing Debbie Yaddow for being honored at the East County Women in Leadership luncheon; and Grossmont College Biology Professor Michael Golden on being named recipient of the 2010 Homer Peabody Bridges Award for excellence in mentoring and teaching.

Board President Bill Garrett said he and Chancellor Miles attended the final California Leadership Alliance for Student Success Institute, stating the program ties to the Commission on the Future's report on student success. Garrett said student success includes equity and access, and he would like to have this process continue with all constituents in the District.

## Board Actions

## Closed Session

With a vote of 5-0, the Board ratified the separation agreement between Senior Dean Fred Allen and GCCCD.
Open Session
Item 503 Emeritus Status was approved, by a vote of 5-0, prior to the Emeritus presentation.
Trustee Alexander abstained from voting on Bid B10.017 Structural Steel, listed on Item 401 Grossmont College Griffin Center/Student and Administrative Services; Ratification of Award, due to a conflict of interest. With a vote of 4-0-1 (Alexander abstaining), the bid award was ratified.

The Governing Board approved all remaining items on the agenda by consent.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Cindy Miles congratulated Grossmont College Student Trustee Christopher Enders for his choreography work saying, "There is creativity and great talent among our students," and added congratulations to Grossmont College Biology Professor Michael Golden on receiving the 2010 Homer Peabody Bridges Award.

Miles credited Cuyamaca College Interim President Bob Garber for his efforts to move the Got Plans? event indoors when rain threatened, ensuring that visiting high school students had the chance to be on campus.

Miles reported that the District hosted a vendor recognition event for architects and contractors that worked on Prop $R$ construction projects. Several attendees said they had never been thanked in this way before. Miles said all were invited to contribute to Osher scholarships.

Congressman Duncan D. Hunter visited Grossmont College, viewed construction and the new Health and Science Building, and discussed student veteran issues. Miles thanked President Sunny Cooke, Vice President Student Services John Colson, Vice President Administrative Services Tim Flood, and Student Veterans Organization President John Weber for being part of the visit.

Miles attended the American Association of Community College Boards where she heard key representatives from the Departments of Labor and Education say that we will see more convergence of thought and dollars on the college completion agenda. She said Grossmont and Cuyamaca are "ahead of the curve" in looking at data and using it to drive decisions. "I'm very proud of what we are doing," Miles said.

## Vice Chancellor's Report

\| Vice Chancellor Sue Rearic said the District's recent Health Fairs held on both campuses gave employees an opportunity to learn about benefits in a fun environment. Two mountain bikes were donated and given away as prizes. Rearic thanked Benefits Technician Wendy Corbin and Director Employment Services Amber Herrmann for organizing the fairs.

## Staff Reports

AFT representative Lyn Neylon reported on a "wonderful experience" at the AFT Bargaining Conference, which included a presentation by AFT President Randi Weingarten. Neylon said the District's core values focusing on student learning and the union's goal to raise people up are shared goals. Neylon thanked Chancellor Miles for establishing a positive working relationship. "I'm thankful we're here for the same goals," Neylon said.

Administrators' Association representative Ray Reyes gave both Trustees Weeks and Alexander his personal heartfelt thank you. "Because of actions you have taken over the years, the two of you have made our institutions even better," Reyes said.

On behalf of CSEA President Jan Recktenwald, Classified Senate President Debi Miller delivered a report thanking departing Trustees Alexander and Weeks for their years of service.

Classified Senate President Miller said the group's Mother Goose Parade float will be decorated and a dress rehearsal will take place Saturday, November 20, at 10 a.m. in Parking Lot 4. All are welcome to participate. Miller said discussion of a theme for April's Classified Staff Appreciation Day will take place on December 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grossmont Health and Science Building. The Ugliest Holiday Sweater contest will return for the second year on December 9.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President Michael Wangler distributed a report with highlights of the State Senate fall plenary session. Wangler said along with numerous excellent breakout sessions, there was a lot of discussion both about SB 1440 regarding transfers and SB 1143 regarding new education funding models. Wangler thanked Trustees Alexander and Weeks for all they have done for both colleges and the students.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President Chris Hill reported Sue Gonda was elected Academic Senate President. Her term will begin June 1, 2011. Hill expressed her sincere appreciation to Trustees Weeks and Alexander for the opportunity to serve with them, and extended best wishes.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010, in the Grossmont College Griffin Gate, Building 65. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following a closed session scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2010 is posted online at: 2010 Governing Board Meeting Schedule. Farewell Trustees Alexander and Weeks


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 Interim President: Robert Garber

