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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** expressed her support for online learning and hopes Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges will lead the way. **Justeson**, her daughter, and a friend attended the Winter Wonder Jam Rock & Pop performance at Cuyamaca College, and she encouraged families to attend performing arts events at both colleges.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said his first year as a Board

member has been a great experience. **Hiel** said the Board has a clear vision and direction of how to pull through difficult times. **Hiel** participated in the Mother Goose Parade and called it a fun experience.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** also enjoyed participating in the parade, and thanked the Classified Senate for its leadership preparing the entry. She said she enjoyed people along the route identifying themselves as current or former students or family members of students.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said he would do everything he can to continue the good feeling on the Board and in the District, and said thank you for being allowed to serve on the Board for a long period.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** thanked everyone for supporting the Theatre Department's world premiere. **Enders** said ASGC will host the Region X meeting in the new Grossmont College Student Center in January.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** attended the President's cabinet breakfast. He reported the Student Center pool table was recently re-felted.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said over the past year the Board had a terrific opportunity to work together and move forward on several initiatives, including the ratification of the Chancellor's decision to hire **Mark Zacovic** as Cuyamaca College President.



New District Election System Approved

The Governing Board approved a switch to trustee-area elections beginning in 2012, along with a map showing the five areas that each of the Board members will now represent.

Justin Levitt, a senior analyst with National Demographics Corp., reviewed the map. District 1 includes Santee and a small portion of Lakeside; District 2 includes La Mesa, Casa de Oro, Mt. Helix, and part of Rancho San Diego, west of Highway 54; District 3 includes western and central El Cajon and Bostonia; District 4 covers rural East County; and District 5 includes Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, and La Presa. **Levitt** said the five trustee areas have a less than 1 percent difference in population.

No one came forward to speak during the public hearing on this item. "We are beginning a new day," Board President **Bill Garrett** said.

Board Actions

The Governing Board unanimously approved new Board officers for 2012: President **Bill Garrett**, Vice President **Mary Kay Rosinski**, and Clerk **Edwin Hiel**. **Garrett** said he is honored to serve as President. "This Board has brought itself together in a fantastic fashion. It is a true honor to represent you, as well as the District," he said.

The Governing Board unanimously approved all items on the meeting [agenda](#).

Closed Session

The Board, by a vote of 5-0, ratified a separation agreement and mutual release for **Darlene Spoor**.

Increase in Health Fees Will Fund Improved Services

Trustees approved an increase in student health fees from \$14 to \$18 for the fall and spring semesters and from \$11 to \$15 for the summer semester; and eliminated the exemption for Board of Governors Waiver (BOGW) B students. The health fee exemption for BOGW-A students was not changed. This increase brings Grossmont and Cuyamaca College health fees in alignment with other community colleges in San Diego County.

Presidents **Sunny Cooke** and **Mark Zacovic** said the new fee structure would begin in Fall 2012. The additional revenue will restore and enhance services, including a part-time physician; a nurse practitioner; additional education in smoking cessation, weight control, and alcohol abuse; expanded clinic hours and available appointments; and enhanced crisis counseling, especially for the veteran population.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said he applauds the District for holding the line on fees this long. "The value of these services in critical times can't be questioned," **Hiel** said.

Clean Audits

The District, Foundations, Auxiliary, and Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement (PEAR) Plan all received "unqualified" or clean audits from the District's accounting firm Christy White Accountancy Corporation for 2010-11, the eighth straight year of outstanding audits.

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor Business Services, said everyone in the District has a piece of these audits. "We're proud we fared well on the audits," **Rearic** said. One minor finding in the financial aid area was identified and corrected within the time required.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said Grossmont College's new buildings are "stunning." She thanked everyone involved in putting the final touches on the buildings and making the moves so all will be ready for business in January.

Miles recognized the Classified Senate and **Wendy Corbin** for their leadership on the District's Mother Goose Parade entry, and thanked Trustees **Edwin Hiel**, **Debbie Justeson**, and **Mary Kay Rosinski**, as well as student leaders, faculty, and staff from both colleges, for their participation.

Chancellor **Miles** attended the joint concert band performance at Cuyamaca College, heard final readings from the Grossmont College Creative Writing Program, visited the veterans' ceramics pilot project, and enjoyed numerous holiday celebrations throughout the District.

A feasibility study will move forward on a possible bond campaign. Polling will take place in January.

Chancellor **Miles** acknowledged that this was the last Board meeting for Senior Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness **Jerry Buckley** and Grossmont College Vice President Student Services **John Colson** and thanked them for their service.

Staff Notes

Welcome to **Robert Anness**, Chemistry Instructor, Cuyamaca College; **Ronald Livingston**, Senior Programmer Analyst, District Services; and **Tina Quint**, Administrative Secretary, District Services.

Congratulations to **Gwendolyn Nix** on her new assignment as Administrative Assistant IV, Cuyamaca College.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said officials from the East County Career Center met with Grossmont College representatives to discuss ongoing collaboration. The group also toured the Health and Sciences Complex.
- ◆ The Financial Aid Department assisted 11 Grossmont foster youth who were awarded \$100 gift cards. Foster youth student **Natasha Pol** received a new Dell laptop computer for her winning essay.
- ◆ **Cooke** said Griffin Radio students staffed an exhibit booth at the recent San Diego Blood Bank Chargers Blood Drive XXXIII. It was the station's 14th consecutive year at the Blood Drive.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said students from the Associated Student Government Emerging Leaders Program volunteered at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center in El Cajon on December 6, bringing holiday cheer to the residents by playing music and singing songs. The residents were very appreciative.
- ◆ The Communication Arts Building is featured on the cover of the East County edition of the Yellow Pages phone book.
- ◆ **Zacovic** said students participated in a variety of activities for Veterans Week, including a clothing drive, a Skype session with military forces in Afghanistan, and a presentation by the Veterans Village of San Diego.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the budget estimates just announced by the State are \$2.2 billion below the assumptions made in June. Tier 2 budget cuts are being triggered for community colleges, which were anticipated in the District's Adoption Budget. The District's budget also included a 4% revenue reduction (\$3.5 million), which will be partially used to fund the unrealized health benefit savings of \$500,000. **Rearic** said the State budget cuts will result in a reduction to the apportionment payment, a workload reduction, and a \$10 fee increase to students beginning with the Summer 2012 session.

District Services employees collected toys and gifts to support Grossmont and Cuyamaca EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKs students. Student **Joann Deromedi** spoke during public comment, thanking everyone for the holiday party. "I love the counselors, I love the people that help us out," she said.

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AFT representative **Michael Golden** said he is pleased with how collegial everyone has been this year, and noted and appreciated all the hard work done by the Board, administration, and staff.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Executive Cabinet is soliciting members to participate on its Development Committee. She said discussion and goal-setting has taken place regarding Classified Staff Appreciation Day. She thanked Chancellor **Miles** and the Board members who participated in the Mother Goose Parade. The Classified Senate Quarterly Award recipients will be considered for nomination for the State Chancellor's statewide Classified Employee Award.

CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** reported on a successful reclassification training session, and updated CSEA union position openings. The Political Action Committee Coordinator position is open and CSEA hopes to fill it this year.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said **Nancy Jennings** was nominated for a statewide Academic Senate diversity award for her leadership in diversity issues at the District.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** expressed concerns that workload reductions would mean fewer part-time faculty members. She said the colleges run smoothly in large part due to part-time faculty.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2012, in the Cuyamaca College Student Center. 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 2012 is posted online at: [2012 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Edwin Hiel, Debbie Justeson, Mary Kay Rosinski ◆ **Student Trustees:** Christopher Enders, Charles Taylor III
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ◆ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ◆ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.