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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Emeritus Status Conferred on Bill Bradley

Trustees voted unanimously to confer Emeritus status on retired Grossmont College Mathematics Professor, Department Chair and Dean **William (Bill) Bradley**, who joined the faculty in 1990. Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said **Bradley** brought technology to the Math Department, including graphing calculators and computers commonly used today. **Bradley** helped establish the Math Tutoring Center and provided the original design for the Technology Mall. **Bradley** worked with other faculty to develop the first campus wide committee on technology and also served as a member of the Academic Senate. Chancellor **Miles** and Board President **Garrett** congratulated **Bradley** and presented him with the emeritus award “for outstanding services, dedication, and leadership.”

Board Reports

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said the ASGC has fully funded an Osher Scholarship.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** congratulated **Bill Bradley** on being conferred emeritus status. She said she worked for **Bradley** when he served as a Dean and always felt very supported.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said he and **Justeson** attended workshops for new trustees in Sacramento, which helped him understand and put in perspective the role of the trustee.

President **Garrett** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Breakfast. He said it is always uplifting and important to see the impact that a relatively small amount of money makes on students. He thanked **Enders** and the ASGC for funding an Osher Scholarship.



Advocacy Efforts Pay Off for District

Board members and District students traveled to Sacramento in January and to Washington, D.C., in February to attend annual legislative conferences and advocate on behalf of the District.

The Washington delegation included Trustees **Greg Barr**, **Bill Garrett**, **Mary Kay Rosinski** and Student Trustees **Christopher Enders** and **Chuck Taylor**, Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, Government Relations consultant **Dana Quittner**, and student leaders from Cuyamaca College. The group met with our three Congressional representatives: **Duncan Hunter**, **Susan Davis**, and **Bob Filner**.

Rosinski said the main message to legislators was to save Pell Grants for the three million students that benefit from them. She said the stories the students told to the legislators were critically important.

Barr said some of the same things happening in Washington are also happening in Sacramento. He said the group did a great job making its case, and that the students were wonderful.

Garrett said there may be times “we wonder if we’re having any impact” with advocacy efforts. “But if we don’t tell our story, no one will believe the impact,” he said. **Garrett** said the students were extraordinarily well-spoken and told stories that hit the heart. He thanked Trustees **Barr**, **Justeson**, and **Hiel**, as well as Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** and Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** for being part of the Sacramento delegation.

Enders thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and participate.

Chancellor **Miles** said establishing relationships with legislators is going to make a difference. “We should never doubt that our voices matter... we need to keep the pressure on, it’s going to be a tough year.”

Board Actions

Closed Session

In closed session, by a vote of 5-0, the Board authorized the Chancellor to give notice of non-renewal to a tenure-track probationary faculty member.

Open Session

The Governing Board formally opened a public hearing to provide the community an opportunity to speak on the District's initial proposal for bargaining with CSEA Chapter 707, AFT Guild 1931, and the Administrators' Association. With no speakers, the hearing was closed. The Board then passed a motion, by a vote of 5-0, to approve the initial proposal authorizing the negotiating team to talk with the employee groups.

The Board also opened a hearing on an initial proposal from the Administrators' Association to provide for open discussion. With no speakers, the hearing was closed.

Trustee **Rosinski** asked about budget reductions to valuable student support programs, such as the Disabled Students Programs. Vice Chancellor **Rearic** said the cuts were unavoidable due to lowered final budget allocations.

Governing Board members passed a resolution, by a vote of 5-0, directing the Chancellor to work with staff and legal counsel to introduce legislation that would allow Governing Board elections to shift to district elections by 2012. Board members are currently elected in at-large elections. Board President **Bill Garrett** said the California Voting Rights Act passed in 2000 was recently ruled to be constitutional following a decade of court challenges, and it is likely the District will be required to change to district elections. Garrett said a candidate would be required to win 50.1% of the vote in a primary; if no one does, the top two candidates will go to a run-off general election. "I want to be ready for what I think it going to be required of us anyway," Garrett said.

The Governing Board approved all remaining items on the [agenda](#) by consent.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked everyone for a great kickoff to the spring term. She said the combined campus enrollment is larger than the undergraduate enrollment at both San Diego State University and UC San Diego. Chancellor **Miles** noted that students get to have positive learning experiences every day despite the challenges.

Chancellor **Miles** said the student success discussion prior to the board meeting focused on new student data from recent high school graduates, including attendance patterns and retention rates. She thanked Senior Dean, Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness **Jerry Buckley** and the members of the research and planning team for bringing the information to the district.

Miles acknowledged the work of the Strategic Planning and Budget Council, and Communications Specialist **Anne Krueger** for her work producing the District's *Report to the Community*.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic**, said budget workshops are being held across the District and she is visiting council meetings to talk about a variety of issues.

A Strategic Planning and Budget Council meeting was held February 7 with impressive attendance. **Rearic** says many people want to understand the budget and offered cost-saving suggestions. Fourteen budget reduction suggestions have been received.

Rearic reviewed the current budget projections with trustees, outlining three levels of possible apportionment reductions. This information will be posted to the employee intranet page and will be updated with the most current information.

Rearic reported that Chancellor **Jack Scott** issued a budget update. The good news is the lack of support for changing census dates and that community colleges won't be asked to increase enrollment in face of budget reductions.

District Services' "Fun Friday" event photos were shared with meeting attendees.

Staff Notes

Congratulations to **Kari Crawford**, Financial Aid Advisor, Cuyamaca College, and **Holly Phan**, Printing Supervisor, Grossmont College on their new assignments.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** said 37 students were awarded scholarships and 19 students each received a \$500 Osher scholarship at the annual Scholarship Breakfast on February 12.
- ◆ KBNT Univision will air a story on Monday, February 28, on the importance of early childhood education. A San Diego County Board of Education crew is producing a program on career training aimed at high school students.
- ◆ Theatre Arts students are touring 16 high schools over eight weeks to introduce students to acting.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** said 13 Golden Coyote Awards were presented in five categories recognizing 13 members of the faculty, staff, and administration for service "above and beyond" for the college.
- ◆ Automotive Technology Instructor **Jim Custeau** received the California Community College Association for Occupational Education *Excellence in Leadership* Award. He will receive the award in a March ceremony.
- ◆ The memory of Professor Emeritus **Kathy McWilliams** was honored in a rededication ceremony of the George Anderson Honor Court in the Student Center Plaza on January 18.

Auxiliary, Foundations Share Success

Trustees heard positive news from the District's Auxiliary and two college Foundation programs during annual reports to the board.

Auxiliary Director **Stan Schroeder** said the Auxiliary, which was founded nine years ago, raised \$8 million in 2010 and has raised \$38 million to date. **Schroeder** says the Auxiliary is undertaking development of a grant development system this year, working with key people throughout the District. This project will focus on addressing strategic priorities of the District that can be funded by grants.

Vicki Whitmire, Grossmont College Foundation president, reported that 49 program funds and 53 individual scholarship funds are managed through the Foundation. **Whitmire** says 29 Osher Scholarships are currently fully funded, with partial funding for six more.

Sharon Bullard, Cuyamaca College Foundation president, said investments are growing and support has increased. The foundation supports the college through mini-grants to faculty and staff and support of campus events. **Bullard** says 11 permanent Osher Scholarships are now funded, with a goal of 18 total scholarships.

Proposition R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report

Sharon Bullard followed with a second report as vice chair of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. She presented the Board with the CBOC's eighth annual report. All bond spending is on track with a \$42.6 million balance for remaining projects. **Bullard** says the program continues to receive clean audits, reflecting the District's sound fiscal administration, and has been recognized for several years by the San Diego County Taxpayers Association. **Bullard** thanked Gafcon Program/Senior Project Manager **Jim Davies** and staff for their continued support.

Public Comment

Water Conversation Garden employee **Heather Carlton** expressed concerns about changes to the Auxiliary Employee Handbook regarding holiday compensation on non-federal holidays. Board President **Garrett** said he would ask the Chancellor to review this situation.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** gave her first report to the board. She said that Grossmont College will have no problem being in compliance with new transfer degree requirements mandated by recent state legislation.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said Cuyamaca was also working on track with the transfer degree issue. **Wangler** discussed the pending statewide Board of Governors decision on cross-disciplinary prerequisite courses, which could help students get the proper preparation and move through programs more quickly and successfully.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said thanks to college, District, and fundraising support, five delegates will attend the Classified Staff Leadership Institute in June. **Miller** and **Pat Murray** will present a program on morale building through awards and recognition programs. **Miller** asked everyone to mark their calendars for Classified Staff Appreciation Day on April 18.

AFT president **Jim Mahler** expressed appreciation for the “sunshine” effort during the meeting, and “hopes for progress on the serious issues before us.”

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2011, in the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. 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 2011 is posted online at: [2011 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).