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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Warm Welcome for New President

New Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic** attended his first Governing Board meeting and received well-wishes and greetings from trustees, staff, and students.

Zacovic said he has been warmly welcomed during his first three weeks on campus. He singled out Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** for her advice and encouragement as he began his new role.

AFT representative **Alicia Munoz** said staff was happy to have **Zacovic's** leadership as Cuyamaca enters the accreditation process. Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said **Zacovic** met with Academic Senate officers and is very visible on campus.

Board Reports

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** for an entertaining moment during the farewell event for Cuyamaca College Interim President **Robert Garber**. Because **Garber** had assured **Rosinski** that parking lot cones would be removed, **Wangler** put **Garber** in a cart with him and ran down cones – all in good fun. She displayed her souvenir traffic delineator and said she can hardly wait until the real ones in front of the Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Center are removed following the road renovation. Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said he enjoyed the farewell event for **Garber**, as well.



Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** noted the District is doing a great job with its Facebook pages. He said there are lots of items students will benefit from knowing, and hopes more will find out about the pages.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said he attended a leadership retreat hosted by Barstow Community College.

President **Bill Garrett** reported that he went to Sacramento to testify before both the Senate Education and Election Committees on Senate Bill 684, formerly Senate Bill 680. The proposal to permit district elections for community college trustees has been so popular that the Community College League of California has combined it with other similar legislation and it will now apply statewide. **Garrett** said the bill is expected to be approved. **Garrett** said he also spoke at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce event—*An Evening with Your Elected Representatives*. Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, Presidents **Sunny Cooke** and **Mark Zacovic**, Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic**, and Communication Specialist **Anne Krueger** also attended.

Two former Grossmont College students now working at the Ion Theatre in Hillcrest will both attend UC Irvine in the fall. **Garrett** spoke with them after attending a play at the theater. One student said how important it was for him to attend Grossmont because he was not ready for a four-year college. "I'm pleased for the students and proud to be part of the District," **Garrett** said.

Board Actions

Trustees extended the terms of current Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members **Ron Oberndorfer** and **Emilie Zouhar** for a consecutive two-year term, and approved restructuring the Grossmont College Dean and District Services positions. By consent, the Governing Board unanimously approved all items on the [agenda](#).

From Closed Session

The Governing Board had no reportable actions during closed session. On announcing the Board completed an annual Chancellor evaluation, President **Bill Garrett** said members are very pleased with the direction she is taking the District and gave her guidance on moving the District forward. **Garrett** expressed appreciation for the Chancellor survey responses from Board Members and the internal and external community, which were discussed.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** congratulated both colleges for meeting and exceeding Osher Scholarship goals. Together over \$850,000 was raised, representing 82 scholarships between the two colleges. Each scholarship provides at least \$1,000 annually forever. The Chancellor recognized Foundation Executive Director for Development **Ernie Ewin** for his leadership, and said that many District employees contributed to the scholarship fund. **Miles** said only 31 community colleges in the state met their Osher Scholarship goals, with Grossmont and Cuyamaca being two of them.

The new Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca College had its first meeting last week. The successful Osher campaign shows how the combined effort can work and how it can be used in the future.

Chancellor **Miles** thanked Communications Specialist **Anne Krueger** for her efforts to move the District into the world of social networking, including the District Facebook page and live Twitter posts from the Alpine Chamber of Commerce event.

Maria Baeza Receives Quarterly Award

Maria Baeza, Grossmont College Student Affairs Secretary, received the Chancellor/Classified Senate Quarterly Award. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** described the conga line celebration that is part of the campus presentation as one of the best so far, winding from District Services through the library, past student government to the Student Affairs Office, picking up celebrants along the way.

Baeza's husband joined in to surprise his wife.

Baeza was nominated by her supervisor, Associate Dean Student Affairs **Agustin Albarran**.

Miles said of **Baeza**, "It's obvious that her contributions to the District are longstanding and very deeply felt by students and by her colleagues as well." Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said **Baeza** is "an absolute example of what classified staff at this District are all about. We are so proud to have her be the example for us and show us what we should strive to achieve ourselves." Vice President Student Services **John Colson**, speaking on behalf of **Albarran**, shared in the praise for **Baeza's** exemplary work and positive attitude, noting her patience, dedication, compassion, and resourcefulness in saving money.



Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Deborah Delaney**, Grossmont College Director of Nursing; **Ryan Shumaker**, Cuyamaca College Student Success Coordinator; and **Steve To**, Cuyamaca College Learning Technology and Resource Center Network Specialist II.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** called the state budget "grim," and discussed recommendations by the District Strategic Planning and Budget Council that take into account current funding cuts and also anticipate possible midyear cuts. The good news: about 100 fewer course sections will have to be cut than originally anticipated.

Police Chief **Joel Javines** and the Public Safety team received the first District Services "STAR" Award last week for keeping the campuses safe and hosting an excellent pirate-themed Fun Thursday event for District Services employees.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) will present a report at the August Board meeting and new members will be recommended for service on the CBOC.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** introduced Interim Deans **Cary Willard**, Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Exercise Science/Wellness and **Sheridan DeWolf**, Career Technical Education/Workforce Development.
- ◆ Twelve faculty and staff members attended a weeklong program with three other community college groups at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, New York, exploring ways to improve student success.
- ◆ **Cooke** reported on construction progress including the Student Center, Administrative Student Services building, and large lecture hall Room 220. Computerized irrigation management and drought tolerant landscaping has been installed, new gates have been placed at the front of campus, and roofing throughout the campus is being repaired.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** introduced **Lauren Weiner**, the new Associate Dean of Student Affairs; and **Ryan Shumaker**, new Student Services Coordinator. **Shumaker** is a Cuyamaca College alumnus who earned both a bachelor's and master's degree before returning to take on his new role.
- ◆ Geography Department Instructor **Suzanne Michel** continues her efforts to secure grant funding from the National Science Foundation to promote science research among middle and high school students for "The Tree Frog Project."
- ◆ **Zacovic** congratulated Art Department Chairperson **Marie Ramos** for winning an honorable mention in competition with a painting produced onsite in five hours at the San Diego County Fair.

Staff Reports

CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** said there is a "new liveliness and productivity moving forward" in relationships between CSEA and the current administration.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Classified Staff Development Committee hopes to team with the District and CSEA to offer a "True Colors" workshop to help understand personality types and how to work with others. **Corbin** reported the Classified Senate will begin reaching out to campus and student leaders to create a Mother Goose Parade entry this year. They will also determine ways to provide ongoing resources through a new year-round mentorship program that can partner with groups already providing this resource. The goal is to expand and help keep students grounded in college so they can succeed

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said both colleges sent faculty to the recent State Senate-sponsored Curriculum Institute in San Diego. He said a lot of information was provided, and that the senates will be busy working on curriculum this year. **Wangler** said an Honor Court ceremony will take place after Convocation at 4 p.m. on August 17 to celebrate the installation of engraved bricks honoring emeritus faculty members. The Cuyamaca College Foundation provided a grant to fund this project.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in the Griffin Gate, Building 65, Grossmont 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](#).