

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Board Reports

Trustee **Greg Barr** attended a recent AFT liaison meeting, saying it was enlightening to hear from the staff.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** expressed disappointment that a change for healthcare insurance did not go through as anticipated. Savings of \$500,000 were anticipated and **Rosinski** said she is concerned how the District will make-up the money. **Rosinski** asked the District to prepare a report with a plan to address the unmet savings.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the *Breaking Boundaries* student dance program, as well as the Academic Senate plenary reception.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** said she is proud of the District and all the programs it offers to the community including theatre, dance, music, and athletics. She said she appreciates all the work in putting together the performances, adding it is important to let the community know what the District has to offer. **Justeson** also attended the Academic Senate plenary.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** praised the recent Grossmont College 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and thanked everyone who attended the student dance program.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** attended a patriotic Veterans Day breakfast and endorsed Trustees **Garrett** and **Rosinski** in the upcoming election.

Board President **Bill Garrett** underscored the quality and diversity of programs the District provides. **Garrett** and Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** recently served as guest speakers at an El Cajon Rotary Club meeting.



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### Public Hearing Offers Changes to New District Boundaries Map

The District will be switching to trustee-area elections next year. **Justin Levitt**, a senior analyst with National Demographics Corp., presented a set of proposed district maps showing the five trustee areas. He showed some minor changes to the trustee area boundaries that were made after a Board workshop on October 18.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said the trustee area boundaries will be specified in a resolution adopted by the Board. No one spoke at a public hearing on the proposal. A second public hearing on the proposed maps will be held at the December 13 Board meeting, at which time the Board will vote on the plan.

## Board Actions

Governing Board members unanimously approved restructuring the Administrative Assistants group, thus creating new promotional opportunities.

Public speakers **Cheryl Houston**, CSEA President, and **Jan Recktenwald**, Classified staff member, thanked former Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** for her work on this project.

Director of Employee and Labor Relations **Tim Corcoran** received thanks for his leadership and, along with Human Resources and Labor Relations Specialist **Kim Widdes** for their professionalism in negotiating with classified staff.

## Other Actions

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

## Public Comment

**Jim Mahler**, President of AFT Local 1931, discussed creation of a proposal to succeed the current collective bargaining agreement with the District. He said the challenge was how to put a proposal together despite no economic resources. He said the resulting 122-page proposal streamlines and codifies existing practices, clarifies the wording, and removes outdated language.

**Mahler** said dramatic changes are proposed to articles covering the election procedures for chairs, the evaluation process, online teaching, and the process for assisting employees on catastrophic leave with donations of sick leave. New articles cover academic freedom, freedom of expression, the computer loan process, and job security for part-time faculty.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the District has done a lot of work to let the public know about the redistricting process through news releases, web links, an email newsletter, and Facebook and Twitter postings.

**Miles** said the District is moving forward with the Educational Master Plan process; participants are recognizing many needs, such as maintaining baseline technology, and increased career and technical training; and strategies are being formulated to seek out alternative funding, including the possibility of a new bond measure.

**Miles** said the District hosted representatives from the American Council on Education, who helped the District launch the "At Home in the World" initiative. The District was one of eight institutions of higher education – and the only community college – selected for the three-year project highlighting diversity and internationalization issues.

**Miles** commended the local leadership serving in the statewide Academic Senate, including statewide president **Beth Smith** from Grossmont College.

The District has its first digital community newsletter. The pilot distribution went to a mailing list of 800 people. Distribution will be expanded and responses will be tracked.

The County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency will fund a District proposal for vocational ESL classes for refugees. Chancellor **Miles** recognized Vice President of Instruction **Robin Steinback**, Acting Dean of Continuing Education **Jennifer Lewis**, President **Mark Zacovic**, and Communication Specialist **Anne Krueger** for their work on the project.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to **Roger Welt**, Interim Vice President of Student Services at Grossmont College.

Congratulations to **Sahar Abushaban**, Associate Vice Chancellor, District Business Services; **Victor DeVore**, Cuyamaca College Admissions and Records Supervisor; **Karen Kline**, District Services Account Technician; **Crystal Nguyen**, Grossmont College Printing Operations Specialist; and **Carrie-Ann Valdez**, Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Advisor, on their new assignments.

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said the college's 50th Anniversary event had a great turnout and spirit of celebration strengthened by student support. She thanked the new Foundation and Grossmont College employees for their good work.
- ◆ Grossmont College conducted an earthquake drill on October 20. Communications Instructor **Jim Papageorge** set up speakers to simulate the rumbling of an earthquake.
- ◆ **Cooke** said Grossmont is the only community college in the country participating in the Henrietta Lacks Project.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said the recent Chaldean Culture and Traditions Celebration was very popular and a wonderfully inclusive event.
- ◆ **Zacovic** said more than 6,000 students and parents attended the "Got Plans?" college workshop, sponsored by the Grossmont Union High School District and held on the Cuyamaca campus. Ninety colleges and universities from throughout the U.S. were represented.
- ◆ The San Diego Robotics Education Expo brought 350 people to the campus in the Expo's fourth year at Cuyamaca.

## Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the State Controller's Office shows the four-month year-to-date state deficit is already at \$1.5 billion. The state is expected to release updated estimates in mid-December. The District's Adoption Budget assumed a Tier-2 trigger (\$2 billion deficit in the state budget) and also anticipated an additional 4 percent revenue reduction of \$3.5 million. The District's six audits are nearing completion and will be presented to Governing Board members at the December meeting. District Services is assisting with implementation of new W-2 income tax reporting requirements for the 2012 calendar year. Open enrollment kicked off with an Employee Health and Benefits Fair on each campus. Open enrollment runs through December 9.

## Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Classified Staff Development Committee is being re-evaluated to increase effectiveness and incorporate efforts of the staff development committees on both campuses. Everyone is invited to a meet-and-greet session on Tuesday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Mother Goose Parade float is in the final stages of preparation for Sunday's parade.

CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** noted a recent staffing turnover in the District's public safety department. She reported that CSEA ratified three side letters with the District in the past week.

AFT representative **Gregg Robinson** said working on a proposal for the collective bargaining agreement was an eye-opening, educational experience. He expressed disappointment in a failure to reach agreement on a healthcare plan, and said AFT is committed to finding savings and getting the best healthcare benefits possible.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said actions taken at the recent state Senate plenary session focused on course repeatability and Student Success Task Force recommendations. Recommendations will be finalized and go to the Board of Governors for consideration in January.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** thanked those who attended the plenary session co-sponsored by the District. **Gonda** said the most valuable discussion for her focused on veterans' issues and the differences between veterans attending community colleges today versus veterans in the past; and that online learning best practices, guidelines, and resources were widely discussed.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 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 2011 is posted online at: [2011 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.