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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Board President **Bill Garrett** said he emerged energized after attending the Classified Senate Retreat luncheon, and appreciated the positive way people expressed concerns and worked through them.

Trustees **Greg Barr** and **Debbie Justeson** called the reception at the Water Conservation Garden welcoming Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic** “wonderful” and noted how many dignitaries, along with many of **Zacovic’s** longtime friends and colleagues, attended. President **Bill Garrett** said the Garden is a jewel of East County connected to the District, and thanked Ornamental Horticulture Program Coordinator **Brad Monroe** for helping to make it a success.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked Chancellor **Miles** for inviting her to attend a recent Culinary Arts dinner, and encouraged others to attend. **Rosinski** said she was happy to see progress toward removing the traffic cones from the Cuyamaca campus.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** discussed the ceremony honoring emeritus faculty members at Cuyamaca College and commented on the long-lasting impact faculty members have on the students they teach and mentor.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** invited everyone to the Grossmont College Dance Department show opening on October 20. **Enders** complimented the efforts of the Grossmont Gospel Choir, which has raised enough money to travel to New York for an appearance at Carnegie Hall.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** attended the Educational Master Plan student forum and was pleased to see students providing input.



Board Holds Workshop Session on District Elections

In order to comply with the California Voting Rights Act, the Governing Board trustees will be elected by district instead of at-large beginning in 2012. At a workshop session, Board members heard a presentation by **Justin Levitt**, a senior analyst with the National Demographics Corporation, about three possible plans for the new trustee districts. **Levitt** noted that about 90 percent of the District’s population of 464,850 lives west of Alpine. He reviewed the District’s demographics and the criteria for establishing trustee districts. Public hearings on the proposed districts will be held at the November and December Governing Board meetings, and the Board is expected to vote on a final trustee area map in December.

Public Comment

Trustees ratified travel to the regional Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Conference in Reno, Nevada, for three students and a counselor. PTK President **Tina Howell** thanked Board members for the opportunity, and reported that District PTK students performed well in debate and essay competitions. Grossmont College will co-host the regional conference with Southwestern College in 2012. The 2014 international conference will be held in San Jose, California.

Board Actions

The Governing Board approved the appointment of **Lauren Radice** to fill the Cuyamaca College student position on the *Proposition R* Citizens Bond Oversight Committee.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** requested details on change orders submitted for Board approval. Senior Director of Facilities, Planning, Development and Maintenance **Dale Switzer** reported on the details supporting each of the 11 change orders. After commending **Switzer** for a good and succinct explanation on each item, the Governing Board unanimously approved the change orders.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said he received the report he requested on short-term hourly assignments. Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources **Don Averill** said the request helped District Services to improve account coding and tracking for the positions, which will lead to ongoing improvements in monitoring and resource allocations. **Averill** said a midyear update will be provided to the Board.

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

From Closed Session

The Governing Board, by separate votes of 5-0, rejected a claim for damages filed by **Sylvester Jones**, and ratified a Mutual Separation Agreement with **John Colson**, Vice President of Student Services at Grossmont College.

John Thomas Honored with Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

John Thomas, Ornamental Horticulture Technician at Cuyamaca College, received the third quarter Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. Ornamental Horticulture Program Coordinator **Brad Monroe** nominated **Thomas** (along with District Services Account Technician **Barbara Hashiguchi**), calling him “important and valuable” for his organizational skills and positive attitude. Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the nomination painted a picture of an individual taking time to go “above and beyond.” Chancellor **Cindy Miles** made note that **Thomas**, who is also a student in the program, always carries out his work with a with a “beautiful spirit.”



Thomas volunteers on fundraising activities, conducts outreach to garden clubs and industry professionals, works tirelessly on events, and works with both of the department’s clubs, much of it on his own time. **Thomas** has secured numerous internships and scholarships for students during his five years with the department.

Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** complimented the work of IS Director **Brian Nath**, IS Instructional Design Technology Specialist **Debbie Smith**, and Communications Specialist **Anne Krueger** for their work on the District’s new website. She said the new design is a beautiful face forward for the District and the new event calendar will strengthen connections with the community.

Miles, along with Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**, Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic**, and Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic**, was involved in recent meetings at San Diego State University, including a discussion with new President **Elliot Hirshman** on improving transfer options for GCCCD students, and Vice President Academic Affairs **Ethan Singer** regarding SB 1440 degrees. SDSU’s doctoral program hosted a reception for the county’s new SDICCCA college presidents, **Mark Zacovic**, **Pamela Luster**, and **Elliot Hirshman**.

Miles commended the more than 200 faculty, staff, and administrators who supported the Osher Scholarship program. They are being thanked this week in special “cupcake events” at each college, sponsored by the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges (FGCC).

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said Assemblyman **Marty Block** (D-78th) gave his thoughts on California education and answered a wide range of questions about community colleges from students and faculty during a recent visit.
- ◆ One hundred percent of the students from Grossmont's Nursing Department passed recent licensure exams. The national pass rate is 78 percent.
- ◆ **Cooke** said students recently commemorated both Mexican Independence Day and Constitution Week with campus activities, including music and informational lectures.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said the semester's initial "First Year Experience" program events, including a Welcome Orientation and a kickball tournament, had excellent attendance.
- ◆ Ornamental Horticulture Instructor **Leah Rottke's** new book, *The Home Orchard Handbook*, was released in August 2011 by Quarry Books.
- ◆ **Zacovic** said CIS Instructor **Ted Chandler** participated in a National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) workshop sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Washington D.C. September 20–22.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** noted that Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** was away serving on an accreditation site visit. **Miles** introduced Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Don Averill**, who noted the District's new website and intranet site have been launched. He said District Services Leadership Council members enjoyed participating in the recent Educational Master Plan planning process.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said **Jeff Waller** is the new Chairman of the Curriculum Committee. **Gonda** said several representatives will attend state plenary sessions in San Diego during the first week of November.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate Vice President **Nancy Jennings** said she and AS President **Michael Wangler** will attend the state plenary sessions as well.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Development Committee is planning a True Colors Workshop. She thanked the College Accreditation Committees for including classified staff in the process. **Corbin** appreciated the meeting with Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** to learn more about the District's adoption budget. The organization's first newsletter is due out in November. Planning continues for the first joint districtwide participation in the upcoming Mother Goose Parade.

AFT representative **Michelle Tucker** said AFT is pleased to see the redistricting election plan moving forward, and said AFT and the San Diego Labor Council are endorsing Bill Garrett and Mary Kay Rosinski for re-election in 2012.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, November 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](#).

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employee **John Sorman**, District Services Database/Web Administrator.

Best wishes to **Gary Phillips**, Grossmont College English Instructor, who retires at the end of 2011; and **Debra Rider**, Grossmont College Bookseller, who retires next month.