

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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### Board Reports

Trustees enjoyed and praised the Cuyamaca College Convocation and thanked everyone involved in this successful event.

Board President **Bill Garrett** and Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Grossmont College Fall Scholarship Breakfast and were inspired by the large number of recipients, including 27 Osher Scholarship recipients. **Garrett** praised the financial aid staff for their work processing the large number of applications. He said the essay excerpts truly highlighted the importance of these awards for students.



Trustees **Bill Garrett**, **Greg Barr**, and **Mary Kay Rosinski** commended the presentation prior to the Board meeting by Cuyamaca College ESL Instructor **Alicia Muñoz**, Continuing Education faculty, and students on English as a Second Language programs and the District's immigrant population. Trustee **Debbie Justeson** said the presentation demonstrated the District's service to the community at large.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** thanked those people responsible for the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Program, offering students like him a chance to be admitted to the University of California, San Diego. **Enders** thanked District officials for managing the blackout situation so smoothly and calmly.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** attended the Career Fair hosted by Congressman Duncan D. Hunter, and had the chance to discuss fall enrollment, wait list numbers, and section cuts with him. **Taylor** said a meeting took place regarding concerns about the Coyote Grill. He said Sodexo has stepped up operations to meet students' needs, and the new campus Starbucks is the big talk among students.

President **Garrett** said despite cutbacks, many students have secured the classes they wanted, and 25,000 students are appreciative of the opportunity to go to school.

### Board Actions

#### Lean New District Budget Approved

Governing Board members adopted the District's 2011-2012 budget by a vote of 4-0 (Trustee **Edwin Hiel** was absent). Board President **Bill Garrett** said many people worked on the budget to make it come together. He noted the increased work and coordination throughout the District to make a budget happen, particularly during the last few years. Board members are cognizant and appreciative of what everyone is doing.

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said many people were involved in budget preparation, and thanked Interim Director Business Services **Sahar Abushaban**, Grossmont College Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood**, and Cuyamaca College Vice President Administrative Services **Arleen Satele**, as well as the Business Offices and departments throughout the District.

#### Other Actions

Trustees discussed Board Item 304 regarding contracts, and passed the measure 4-0 (Trustee **Hiel** was absent). The Governing Board unanimously approved all items remaining on the [agenda](#).

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** added her thanks and commendation to everyone who worked on the 2011-2012 budget. It represents another 11% cut, the fourth year in a row of massive cutbacks. **Miles** said the budget falls in line with our established patterns for being prudent and conservative and prepares the District for midyear cuts due to a State budget shortfall. She said everyone has done a remarkable job under the circumstances.

Chancellor **Miles** said it was exciting to see students back on campus after such a slim summer.

**Miles** said educational master planning forums will take place over the next few weeks, including student forums on each campus, a community forum on September 22, and a districtwide planning retreat on September 30.

Chancellor **Miles** commended everyone who dealt with the blackout, singling out college leaders, public safety, information technology, and communications. In preparation for future events, a debrief occurred at Chancellor's Cabinet to look at what went well and what can be improved.

## Distance Education Success Rates

Senior Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness **Jerry Buckley** presented the District's Distance Education Reports as required by the State. Over half of the students in distance education courses live within the District boundaries; 80-90% are continuing or returning students; 2/3 are transfer students; 2/3 are female; and the majority are under 24 years of age. **Buckley** said although there is generally a 10% difference in success rates between distance and traditional classroom courses, this difference disappears when taking into account only students who complete the courses. He added that as more students have taken distance education in recent years, their success and completion rates have gone up.

The full reports are available on the website at [www.gcccd.edu](http://www.gcccd.edu) under the [Distance Education Reports](#).

## Capital Construction Presentation

District Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development, and Maintenance **Dale Switzer** presented the District Capital Construction review including updates on the District's five master plans: technology, college facilities construction, energy conservation, facilities repair and renovation, and scheduled facilities maintenance. He highlighted the projects under construction at Grossmont College, the successfully completed projects at Cuyamaca College, and the many small maintenance and repair projects on both campuses, including technology upgrades. The State Facilities Construction Plan has been submitted to the State as required. All of the [plans](#) are posted online.

## Gafcon Construction Report

Gafcon Project Manager **Jim Davies** presented the semi-annual *Proposition R* construction report to the Governing Board. Construction on the Grossmont College Student and Administrative Services project is nearing completion, with the goal of opening the buildings for the Spring 2012 semester. As of June 2011, Griffin Gate was 41% completed. **Davies** presented a brief slide show with photos of all the completed projects at Cuyamaca College, along with numerous smaller campuswide projects.

The 2010-2011 Annual Labor Compliance Report reviewed contracts for 5 projects totaling \$66.5 million awarded. A small amount of penalties were assessed against the contractors, primarily for underpayment of wages. **Davies** told trustees a new State labor compliance monitoring law will take effect in early 2012, but will not affect the District's current projects.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Elizabeth Barrow**, Grossmont College Cardiovascular Technology Instructor; and **Diane Glow**, Interim Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services at Grossmont College. Congratulations to **Jeanine Carson** on her appointment as District Contracts Specialist, and to **Jennifer Lewis** on her appointment as Acting Dean, Continuing Education and Workforce Training, Cuyamaca College.

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said students took time to remember the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Students wrote sentiments on small cards which were tied to the branches of an olive tree. The olive tree was planted in a lawn area adjacent to Building 55.
- ◆ **Cooke** announced the Fall 2011 Week of Welcome (WOW!) was a tremendous success. Director of Student Activities Sara Glasgow led a group of 70 campus community members who participated and served more than 3,100 students during the first week of classes.
- ◆ **Cooke** said the Room 220 renovation is completed and it is now the most technically advanced facility on the Grossmont campus with state-of-the-art acoustics and audio-visual equipment. It seats 235 people in new seats with large writing tables.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said Cuyamaca College students worked with the Office of Senator **Joel Anderson** to create a memorial of 2,977 American flags on the Grand Lawn, one for each of the victims of 9/11. A moment of silence honored the victims on Monday.
- ◆ **Zacovic** thanked Grossmont College financial aid staff for stepping up to help Cuyamaca's financial aid team after some staff changes left them shorthanded at the beginning of the semester.
- ◆ **Zacovic** congratulated Vice President of Student Services **Julianna Barnes**, who was honored with the inaugural Ron Jacobs Outstanding Research Award at San Diego State University for her doctoral research.

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Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** thanked the District for communicating so quickly about the blackout. **Gonda** said Grossmont faculty members are enthusiastically coming forward to fill many committee positions. There is still a need for curriculum committee members.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said Cuyamaca has a new committee structure, and all major committees are up and running with great faculty participation. **Wangler** reported the sabbatical process for the 2012-13 academic year is moving forward. Workshops will introduce faculty to the process. The committee will convene later in the fall, forward recommendations to the Chancellor, and announce sabbaticals in the spring.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** volunteered for Welcome Week activities on both campuses and encouraged other classified employees to participate. **Corbin** is meeting with student groups at both campuses to secure participation in the Mother Goose Parade float effort. She said the Senate is looking forward to its upcoming retreat.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, October 18, 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](#).