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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Board President **Bill Garrett** announced that **Pat Murray**, Senior Health Science Technician at Grossmont College, received the State Chancellor's Office Community College Classified Senate Employee of the Year Award, that the Board unanimously endorsed. She will receive her award from the California Community College Board of Governors in Sacramento on May 8.



Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** expressed her sympathies to the family and friends of a student who passed away on campus, and complimented the campus police, El Cajon Police Department, facilities and maintenance staff and others who helped manage the response, giving special praise to Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** and Interim Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor **Kurt Brauer** for their caring responsiveness.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** enjoyed the ceremony at the Water Conservation Garden recognizing recently-tenured Cuyamaca College faculty.

Trustee **Greg Barr** attended an economic development workshop, calling it enlightening to see how cities work. **Barr** also attended a SDICCCA meeting and said there was much dire news about the state budget situation.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reported that student elections are taking place this week.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** offered words of advice to his successor as student trustee.

Praise Showered on Grossmont College 50th Anniversary Events

Board members and staff warmly complimented the Grossmont College 50th anniversary celebration. More than 3,500 visitors toured campus buildings and saw demonstrations by various departments of their projects, programs and services. Families with children of all ages had the opportunity to visit a college campus and see what it is like to be a student. Trustee **Garrett** said he would like to see more opportunities for the public to see the college campuses.

Grossmont College's birthday card was signed by 1,821 people, and the college hopes to receive verification of setting a Guinness World Record for most signatures on a birthday card. Public thanks went to everyone involved in making the weekend a success, with special praise to **Rick Griffin**, leader of the Open House Taskforce Committee, and the facilities team who kept the campus looking good.

Board Actions

Upon a motion from Trustee **Rosinski**, the Governing Board unanimously approved votes for eight candidates for election to the California Community Colleges Trustees Board: Angela Acosta-Salazar, Rio Hondo CCD; Deborah LeBlanc, Compton CCD; Manny Ontiveros, North Orange County CCD; Doug Otto, Long Beach CCD; Tina Park, Los Angeles CCD; Ann H. Ransford, Glendale CCD; Chris Stampolis, West Valley-Mission CCD; and Marcia Zableckis, Barstow CCD.

The Governing Board unanimously approved all items on the meeting agenda (<http://www.gccd.edu/governing-board/documents/dockets/2012/april/April2012Docket.pdf>).

Closed Session

The Governing Board, by votes of 5-0 each, permanently expelled a student; upheld a decision to send a letter of warning to a student; and expelled a student for three years.

Dave Steinmetz Recognized with Award

Dave Steinmetz, Instructional Media Services Coordinator at Grossmont College, received the 2012 first quarter Chancellor/Classified Senate Quarterly Award.

Nominator **Kerry Kilber**, Dean of Learning and Technology Resources, said **Steinmetz** helps make sure technology is working in the classroom and at meetings, and steps in when problems occur. **Kilber** said **Steinmetz** demonstrates his customer service attitude by forwarding his office number to his personal cell phone so he can be reached at any time. He has a positive and calm attitude, and spends hours working with faculty and staff to make sure their technology needs are met, **Kilber** said.



Proposition R CBOC Annual Report

Glenice Stainbrook, of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, submitted the CBOC's ninth annual report to the Governing Board. Stainbrook pointed out key milestones in the report, including \$41 million in contracts on *Prop R* projects awarded to East County contractors. **Stainbrook** reported nine consecutive years of clean audits, reflecting the committee's strong fiscal oversight.

Information Technology Report

Brian Nath, Director of Information Systems, presented an overview of the District's five-year Technology Plan. **Nath** says the plan emphasizes a cooperative approach, which supports the infrastructure itself, the educational systems, and the people who use them, applying technology to the needs of the college.

Among the anticipated initiatives: support to students and faculty including e-books, wireless/mobile tools, cloud-based service and student portals/social media. **Nath** said advisory committees review emerging technologies for possible adoption.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** praised employees throughout the District for providing educational opportunity to tens of thousands of students despite terrible budget challenges, noting there is much for which to give thanks.

Miles reported the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council participated in a day-long workshop to prioritize the vision, mission and goals regarding diversity.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said work is under way on a tentative budget. The budget will not include a four percent deficit, meaning there will be no cushion for any midyear budget cuts. The District continues to work on balancing the budget for next year, currently with a \$1.358 million remaining shortfall.

Rearic reported that the District has representatives on four redevelopment agency successor boards working to unravel revenue streams and transition spending back to the state.

Rearic said the District is pursuing upgrades in campus cell phone coverage by bringing new towers to the campuses. Verizon is interested in building a tower at Grossmont, and may help pay for transmission upgrades.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** congratulated honors students **Ralf Schuster, Daniel McKay, and Heather Roth** for receiving awards from the Honors Transfer Council of California. **Schuster** received the Director's Award, the top award given to California community college honor students.
- ◆ Congratulations went to Speech and Debate Team Advisor **Roxanne Tuscany**, and the team she took to the National Phi Rho Pi Speech/Debate tournament earlier in April. Six students competed against 58 community college teams and brought home 10 national awards.
- ◆ **Cooke** said a new report lists 39 degrees and 32 certificates at Grossmont College where more than half of the required courses can be taken online.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** recognized Cuyamaca College graduate **Jacqueline Luis**, who received the Latino Community Champions Award for taking an active role in the community.
- ◆ The Cuyamaca College First Year Experience (FYE) program prevailed in a head-to-head match against the Grossmont College FYE program in the 1st Intra-District Kickball Extravaganza on Friday, March 23. The participants enjoyed a fun and festive environment including music, barbeque and conversation.
- ◆ **Zacovic** invited everyone to attend the popular Spring Garden Festival on Saturday, April 28.

Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said Classified Staff Appreciation Day was enjoyable and that it was important for employees to invest in themselves. She thanked the District for supporting the effort.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said the Academic Senate is working on a revised integrated planning model for the college. **Wangler** and **Sue Gonda** will attend the spring state Academic Senate plenary this month.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Gonda** reported on a new oral history project on video by two part-time history instructors that will have numerous uses in helping promote the college.

AFT representative **Mary Rider** said members are disappointed the Millionaires' Tax Initiative did not move forward, but they will support the compromise tax measure and are helping collect petition signatures to get it on the November ballot. **Rider** appreciated seeing the code of conduct board policy and said in tough budget times, it is more important than ever to maintain civility.

CSEA president **Cheryl Houston** said the organization is also helping circulate petitions for the compromise tax measure. She announced delegates for the upcoming statewide conference.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2012, in the Cuyamaca College Student Center. 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 2012 is posted online at: <http://www.gcccd.edu/governing-board/documents/other/2012-GB-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>

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.