

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Board Reports

Trustee **Bill Garrett** participated in Constitution Day activities at Grossmont College, and lauded the Grossmont Theatre Arts production of “My Three Angels.”

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended a reception hosted by the group “Run Women Run,” which recruits and mentors female candidates for public office.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** enjoyed the “We The People” event at Grossmont College and said he learned a lot from attending.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** reported on numerous campus events sponsored by student organizations, culminating in the free Finals Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 12. **Alyasini** said a group of students will be caroling at the Good Samaritan Retirement Center.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** reported on ASGC activities at Grossmont College. She said Grossmont and Cuyamaca students will be participating in the March in March event on March 4, 2013, at the capitol. “Students have an incredibly powerful voice,” **Elliot** said.



Board Actions

New Board Officers Elected for 2013

The Governing Board unanimously approved new board officers for 2013: **Bill Garrett** for president, **Edwin Hiel** for vice president, and **Debbie Justeson** for clerk.

From Closed Session

The Board voted 5-0 to uphold the recommendation of the Cuyamaca College president to terminate a classified employee. The Board voted 4-0-1 not to renew the employment contract of an academic administrator.



Other Actions

Revisions were distributed to docket items 204, 205, and 305. Under separate votes, the Governing Board approved all items on the [meeting agenda](#).

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Garrett, Rosinski Sworn in for New Term



Following their successful reelections, Trustees **Garrett** and **Rosinski** took their oaths of office for new four-year terms on the Governing Board.



Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked CSEA president **Cheryl Houston** for her years as a fair and good advocate, with a keen sense of seeing both sides of an issue. • **Miles** noted upcoming retirements of District employees, including **Alba Orr**, Business Communication Services Supervisor, who is retiring after 46 years at Grossmont College. She commended **Stan Schroeder**, also retiring this month, for his leadership as the founding director of the District's Auxiliary organization, and leading it in bringing more than \$55 million to the District in the past 10 years.

Reports to the Board

District Achieves Audit Excellence

The tenth straight year of clean audits were presented to the Governing Board by the independent accounting firm Christy White Associates, for the District's general fund, Auxiliary, Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement (PEAR) Plan, and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges. The District's Proposition R construction funds also received a clean audit from the firm of Vicenti Lloyd & Stutzman LLP. Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said employees across the District are to be commended for another successful year resulting in the unqualified opinions with no audit findings. **Rearic** pointed out that this was the first audit for the District's new foundation. The audit reports are available on the District's website under the [Governing Board docket](#).

SB 1440 Student Transfers Report

Cuyamaca College Vice President of Instruction **Robin Steinback** presented a progress report on efforts by the District to comply with SB 1440 that requires community colleges and the CSU system to guarantee transfers for students earning specific associate degrees. Each community college is required to look at its curriculum to determine which transfer degrees can be offered. **Steinback** said the California State University system is working with community colleges to ensure students can transfer seamlessly. "What we care about is the success of our students. We want them to get their degree and move on to the CSU system," she said. Grossmont College Student Trustee **Elliot** said this issue is very important to students across the state, and she is thrilled to see the progress being made.

Course, Certificate, and Degree Changes for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014

Curriculum Committee chairpersons **Pat Setzer** of Cuyamaca College and **Jeff Waller** of Grossmont College reported on curriculum updates, including new degrees being brought forward for transfer and three accelerated basic skills courses which will be offered as pilot courses to collect data. Additional courses have been revised or updated; other changes include keeping course outlines up to date. Trustee **Hiel** said he was excited to see the accelerated English as a Second Language course and he looks forward to good outcomes.

Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** said the campus community recently held an "Accreditation Self-Study Read-In," spending time reviewing the latest draft of the college's accreditation self-study. ♦ Two 2012 Respiratory Therapy graduates appeared on the November cover of *AARC Times*, a national magazine published by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC). **Angela Rizzuto** and **Arun Routledge** were featured for their participation in a national public health campaign designed to screen millions of people who may be at risk for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. ♦ Students with Griffin Radio manned their own exhibit booth at the San Diego Blood Bank's Chargers Blood Drive on November 20. It was Griffin Radio's 14th consecutive year to appear at the Chargers Blood Drive.



President **Mark Zacovic** said the Cuyamaca College Women's Soccer Team will compete in the first round of Pacific Coast Conference Regional post-season competition for the first time. ♦ **Zacovic** congratulated **Tony Zambelli** as the recipient of the 2012 Adam's Apple Award, the California Council on Economic Education's highest award for outstanding dedication to teaching economics. **Zambelli** accepted the award at the California Association of School Economics Teachers Conference on October 26. ♦ Cuyamaca's State of the College Address is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, at 10:30 a.m. The Heritage of the Americas Museum will also host a 20th anniversary celebration that day.

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Rearic** reported on meetings of the districtwide task force on Phase 2 of the Facilities Master Plan, including plans for landscape, sustainability, and technology. Site task force meetings are planned for December 12 and January 16; a sustainability task force meeting is scheduled for December 17. ♦ **Rearic** said the 2012-13 principal apportionment (P1) expected in mid-February 2013 will provide the District an update on the 2012-13 budget, with a fuller picture on next year's budget with the second principal apportionment (P2) in June. ♦ District Services employees collected toys and gifts that were delivered to student events at both colleges to benefit EOPS, CARE, and CalWORKS students.

Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** welcomed new classified employees to the District. She thanked CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** for her leadership. ♦ Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** discussed the work of the District's Textbook Task Force with the federal General Accounting Office. **Wangler** said the GAO was impressed with the recommendations by faculty and staff and the options presented to students. ♦ AFT representative **Jim Mahler** said he hoped the District would follow up on discussions about workloads in District Services.

Staff Notes

The District welcomes new employees **Catherine Fritz**, Student Services Assistant, **Virginia Gomez**, Instructional Lab Assistant, **Donna Marques**, Spanish Instructor, and **Heriberto Vasquez**, Student Services Specialist, at Cuyamaca College; **Cynthia Dionne**, Child Development Center Coordinator, **Janice Fischer**, Office Administration Lab Technician, and **Nathan Schaufler**, Computer Lab Technician, at Grossmont College; and Senior Programmer Analysts **Allah Lulykin** and **Arthur Reyes** at District Services. Congratulations to **Rochelle Weiser** on her new position as Administrative Assistant at Grossmont College.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at the Cuyamaca College Student Center. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5:00 p.m. The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2013 is posted online at [2013 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:** Mohammed Alyasini, Samantha Elliot
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.