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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Board Reports

Governing Board Vice President **Mary Kay Rosinski** presided over the meeting in the absence of President **Bill Garrett**. **Rosinski** commended Trustee **Greg Barr** and his wife, **Marlene**, on their great job performing in the Reader's Theater at Grossmont College.



Trustee **Edwin Hiel** was part of the District's delegation to the Community College League of California Legislative Conference in Sacramento. He also attended a dinner for San Diego and Imperial County community college trustees, which featured a guest speaker from the CalVet Program who discussed community colleges as a key partner in helping veterans reintegrate into society.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** enjoyed touring the new buildings at Grossmont College, noting the new veterans area in the Administration building. **Justeson** reported on the Education Master Plan meeting, urging everyone at the District and both campuses to help implement the plan to its fullest extent. **Justeson** congratulated Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** for receiving the C. Allen Paul Award from the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce for connecting the education and business communities.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** also attended the legislative conference in Sacramento, met with elected officials, and toured the state capitol.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** thanked those who assisted him with his transfer challenges.

Educational Master Plan Presentation

Educational Master Plan Steering Committee members and leaders across the District met with Governing Board Members for a presentation regarding the new Educational Master Plan, a long-range, comprehensive document that will serve as the District's blueprint over the next decade. The [Educational Master Plan](#) is posted on the District website under "About Us." During her Board report, Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked everyone involved in the presentation, saying she was looking forward to how the Educational Master Plan weaves into the District's Strategic Plan.

Board Actions

Governing Board members approved the appointment of Cuyamaca College student **Mohammed Alyasini** as a member of the *Proposition R* Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee; the nomination of **Pat Murray** for the statewide Community College Classified Employee of the Year Award; and eight requests for sabbatical leave. Trustee **Greg Barr** commended the sabbatical process, noting the sabbaticals submitted for Governing Board approval are all adding to the curriculum and enriching the lives of students in the classroom. With the exception of one listing on the *501 Personnel Actions*, the Governing Board unanimously approved all items on the meeting [agenda](#).

Closed Session

The Governing Board, by votes of 4-0 (Trustee **Garrett** absent) each, ratified a settlement agreement and mutual release of Sandra Moreland; gave authority to the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to execute a settlement agreement with Bank of America and Morgan Stanley; and accepted the recommendation of a five-day suspension of a classified employee.

Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's Reports

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported that Chancellor **Cindy Miles** was ill and unable to attend the Governing Board meeting.

Rearic recognized **Dale Switzer**, Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development, and Maintenance, for his leadership on the District's facilities projects, including all those funded by *Proposition R*. **Rearic** said a recognition event will be planned at the conclusion of the *Proposition R* construction projects.

Rearic reported that the District will have an additional shortfall of \$2.8 million from the state on top of the \$6.3 million midyear cut. **Rearic** said the District will continue to get updates, calling it a "rough time" with "one of the deepest cuts ever." While the District has funds set aside to help this year, little money is available to carry-over for next year's budget. The Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council is working to come up with solutions.

Staff Notes

Welcome to **Adam Andrews**, Instructional Media Services Technician, Cuyamaca College; **Joshua Heuft**, Public Safety Dispatcher, District Services; **Zahra Naseem** and **Allison Whitmore**, Child Development Center Assistants (Senior), Grossmont College; and **Robin Sepulveda**, Child Development/Family Studies Instructor, Grossmont College.

Congratulations to **Anne Krueger** on her new assignment as Communications and Public Information Director, District Services.

Annual Report and Economic Impact Report Now Online

Communications and Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** presented an overview of the District's newly released [Annual Report](#) and [Economic Impact Report](#). The Annual Report is designed to be a compact, easy-to-read document. Although printed copies are available, it is being offered online, which allows web links to additional information. **Krueger** showed a testimonial video from Cuyamaca College graduate **Amanda Simpson**. **Krueger** said the Economic Impact Report was conducted by an independent firm to gauge how the District contributed to the East County economy. The report findings show how the District is an economic benefit to students and East County, with a total economic impact of \$477.5 million annually. Both reports are on the District's website under "About Us."

Gafcon Report: *Proposition R* Effort Coming to a Close

Work is wrapping up on the *Proposition R* construction projects, Gafcon Project Manager **Jim Davies** said in the semi-annual construction report to the Governing Board. At Grossmont College, the Student Services and Administration Building is completed, and Griffin Center is finished except for hardscaping and landscaping. The Modular Village will be removed, recovering about 270 parking spaces for use. **Davies** says the *Proposition R* projects between January 2006 and November 2011 resulted in \$41 million in awards to local contractors, which is 36 percent of the \$115 million total contracts awarded.

Foundation and Auxiliary Share Activity Reports

Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges Co-Chair **Vicki Whitmire** presented the first report since the new merged foundation was incorporated in June 2011. The foundation built upon the success of the Osher Scholarship Campaign, and has scheduled a board retreat on March 1 to plan for the future. **Stan Schroeder**, Director of the District Auxiliary, said the organization has raised and awarded \$45 million since it began 10 years ago. The auxiliary raised \$7.5 million last year, helped the new foundation launch, and became the fiscal agent for Water Conservation Garden employees.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** welcomed everyone to the new Griffin Gate, saying the Griffin Center and Student and Administrative Services Buildings had been worth the 18-month wait. A formal grand opening is scheduled April 13 and 14 in conjunction with a campus-wide Community Open House.
- ◆ Grossmont College hosted a "Sweethearts Reception" on Valentines Day, and produced a [video](#) featuring some of the many guests who attended. Marriages celebrated ranged from two months to 48 years.
- ◆ **Cooke** congratulated Culinary Arts Instructor **Joe Orate** for being named Chef Educator of the Year by the San Diego Chefs Association.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** presented a [video](#) produced by the San Diego County Sherriff's Department depicting a recent law enforcement drill on campus in which personnel trained in techniques dealing with a gunman on the campus.
- ◆ The ASGCC sponsored several events at the start of the spring semester, including a "Meet & Greet" to inform students on how to become involved in student government and campus-wide committees.
- ◆ Phi Theta Kappa President **Viviana Vasiu** was awarded the Phi Theta Kappa scholarship and also selected for the All-California Academic Team. She is a paralegal studies major with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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Classified Senate president **Wendy Corbin** thanked the Governing Board for endorsing the nomination of **Pat Murray** as the District's candidate for the statewide Community College Classified Employee of the Year Award, calling **Murray** a mentor and a leader.

Cuyamaca College Academic President **Sue Gonda** added her congratulations to **Murray**, saying there is no harder worker.

AFT representative **Jim Mahler** said the organization is working on a new statewide "millionaires' tax" proposal.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, March 20, 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: [2012 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.