

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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### Board Reports

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** and Trustee **Greg Barr** both praised the Grossmont College theater production “The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” calling it one of the best plays ever produced by the department. **Garrett** said guests that attended with him were inspired to start contributing to the theater program.



Trustee **Debbie Justeson** offered condolences to the family of adjunct math faculty member **Oscar Larios**.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** served as an accreditation team member for a Los Angeles community college. He said he gained a lot of confidence about the way our District is on top or and preparing for accreditation.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked Tim Garfield for the workshop on conflicts of interest law.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said he received his acceptance letter from UCSD, and thanked everyone who helped him make the transfer. He said political science professor **Joseph Braunwarth** inspired him to strive for goals he did not think were possible, and added that faculty and staff at the District support the hopes and dreams of many people who don't think they have a chance.

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### Educational Master Plan Passes

The Governing Board approved the District's 2012 Educational Master Plan (EMP), a long-range, comprehensive document that will serve as the District's blueprint for the next decade. The EMP is intended to guide institutional and program development at both the college and district levels. Numerous people throughout the District worked together to establish priorities to guide decisions about growth, development, resource allocation, and alignment with the five strategic areas of focus established by the Governing Board.

Board President **Bill Garrett** and Chancellor **Miles** thanked the EMP Steering Committee and the many faculty, staff, administrators, students, and community members for their work on the document, which will help focus the District's direction.

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### New Water Conservation Garden Agreement Approved

**Richard Wright**, president of the Water Conservation Garden Governing Board, and **John Bolthouse**, new executive director at the Garden, thanked the Board, administration, and faculty for their support of the Water Conservation Garden. **Bolthouse** thanked Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for her advocacy, and said he is looking forward to partnering with the District in the future.

By a 5-0 vote, trustees approved an expansion of the Garden by .16 acres at its northwest entrance and another .15 acres to house a modular building that will be used for classes and office space.

## Board Actions

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

### Closed Session Announcement

The Governing Board, by a 5-0 vote, officially recognized the Fraternal Order of Police CCD-POA, Lodge 56, as the exclusive representative for the classified Public Safety officers.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the state budget is the “big dark cloud” hanging over the District. She said student trustees Enders and Taylor remind everyone of the motivation for the District to push through tough times. **Miles** thanked everyone who participates on the District Strategic Planning and Budget Council for leading through difficult decisions.

Another 477 sections must be cut on top of the 1,600 eliminated in the past three years, creating a burden on part-time faculty and students trying to get through a course of study.

Chancellor **Miles** said the District must now go to employee groups to come up with solutions, and urged everyone to hold together, to work as partners, to remember our students, and to believe that with strong Board leadership the District will get through the budget crisis.

**Miles** said a bond feasibility survey of 600 potential voters showed between 57 and 61 percent positive support for a capital bond program. The District will continue to explore whether a measure is possible.

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said Grossmont College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House will be held April 13 and 14. The event is being funded by private donations.
- ◆ The World Arts and Culture Club held a Chinese New Year Celebration, including a traditional dragon dance.
- ◆ **Cooke** said a visiting group of physicians and health educators from Japan was so impressed by Grossmont's nursing simulation lab that the group would like to model a lab in Japan after Grossmont's facility.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said student leaders participated in the “March in March” in Sacramento. The students attended a rally and met with legislators and other state officials.
- ◆ Cuyamaca College student **Viviana Vasiu** was awarded a statewide Phi Theta Kappa scholarship, and was named one of the top twenty community college students in California.
- ◆ A moment of silence honored the memory of Economics and Real Estate Instructor **Lowell Knapp**, who recently passed away.

## Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the District had prepared in its budget for the \$6.3 million midyear cut, but it also took a second cut of \$2.8 million because of a shortfall in student fees and taxes. **Rearic** said the District had to use savings to cover the shortfall, and the District will face more cuts if the tax initiative does not pass in November. The District's 2012-13 budget will be built assuming that the tax measure does not pass, which would mean another workload reduction. **Rearic** said over the past four years, state funding cuts and lost revenue total more than \$35 million.

## Staff Reports

Classified Senate president **Wendy Corbin** distributed invitations to Classified Senate Appreciation Day and invited everyone to attend. **Corbin** also distributed a schedule of workshops, including an April 20 program on wellness and nutrition.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** discussed an ongoing CCSSE campus survey of students and faculty designed to measure student engagement, behaviors that encourage or discourage engagement, and what obstacles might exist. **Gonda** said the Academic Senate is exploring whether to re-establish a College Hour, a block of time where no classes are held so students can hold club meetings and have access to instructors outside class.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** announced the results of new officer elections. **Wangler** will serve a third two-year term as President; **Alicia Munoz** will serve as Vice President; and **Jesus Miranda**, was elected Officer-At-Large. An election will take place next month to fill the part-time Officer-At-Large position. A reception for the 22 faculty members newly tenured over the past four years will be held on Thursday, April 12, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Water Conservation Garden.

AFT representative **Lauren Halsted** said the “Millionaires Tax” backed by the guild has been merged with Governor Jerry Brown’s tax measure. **Halsted** says AFT will work to pass some kind of initiative to bring in new funding, but was not optimistic about passing a sales tax measure.

CSEA representative **Jan Recktenwald** said the District’s chapter was selected for a job shadowing program, one of only ten chapters throughout California and the only community college chapter of CSEA to be chosen. Trustees and administrators will shadow a classified employee on the job for an hour or so.

**Mark Rensink**, representative for the new Fraternal Order of Police CCD-POA, Lodge 56 bargaining unit, said he looks forward to a collegial working relationship. He thanked CSEA for its support over the past years.

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## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2012, in the Grossmont College Griffin Gate. 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](#).