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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Trustees attended convocation ceremonies for faculty and staff on both campuses. They complimented organizers and commented on the high energy level, calling them fun and informative. Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said the events showed a lot of caring, family and support.

Governing Board members discussed the presentation prior to the board meeting on the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council and site committees. Trustees complimented the efforts being made on both campuses and at the District, including workshops offered for faculty, staff, and students. President **Bill Garrett** called the presentation an “eye-opening experience.” **Garrett** requested that a DEI activities calendar be available so board members can attend.

Hiel called community colleges the front line for equity, and said community colleges have led the effort to become more diverse and culturally competent. Board member **Debbie Justeson** said it is important to share this effort with students. Trustee **Greg Barr** said he was taken aback by the extent of work the DEI Council and committees have done.



And a bamboo for you...



*From left: Student trustees **Marcus** and **Hernandez** and Grossmont College student government leaders **Esau Cortez** and **Zack Gianino** presented **Miles** with a lucky bamboo plant in honor of her recent CEO award from the Association of Community College Trustees.*

Board member **Mary Kay Rosinski** congratulated Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for being honored by the Association of Community College Trustees as the top CEO among two-year colleges in the nine Pacific region states.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** reported on Welcome Week activities on campus. She said many students were interested in the San Diego Sheriff's Department booth. Hernandez said next week's Diversity Dialogue will focus on the Chaldean culture.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Peg Marcus** discussed Welcome Week activities at Grossmont College. She said many students are interested in student government activities this year.

Hernandez and **Marcus** attended the Community College League of California Student Trustees workshop in Anaheim. **Hernandez** was elected secretary of the California Community College Association of Student Trustees.

Board Actions

All [agenda items](#) were approved by the Governing Board via consent.

Prop V Management Preparation Underway

Proposition V program manager **Katy Wright** from Gafcon Inc. presented a brief update regarding the early steps in managing and planning the program. Wright said the major goals include clear accountability, building on the success of Proposition R projects; implementing the best industry standards for program management; a clear and traceable program budget; measured performance; outreach to local businesses; and good internal and external communication.

Wright displayed the Prop. V dashboards that will be available online to offer varying levels of detail regarding the program as desired by the user.

Wright reported that detailed program estimates are now being generated for every project identified in the Facilities Master Plan. Based on these estimates, Gafcon will produce forecasts over the 20-year life of the bond. Gafcon is also working on a program management plan, a communication plan, and a plan for small business outreach. The bond website is being updated and improved. Three new Citizens Bond Oversight Committee members are being recruited.

Current activities include infrastructure master planning, an Environmental Impact Report update, architect Requests for Qualification, a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee handbook update, and a Project Fact Sheet.

From Closed Session

The Governing Board unanimously voted in favor of settlement agreements with the Fraternal Order of Police and CSEA Chapter 70 regarding the impact of the District’s decision to contract with the San Diego Sheriff’s Department for law enforcement services.

Presidents’ Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** reported on “Week of Welcome” (WOW) activities at Grossmont College. Information tables were staffed at strategic points on campus to direct students and supply maps and information. Academic departments and campus clubs had displays and information in the Main Quad. A special “get-acquainted” meeting allowed everyone to meet Grossmont’s new team of sheriff’s deputies. The new Campus and Parking Service (CAPS) specialists assisted students in numerous ways.



Chris Hill was honored as Grossmont’s Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year. **Hill** received a standing ovation from her colleagues when her name was announced at convocation by Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda**. The selection is based on her outstanding skills in teaching, contributions to her academic discipline, being active and involved in campus affairs, and community involvement as a representative of the college.



Grossmont College Classified Staff held its convocation Aug. 1. Topics included wellness, accreditation, and student success. Guest speaker was **Mary Carouba**, co-author of *Women at Ground Zero*, about the experiences of female first-responders at the World Trade Center.



President **Mark Zacovic** reported on convocation at Cuyamaca College. A highlight of the morning was the unveiling of the new mural “The Cuyamaca Way” in the Student Center. It was created by Art Department students, supported by Professor **Marie Ramos** and Adjunct Instructor **Omar Montano**.



Grounds Supervisor **John Heimaster** was recognized at convocation for his 35 years of service to the District.



The intergenerational garden now has an irrigation system, split rail fence and garden boxes installed by community volunteers. Pumpkin Hill is now growing more than 100 plants that should produce pumpkins for the children for Halloween. More than \$40,000 in time and materials have been contributed so far. Supervisor **Dianne Jacob** will be participating in a dedication ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 27.



President’s Awards were presented to six employees. They are Academic Senate President and ESL Instructor **Alicia Muñoz**; Math Instructor **Tammi Marshall**; Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs **Ryan Shumaker**; Admissions and Records Supervisor **Victor DeVore**; Mail Processor **Frank Sundstrom**, and Multi-Media Assistant Technician **Maria Gearhart**.

Human Resources Report

Tim Corcoran, Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources, thanked **Rocky Rose** of CSEA, **Michael Copenhaver** of the Administrators Association, and the former Fraternal Order of Police leadership for their collaboration on the transition of law enforcement services.

Corcoran says a new process is underway regarding temporary, hourly, short-term, and student workers.

Corcoran expressed pride in the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council and site committees.

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said District leaders watched online on Aug. 14 as the District offered \$80 million in new Prop. V bonds and \$5.4 million in Prop. R refunding bonds. Attendees were able to watch the markets' response to the bond offering. Rearic said Prop. V funds will be in District accounts on Aug. 27.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department began law enforcement services at the District on Aug. 16. **Rearic** said the personnel have been visiting and surveying all of the District and campus facilities. Sgt. **Victor Perry** heads the department, along with seven onsite deputies who will serve both campuses. The deputies are **Dean Allen, Aaron Bailey, Omri Goren, Jerry Jimenez, Mark Kelley, Felix Santiesteban and David Williams**.

District Services managers and supervisors gathered at the Cuyamaca Student Center on Aug. 9 for a workshop. The group was presented updates on critical issues from the priorities developed at last year's workshop. In addition, the District Services Leadership Council (DSL) held a planning retreat on July 30 to evaluate strategic planning processes, analyze progress made on last year's plan, and to continue planning for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years.

Rearic announced the Adoption Budget includes the first Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) in five years. It is an increase to state-funded components applicable to COLA. The COLA increase is calculated at 1.57% of total revenue, approximately \$1.3 million to the District budget.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said it has been an incredible start of the semester, calling it the smoothest, most positive, most engaged, most effective launch of a term in the 4 ½ years she has been chancellor. **Miles** complimented the student leadership team.

Miles introduced **John Valencia**, the new Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communications. She said **Valencia** will help the District cement its work with the Foundation, Auxiliary, and Communications Department to produce better revenues and support.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** reported that outstanding faculty awards were presented to **Kathryn Nette**, department chair and biology instructor; **Donna Riley**, exercise science instructor, and **Kelley Nielsen**, American Sign Language instructor. They were each nominated and recognized as faculty members who have distinguished themselves in service to the college and its students in and outside of the classroom.

AFT representative **June Yang** expressed AFT's appreciation to the Board on the resource allocation formula and adjunct faculty health care discussions.

Classified Senate representative **Avelina Mitchell** invited board members to the Classified Senate retreat on Sept. 20.

Staff Notes

District Services welcomes **Eileen Haddad**, research analyst; **Marsha Edwards**, vice chancellor, human resources; and **John Valencia**, associate vice chancellor, advancement and communications.

Cuyamaca College welcomes **Mark Koenes**, grounds maintenance worker, senior; and **Courtney Williams**, counseling services supervisor. Grossmont College welcomes **Michael Stewart**, administration of justice instructor.

Congratulations to **Tim Corcoran**, who will be returning to serve in his previous position as associate vice chancellor, human resources. Congratulations to **Robert Weisgerber**, senior custodian at Cuyamaca College, on his new assignment.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5 p.m. NOTE: This is a date change to the second Tuesday of the month.

Public Comment

Evelyn Hogan, parent of a new Grossmont College student, thanked board members for voting several years ago for a smoke-free district and campuses. Hogan said her son is a severe asthmatic who is benefitting greatly from this decision. The District was just the second in the county to make the decision at the time.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Edwin Hiel, Debbie Justeson, Mary Kay Rosinski ♦ **Student Trustees:** Elsa Hernandez, Peg Marcus
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.