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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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The Board meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of those affected by the bombings in Boston on April 15.

Board Reports

Board President **Bill Garrett** thanked everyone for the tour of the Grossmont College Student Services and Administration Building, and all those who worked on the Emergency Preparedness Board Workshop. He encouraged everyone to view the Active Shooter video. ♦ **Garrett** said he and Chancellor **Cindy Miles** will be leading a discussion at SDICCCA on District efforts to align curriculum with the high schools. ♦ Trustees **Edwin Hiel** and **Debbie Justeson** attended Classified Staff Employee Appreciation Day and complimented the program sessions and speaker.

Justeson enjoyed attending the event, and pointed out that classified staff are often the first people students encounter and get impressions about the colleges from them. The trustees thanked classified staff for the roles they play. ♦ **Hiel** attended the recent production of "The Odyssey" at Grossmont College, and said he was very impressed by the play and enjoyed the night. ♦ **Barr** attended and praised the Grossmont College Theatre Arts fundraiser performances of "Judevine: A Solo" and "Stories that Come to Mime." **Barr** and Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** reviewed two sections of the Cuyamaca College accreditation self-evaluation, noting the report was very well-written. ♦ **Rosinski** attended a recent lecture by State Community College Chancellor Brice Harris. She also enjoyed attending a St. Madeleine Sophie's Center event. ♦ Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** said the Diversity Dialogues program has become a success, and reported Tuesday's session on same-sex marriage attracted 75 students. Cuyamaca College is sending six students to the State Student Senate for Community Colleges General Assembly. ♦ Grossmont College Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** also attended Chancellor Harris's lecture; participated in a meeting between student leaders and State Assemblyman Rocky Chavez at MiraCosta College; and reported ASGC elections are this week.



Emeritus Status Conferred on 15 Retired Faculty Members

The Governing Board unanimously voted to confer the status of emeritus on 15 distinguished Grossmont and Cuyamaca College faculty members, now retired, in recognition of each having given at least 20 years of service. Academic Senate Presidents **Sue Gonda** and **Alicia Muñoz** introduced each honoree and [described their many accomplishments](#): **Patricia Bennett, Therese Botz, Jim Custeau, Sheridan DeWolf, Michael Grant, Susan Haber, Brad Monroe, Mary Rider, Don Ridgway, Jerry Riley, Hoke Simpson, Curtis Stevens, Edda Temoche-Weldele, Jose Villarreal, and Tony Zambelli**. Chancellor **Miles** noted they represent a collective 435 years of service to students, the District, the colleges, and the community.



Pictured left to right: Donald Ridgway, Trustee Edwin Hiel, Trustee Debbie Justeson, Michael Grant, Mary Rider, Jose Villarreal, Edda Temoche-Weldele, Trustee Bill Garrett, Sheridan DeWolf, Anthony Zambelli, Susan Haber, Jim Custeau, Therese Botz, Brad Monroe, Student Trustee Mohammed Alyasini, Student Trustee Samantha Elliot, Trustee Mary Kay Rosinski, Trustee Greg Barr, Pat Bennett, Chancellor Cindy Miles, and Curtis Stevens, center

Board Actions

Trustee **Rosinski** proposed support of seven nominees to the California Community College Trustees Board (Item 201): Cy Gulassa, Louise Jaffe, Isabel Barreras, Jerry D. Hart, Garrett Yee, Dianne B. McKay, and Susan M. Keith. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

Trustee **Rosinski** also spoke in favor of Item 205, a resolution in support of immigration reform. **Rosinski** said California has the nation's largest number of undocumented immigrants, including the largest number under 18, and she supported the measure because it would provide many of the District's students a path to legal citizenship. Trustees **Hiel** and **Garrett** also spoke in support; and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Elliot** cast an advisory vote in favor.

In regard to Item 304 on the approval of new District contracts, Trustee **Barr** asked that end users of new facilities constructed with *Proposition V* bond money be given the opportunity to review and sign off before project plans are finalized.

Trustee **Hiel** pulled Item 305 to call attention to the District's many vocational training programs, saying such programs needed to be well supported. Trustee **Justeson** spoke to the value of these programs in outreach to local high schools. Trustee **Barr** asked that completion rate trends in these programs be reviewed.

Under separate votes of 5-0 each, the Governing Board approved all items on the [docket](#).

Chancellor's Report

Miles extended the following congratulations and appreciation to several people within the District:

- ◆ Trustees **Barr** and **Rosinski** for their work on the accreditation self-evaluations;
- ◆ District counsel **Timothy K. Garfield** for being named one of only two attorneys in the county to be included on *San Diego Magazine's* 2013 Top Lawyers in education;
- ◆ **Glenn Kaufhold**, who recently left the District after spending the past three years helping to establish the new Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges; and
- ◆ **Augustin Albarran**, dean of English, Social and Behavioral Sciences at Grossmont, and **Nancy Jennings**, communication instructor at Cuyamaca, who represented the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council at the recent American Council on Education *At Home In The World* meeting in Washington D.C. **Miles** said the District is one of eight institutions of higher education, and the only community college district in the nation, selected to participate in the diversity initiative.

District Services Report

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor of Business Services, reported on the state's FTES funding cap. Currently, enrollment is running below the State funding cap. When *Proposition 30* passed in November 2012, the District moved quickly to add courses in the spring, and will add courses to the summer term, restoring cutbacks from prior years. **Rearic** said the District expects growth funds next year and is engaging in strategic enrollment planning to offer courses that best meet student success needs. ◆ When *Proposition 30* passed, the State established an Education Protection Account to ensure that the tax money collected over the next seven years is used for education. The State just established guidelines for the funding this month. The District will need to put together a spending determination for Board approval in either May or June. ◆ An amendment to the Education Code now allows Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members to serve three two-year terms, rather than two. ◆ Noting the District conducted a rigorous selection process, **Rearic** said negotiations will open with Gafcon, Inc., regarding program and project management for *Proposition V*.

Tim Corcoran, Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources, thanked all those who worked on the revision of employment-related board policies on the docket. **Miles** said it took more than a year of work, and now brings the District into alignment with the Education Code and Title 5 regulations.

Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** announced that ASGC Vice President **Esau Cortez** was named the 2013 Young Luminary, and History Professor **Carlos Contreras** was one of four finalists for the 2013 Teacher of the Year, in the second annual Latino Champions Awards sponsored by *U-T San Diego*. **Cortez** was recognized for his achievements in student government and for his community volunteer efforts. **Contreras** was honored for teaching excellence, student mentoring and contributions to diversity and equity. ♦ Grossmont College Chef **Joe Orate** and his Culinary Arts students participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish festival on March 16 in Balboa Park. Orate rode in the parade as a guest of honor for being named Chef of the Year by the Chefs de Cuisine, and he and his students made and served Irish stew at the festival. ♦ Film director **Michael Ramsdell** spoke on campus about his 90-minute film, "The Anatomy of Hate," which explores individual and collective ideologies of hate and the biological reasons behind hate. President **Cooke** said students and staff had the opportunity to discuss the film and ask questions.



President **Mark Zacovic** accompanied students **Nathan O'Hare**, **Farah Al-Tahhan**, **Dustin Ransom** (Cuyamaca College), and **Shirley Anduze** (Grossmont College) to the annual international convention for the community college honor society Phi Theta Kappa, in San Jose. Students joined more than 3,450 other Phi Theta Kappa members from 501 chapters from around the world. ♦ **Zacovic** reported progress on Cuyamaca's Inter-generational Garden project, noting the surveying and grading was donated by Ed Butts Grading. Many departments are participating in this project. Cuyamaca Ornamental Horticulture students will now install an irrigation system and begin planting. It should be completed by the end of the summer. ♦ The 15th Annual Student Fine Art & Graphic Design Exhibition Opening Reception and Award Ceremony took place April 11 with about 250 attendees. The Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians provided food and beverages for the reception. The art exhibition is on display on the third floor of the Communication Arts Building East Wing through May 8.

Public Comment

Cuyamaca College Conservation Science Club members **Courtney Lions**, **Jesus Banderas**, and **Rogelio Avila** invited Board members to participate in restoration of the 47-acre Cuyamaca College nature preserve, beginning with its first event on Saturday, April 20. Volunteers will clean up the preserve and remove invasive plants to protect endangered species.

Speakers **Mary Graham**, chair of the Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Department, and **Jennifer Curtis**, coordinator of the Cuyamaca College Tutoring Center, expressed their disappointment that the hiring of student and non-student hourly employees as permanent classified staff was pulled from the Board docket due to the failure of the District and CSEA to reach an agreement.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** thanked **Chemene Chodur** and **Nicole Boyer** in Human Resources, and **Jennifer Danks** and **Valeri Wilson** in the Chancellor's Office for their assistance with the emeritus faculty presentation. ♦ Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** said various campus planning committees have completed their planning processes and are preparing summary reports on hiring priorities.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new Grossmont College employee **Sasha Carter**, Clerical Assistant, Student Affairs. Congratulations to **Olivia Krausie**, Evaluations Advisor, Grossmont College, on her new assignment.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 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.