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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said she and Trustees **Edwin Hiel** and **Debbie Justeson** attended the East County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. **Rosinski** attended the Accreditation Institute meeting in San Francisco, and reviewed statistics about accreditation sanctions throughout the state.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said Pell Grants, the Workforce Investment Act, and supporting veterans were key topics during meetings with legislators in Washington D.C. **Barr** said Congressman **Duncan D. Hunter** believes sequestration will happen.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** said she was pleased by legislative meetings in Sacramento with representatives **Marty Block**, **Shirley Weber**, and **Joel Anderson**. **Justeson** enjoyed attending the Martin Luther King Day All People's Breakfast.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** added that the mood in Sacramento is upbeat, and representatives recognize that higher education is a priority for East County residents.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said the positive feelings in Sacramento contrasted to that of legislators in Washington D.C., where the possibility of sequestration cuts loom. He said the District may not be directly affected by sequestration, but the side effects could be significant if it hits the national or state economy. **Garrett** said he attended a recent Grossmont College theater production of *Inside the Actor's Process*, and observed that many Grossmont Theater Program graduates are in productions all over San Diego.

Grossmont Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** reported on her participation in state legislative meetings and student legislative activities over the past month. **Elliot** said ten Grossmont College students will participate in the upcoming *March in March* on March 4 in Sacramento.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** presented a video depicting *Welcome Week* student activities.



Board Actions

Trustee **Hiel** asked about authentication of students enrolled in distance learning as part of docket item 307. Cuyamaca College Dean of Learning and Technology Resources **Connie Elder** described several methods, as well as proctored exams being offered where needed. **Hiel** also inquired about distance learning completion rates for math courses. **Elder** said she would look into completion rates, and that currently only statistics courses are taught online.

Hiel asked Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** to review the District's procedures for using 2012-13 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) as a borrowing mechanism to cover delayed state payments. **Rearic** said the program replaces the District's previous lender, County of San Diego, that can no longer provide these funds. **Rearic** said the rates are favorable due to participation in the Community College League of California Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Program. Interest will only accrue when funds are paid out.

Following board discussion, items 307 and 308 were passed 5-0 by trustees. The Governing Board approved all other items on the meeting [agenda](#) by consent.

From Closed Session: The Governing Board, by a vote of 4-1 (Trustee **Hiel** opposed), approved a Side Letter with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) as it relates to retired faculty re-employment and new CalSTRS provisions.

Reports to the Board

Facilities Master Plan

The 2013 GCCCD Facilities Master Plan was unanimously approved by the Governing Board. **Deborah Shepley** of HMC Architects presented highlights of the plan, which is the culmination of months of work by many people at both campuses and District Services. **Shepley** said committees listed in the report conducted an analysis of existing conditions, and discussed priorities for facilities development based on principles, including a focus on students, maximizing functional space while eliminating non-functional space, improving efficiency, planning for sustainability and technology, enhancing the campus environment, collaboration, flexibility, and innovation. The [full report](#) is available on the District's website.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Chairman **Ron Oberndorfer** presented the CBOC's annual report of activities on the *Proposition R* construction program. **Oberndorfer** said the report recaps all major capital improvements under *Prop. R* to date; lists numerous project awards; and statistics showing that a large portion of *Prop. R* spending remained in East County. **Oberndorfer** noted the 10 straight clean audits for *Prop. R*. **Oberndorfer** said CBOC members look forward to transitioning their responsibilities to monitoring the District's new *Prop. V* bond program. The CBOC's [Annual Report](#) is posted to the District's website.

Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported on the District's advocacy efforts put forth at the Community College League of California (CCLC) Legislative Conference, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Legislative Summit, and at the numerous meetings attended by the District's advocacy groups with our legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Along with numerous college representatives, she attended the Association of Community Colleges Workforce Development Institute in San Diego to discuss best practices in career and technical education. ♦ **Miles** commended **Ron Oberndorfer** for his leadership of the CBOC; and **Dale Switzer**, Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development and Maintenance, and **Deborah Shepley** and **Sheryl Sterry** of HMC Architects for their work producing the Facilities Master Plan.

*Pictured left to right: Communications and Public Information Director **Anne Kruger**, Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, Trustee **Greg Barr**, Trustee **Bill Garrett**, Chancellor/Governing Board Office Supervisor **Jennifer Danks**.*

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the District Services Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee has launched a program to provide a venue for employees to share their cultures and backgrounds. Account Technician **Karen Kline** developed the idea and volunteered to be the first spotlight. She enjoyed letting coworkers know more about herself, and looks forward to getting to know more about her coworkers. **Karen** and her mother, Senior Buyer **Amy Leasure**, are Navajo. They are seen at right in native dress wearing jewelry handmade by their family. ♦ **Rearic** reported that a recent update completed by Information Systems, Advancement and Communications, and the Human Resources Department of employee and student records will mean the District is better prepared to communicate in an emergency. ♦ **Rearic** said the District's cash projection forecast for this spring indicates the need to borrow funds as authorized in the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) docket item. ♦ District police officers have transitioned from polo shirts to official police uniforms. The old uniforms will be used for bike patrols.



Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Tim Corcoran** provided an overview of the development and excitement of Human Resources personnel regarding the department restructure put forth in personnel docket item 501. Chancellor **Miles** noted the restructure includes a full-time Professional Development Specialist, a first for the District.

Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** congratulated Culinary Arts Instructor **Joe Orate**, named *Chef of the Year* by the Chefs de Cuisine Association of San Diego. The Association honored students **Cynthia Meyers** as Student Culinarian of the Year, **David Litke** with the Presidential Award and a \$500 scholarship, and both **Salina Quan** and **Jessica Church** with a Volunteer Appreciation Award. ♦ The Financial Aid Department hosted the Spring 2013 Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Saturday, February 9. Forty-one students, some of them multiple winners, received \$27,100 in scholarship funds. Twenty-eight campus-based and twenty Osher scholarships were awarded.



Vice President of Administrative Services **Arleen Satele** said fundraising efforts at a recent men's basketball game for *Coaches vs. Cancer*, a statewide initiative to support cancer research through the American Cancer Society, netted \$209 in proceeds. ♦ **Satele** congratulated Art Instructor **Debra Babylon**, who received the full-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence; and Paralegal program instructor **Eddie Sturgeon**, who received the part-time Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. These two award recipients were among more than twenty nominees from across the college.

Public Comment

American Federation of Teachers Guild (AFT) representative **Ian Duckles**, adjunct faculty member at Cuyamaca College, on behalf of the Guild, presented a proposal on adjunct faculty health care as an addendum to the bargaining proposal presented at the November 2011 Governing Board meeting.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate president **Sue Gonda** said a wide array of Black History Month activities have occurred this month, and that numerous Women's History Month activities will take place in March; the campus Curriculum Committee has worked hard on SB1440 transfer degrees, on completing accreditation outline updates, and on new Title 5 requirements regarding repeatability of courses. She said faculty research liaison, Math Instructor **Shirley Pereira**, is compiling results on the student engagement survey; and that numerous discussions have taken place about safety procedures in the wake of numerous shooting incidents.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** said that throughout February for Black History Month, the Cuyamaca College library honors African-Americans and their tremendous contributions to American history. One of the people featured is the great-great-uncle of Interim Vice President of Instruction **Danene Brown**. **J.R. Clifford** was born in 1848 in West Virginia to free black parents. He fought for the Union during the Civil War, attended Storer College, was a school principal, and established the *Pioneer Press*, the state's first black newspaper. In 1887, **Clifford** became the first African-American to pass the West Virginia bar examination.

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new employees **Tacey Hosley**, Counselor/Articulation Officer; **Joshua Ketchum**, General Maintenance Worker, Senior; **Eric Link**, Child Development Center Assistant, Senior; and **Stephanie Rodriguez**, Administrative Assistant III. ♦ Cuyamaca College welcomes new employees **Curtis Gagnon**, Custodian. ♦ Congratulations to **Laci Diaz**, Administrative Assistant IV, Cuyamaca College, on her new assignment.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 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.