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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Board President **Bill Garrett** said that in today's workshop, the Governing Board conducted their annual evaluation and goal review and found that through the work of everyone throughout the District, they accomplished a lot in 2012! **Garrett** said the Governor's proposed state budget is good for education in California. If the budget is approved by the Legislature, the District will see progress on a variety of fronts.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said the stronger fiscal outlook for 2013 is good news for the District.

Trustee **Greg Barr** requested a presentation on district emergency preparedness in light of the recent mass shootings in Connecticut and Colorado. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the District is in the process of strengthening its emergency preparedness with an improved notification system for staff and students, who will be receiving a communication urging them to add their cell phone numbers to their contact information. A presentation on the District Emergency Preparedness Plan will be scheduled for the next Governing Board meeting.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** attended a student government planning meeting. He said Welcome Week activities will establish a new tradition at Cuyamaca that he hopes will be around for a long time.

Grossmont Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** also attended the Cuyamaca student government meeting. She was recently in Sacramento and is involved in planning the *March in March* event (March 4, 2013). She will also be part of the District contingent advocating with legislators in Sacramento on January 28.



Board Actions

By unanimous consent, the Governing Board approved all [agenda items](#) on the docket

Proposition R Construction Report

Jim Davies, Gafcon Project Manager, reviewed recently-completed projects in the semiannual *Proposition R* Project Management Report. The District continues to review and prioritize its needs to determine the final projects that will be completed for both campuses with the remaining *Proposition R* funds. **Davies** reported that the District received \$25,000 from San Diego Gas & Electric for energy savings as a result of the Grossmont College parking structure light replacement. The District expects to receive another \$97,500 for installing energy conservation equipment to replace Grossmont's Building 500 air handler and boiler.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** welcomed new employees to the District and congratulated those with promotions. ♦ **Miles** said the governor's budget offers a bit of hope and a sense of optimism in Sacramento. The budget is a step in the right direction, although the cuts that community colleges suffered in recent years have not been restored. **Miles** added that if the governor's proposed budget prevails, the District will begin to have a sense of stability and be able to better serve the community. ♦ Chancellor **Miles** commended the members of the task force that produced the new Governance Handbook. She thanked the members of the task force, including **Mike Copenhaver**, **Mark Zacovic**, **Michael Wangler**, **Pat Murray**, and students **Peg Marcus**, **Ariel Satele**, and **Cheryl Ann Phillips**.

Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** said Grossmont's first Classified Staff Convocation was planned by the Classified Staff Professional Development Advisory Committee. The program featured Willie Pelote, Legislative Director, California-AFSCME, speaking on the topic "Good News for Classified Staff." Feedback on this pilot effort is being collected. ♦ **Cooke** reported professional development offerings at Grossmont now have a single point of contact for faculty, staff, and administrators. Communications faculty member **Denise Schultmeyer** is leading the effort, aided by clerical support from **Rochelle Weiser**. Both work closely with the college's Professional Development Council and three advisory groups. ♦ ASGC President **Peg Marcus** was featured in *U-T San Diego* as a student success story. Read the article [here](#).



President **Mark Zacovic** reported that three Cuyamaca College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services students received new Dell laptop computers, courtesy of the John Burton Foundation. The three students -- **William Felix**, **Lauren Wise**, and **Sarah Mugford** -- submitted essays as part of its Burton Scholars Laptop Challenge. ♦ **Zacovic** congratulated **Margaret Jones**, who was selected by the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association as the recipient of the District Nine "Outstanding Leadership Award." Jones works in the Disabled Student Programs and Services Department as a faculty member specializing in speech and language services and is the co-advisor for Club Aled. ♦ The State of the College address is scheduled on Wednesday, January 23, at 10:30 a.m. in the Communication Arts Theatre. Later that evening, the Heritage of the Americas Museum will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a reception from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the second phase of the Facilities Master Plan is on target for completion next month, and program management to begin implementation of the *Proposition V* projects is expected to be selected in mid-March. ♦ Health benefits enrollment is now complete. The District is in the midst of completing the contracts with providers and cost estimates will be available soon. ♦ **Rearic** said the District received a clean report from the San Diego County Hazardous Material Division. ♦ A districtwide message has been issued reminding employees that the temporary Social Security payroll tax holiday has ended, with the employee share returning to 6.2 percent from 4.2 percent, affecting all PERS employees. ♦ Governor **Jerry Brown** released the 2013-2014 proposed state budget this month, calling for increased funding for community colleges along with some policy changes that the governor is promoting. **Rearic** said these are being reviewed and we will be watching the budget closely. ♦ The District website has been enhanced and is now compatible for viewing on all smartphones or tablets.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate president **Sue Gonda** invited everyone to attend the joint Academic Senate meeting on Thursday, January 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Cuyamaca College. Topics include a presentation on the Student Services Task Force recommendations being enacted into law, and a presentation on online courses.

Staff Notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes new employees **Marsha Gable**, Dean, Counseling Services; and **Paulina Saucedo**, Admissions and Records Assistant. **Danene Brown** is now serving as Interim Vice President, Instruction, while **Pat Setzer** has stepped in to serve as an interim dean.

Welcome to new Grossmont College employees **Ondrea Mesquita**, Bookstore Purchasing Assistant; and **Christina Tafoya**, Dean, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development.

District Services welcomes **Christopher Tarman**, Senior Dean of Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

Congratulations to **Agustin Albarran**, Dean, English & Social/Behavioral Sciences, Grossmont College; **Sherri Braaksma**, Instructional Computer Facilities Supervisor, Cuyamaca College; **Martin Dubord**, Custodial Supervisor, Cuyamaca College; **Gwen Nix**, Administrative Assistant, Cuyamaca College; and **Rocio Zumbado**, Bookstore Purchasing Assistant, Grossmont College, on their new assignments.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at the Grossmont College Griffin Gate. 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.