

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

Board Actions



- ◆ With the exception of items 201, 202, 203, and 205, all agenda items were approved by the Governing Board via consent.
- ◆ Trustee **Greg Barr** said he was pleased to see the new policy banning e-cigarettes, which keeps up with technology by expanding the definition of “smoking.” Students including Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** brought this to the board, and President **Bill Garrett** commended their efforts.



Board President
Bill Garrett



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From left, Board Vice President Edwin Hiel, Board President Bill Garrett and Board Clerk Debbie Justeson.

Governing Board Officers Elected for 2014

The Governing Board unanimously approved new board officers for 2014: President **Bill Garrett**, Vice President **Edwin Hiel**, and Clerk **Debbie Justeson**. All three continue in their 2013 roles. **Garrett** will serve his seventh term as President.

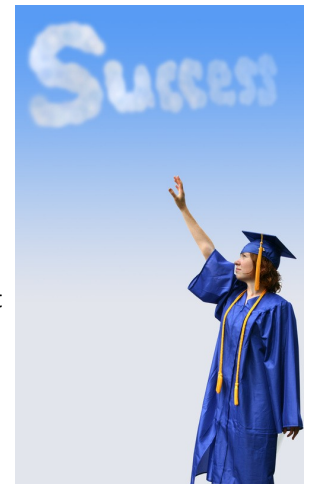
“I have been thrilled with the action and activities of the board the last year,” **Garrett** said. “The District has had so many accomplishments that the board was able to support. I am appreciative and I’m sure the entire board is. We look forward to even more in 2014. There is still lots to do on behalf of the students and all of East County.”

*Garrett ‘thrilled’ by 2013
accomplishments of the district.*

Course, Certificate, and Degree Changes for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014

Guillermo Colls and **Sue Gonda**, Curriculum Committee chairpersons for Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges provided an overview and highlights of the curriculum updates presented to the Board for approval. All course outlines must be reviewed and updated every five years to meet accreditation standards.

Both colleges have met state requirements for developing new associate degrees for transfer. The colleges have adopted new procedures for alignment discussion. **Colls** said 105 courses have been modified, including new degrees being brought forward for transfer. Additional courses have been revised or updated; other changes include keeping course outlines up to date. Trustee **Greg Barr** asked about the involvement of the College Counseling Departments in changes to the numbering of ESL courses. Board member **Edwin Hiel** complimented the Cuyamaca College math department for creating the innovative Math 96 preparatory statistics course.



Board Reports

Board member **Mary Kay Rosinski** complimented Cuyamaca College for winning a Leadership Award in the category of Student Engagement at the Sixth Annual Green Community College Summit.

Board member **Greg Barr** represented the District at the recent State Legislature’s Committee for Higher Education meeting, chaired by Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber**. **Barr** discussed the need to have reliable budgets from the state. **Barr** also represented the District at a recent San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association meeting.

Garrett acknowledged the work of the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, thanking **John Valencia**, foundation CEO, **Ernie Ewin**, executive director of development, and **Laurie Corbin**, administrative assistant.

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Hernandez thanked presenters for the Student Success workshop prior to the board meeting. She reported on finals week activities at Cuyamaca College, and a recent personal safety workshop led by the District's San Diego Sheriff's Department deputies.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** also reported on finals week activities. **Gianino** said the ASGC has finalized a new Constitution, which will go to the entire student body for a ratification vote.

Presidents' Reports



- President **Sunny Cooke** said Ceramics Instructors **Leanne Ludwik** and **Jeff Irwin** organized a two-day ceramics sale fundraiser, with items made by ceramics students just in time for holiday shopping.
- Therapy dogs came to campus on Dec. 4 to help students decrease stress as they prepared for final exams. Student **Morgan Rain** said petting the dogs refocuses one's attention on connecting with the canines.
- The Grossmont College Women's volleyball team placed second in the California State championships.
- **Cooke** said the highly competitive Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Griffin Gate.



- President **Mark Zacovic** reported on the annual President's Holiday Luncheon in the Student Center December 5. Festivities included a "Human Christmas Tree" decorating contest won by biology instructor **Kathryn Nette**.
- An appreciative crowd of 300 gathered on the Grand Lawn for the Third Annual Native American College Hour on Nov. 26, featuring Native American dancers and professional "bird singers."
- Cuyamaca art students **Charlene Mosley**, **Ashley Soto**, and **Mat Cruz** designed and completed a wall mural for the new Goddard Preschool in Carlsbad.
- Former EOPS and CARE student **Maria Brown** is featured in a [new video](#) on the Associate Degree for Transfer website. She is now studying at San Diego State University and is planning to attend law school.

District Services Report

Associate Vice Chancellor, Business Services **Sahar Abushaban** said the Governor's proposed 2014-15 budget is expected to be released in mid-January. Specific community college information will be presented at the state budget workshop in Sacramento on January 17, 2014. Although District funding is anticipated to continue below the 2007-2008 level, there is expectation of much-needed COLA and FTES restoration. The District continues to strategically plan budget allocations to add back course sections, services, and related staffing.

The districtwide lighting and controls project, estimated to cost \$2.1 million, will be funded by \$800,000 of State Proposition 39/Energy funds, and \$1.5 million of Prop V funds. This project improves lighting controls and reduces utility costs at each college. The next step regarding lighting is to complete an assessment to identify lighting improvements from a security perspective.

The Facilities team is working with Gafcon and the colleges to prioritize identified needed parking and road repairs to improve areas for students and employees. The initial work will be in areas that will not be affected by upcoming construction.

Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, updated the Governing Board on open enrollment, which is now complete. **Edwards** complimented Assoc. Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Tim Corcoran** for all the work he has done on the District's behalf. **Corcoran** reported that all but one employee unit (Administrator's Association) has approved the Resource Allocation Formula (RAF) pending a final ratification vote by AFT Dec. 16. The district will disburse one-time RAF stipends to all unit members approving RAF by Dec. 31, 2013. The CSEA membership has ratified its collective bargaining agreement with the district; the final document will be on the January board docket.

Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said 30 members of the East County community, including elected officials and staff, business leaders, and educators, attended the inaugural Chancellor's Community Advisory Council meeting. Among those present were Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber**, San Diego County Office of Education Superintendent **Randy Ward** and Grossmont Union High School Superintendent **Ralf Swenson**. **Miles** said participants provided thoughtful feedback and discussed the difference the District makes in changing lives and creating economic impact.

Miles reported on her activities on the statewide CEO board, including state budget projections and a proposed community college baccalaureate program focusing on workforce programs such as nursing.

A new commercial advertising winter intersession at Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College was shown at the meeting. It is currently running on Cox cable in East County.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** shared positive statistics from a report by the California Organization for Opportunity in Education on Latinos and Education. A significant number of Latinos are attending community colleges, and are performing well in math courses, reaching transfer-level math.

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes **Elaine Adlam**, Health Services Nurse, **Zinah Hasan**, Child Development Center Aide, and **Yvonne Mather**, Student Services Specialist. Cuyamaca College welcomes **Kristin McGregor**, English Instructor, and **Regina Sandoval**, Financial Aid Assistant. District Services welcomes **Vanessa Porras**, Operations Assistant.

Congratulations to **Chris Hill**, Senior Dean, College Planning & Institutional Effectiveness at Grossmont College on her new permanent assignment. **Howard Irvin** was reappointed Interim Dean of Counseling Services at Grossmont College.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

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