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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Actions

- With the exception of items 202, 203, and 204, all agenda items were approved via consent. President **Bill Garrett** said he was pleased to see that a two-year Academic Calendar had been developed.
- Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** commended **Miles**, Chancellor/Governing Board Office Supervisor, **Jennifer Danks**, and the District's Executive and Coordinating Educational councils for their hard work and diligence in keeping board policies updated and in compliance.

Closed Session

- ♦ The Board discussed labor negotiations but took no formal action.

Jacob Praises District's Support of Live Well San Diego

San Diego County Supervisor **Dianne Jacob** welcomed the District as an official partner in the county's Live Well San Diego program and presented a proclamation to the Governing Board. **Jacob** said the county and its partners are trying to educate and create an environment to encourage healthier behaviors through the program. **Jacob** congratulated the District for a job well done with its initiatives including the Intergenerational Garden, Five and Fit program, Water Conservation Garden, the Farmer's Market at Cuyamaca College, and employee fitness classes at Grossmont College.

Marie Brown-Mercadel and **Ellen Schmeding** San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency Deputy Directors, gave trustees a presentation on the Live Well San Diego program and its efforts to address the key areas of nutrition, exercise, and smoking prevention and cessation.



From left: Marie Brown-Mercadel with the county, Gov. Board President Bill Garrett, County Supervisor Dianne Jacob and Ellen Schmeding, also with the county.

Hailing Heroes



From left: Sunita Cooke, Grossmont College president; Greg Barr, Governing Board trustee; Zack Gianino, student trustee; Edwin Hiel, board trustee; Cindy Miles, chancellor; Tiffany Hungerford, public safety dispatcher; Javier Partida, Grossmont College student; Felix Santiestiban, San Diego sheriff's deputy; Bill Garrett, Governing Board president; Elsa Hernandez, student trustee; Mary Kay Rosinski, trustee; and Debbie Justeson, trustee.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** recognized and commended the swift actions of Grossmont College student **Javier Partida**, public safety dispatcher **Tiffany Hungerford**, and San Diego Sheriff's Deputy **Felix Santiestiban** for their actions that resulted in the arrest of a man who accosted a Grossmont College student.

On Oct. 22, **Partida** witnessed a female student being attacked in the parking garage, and honked his car horn to scare the man away. **Partida** then encouraged the student to report the attack. **Hungerford** took the report and issued a description of the suspect immediately. Deputy **Santiestiban** found the suspect hiding at the opposite side of the parking garage with a knife in his pocket. The arrest occurred just 17 minutes after the reporting of the attack.

Miles presented the three with Certificates of Appreciation for their actions. Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** thanked **Partida** for his actions on behalf of all female students.

Auxiliary and Foundation Reports

GCCCD Auxiliary Director **Diane Munson** presented the annual report on the Auxiliary's 2012/2013 activities. The Auxiliary processed \$6.5 million in funds, for a total of \$60 million over its 11-year history. The recent annual audit was successful with no findings.

John Valencia, Associate Vice Chancellor, Advancement and Communications and CEO of the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, reported 2012/13 highlights: dispersing \$30,000 in emergency funding for students, \$40,000 to veterans, \$20,000 in mini-grants and \$9,000 to support cultural events. Current initiatives include the launch of a campaign focusing on donors, alumni, and retirees, and expanding the "Possibilities Roundtable" for those giving at least \$1,200 a year.

Board Reports

Garrett and Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the Governance Institute for Student Success with the chancellor and reported on its significance. Both noted they look forward to identifying Board priorities during the 2014 Board retreat. **Garrett** also attended the Griffins football game and the Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department production, *To Gillian on her 37th Birthday*

Board member **Debbie Justeson** said she would like to learn more about the programs that are implemented from the District's strategic planning process.

Board member **Mary Kay Rosinski** and her husband attended a recent Grossmont College Griffin football game against Saddleback College and thoroughly enjoyed a top-notch Culinary Arts dinner.

Board member **Greg Barr** said the report he requested on the impact of the federal government shutdown on District programs and services showed no direct effect.

Hernandez reported on events at Cuyamaca College, including fundraising for breast cancer research and participation in the Student Senate General Assembly workshops and sessions. She announced the upcoming College Hour on November 26 would focus on Native Americans.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** provided a report on Veterans Week activities, his attendance at the "Breaking Boundaries" student dance performance, and meeting State Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber** during an on-campus presentation.

Presidents' Reports



- President **Sunny Cooke** said Grossmont College students are conducting fundraising to support Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts. Math Professor **Nemie Capacia** is still accepting donations in her office.
- Nursing students put together baskets of goods to benefit single-parent families and other families in need from the EOPS and Calworks program this holiday season.
- Assemblywoman **Shirley Weber** spoke at Grossmont College as part of Political Economy Week, sponsored by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.
- The mens' water polo team won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference championship. Longtime Grossmont swim, dive, and water polo Coach **Brian Harvey** recently celebrated 600-plus wins as a coach.
- The accreditation visit for the Cardiovascular Technology Program received lots of praise and no reports of deficiencies. The evaluation team's recommendations go to the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.



- President **Mark Zacovic** met with community members and BMX riders concerning the no trespassing signs that were erected on the Nature Preserve.
- **Zacovic** acknowledged Cuyamaca Science Instructor Lisa Chaddock being honored for five years of service as the faculty advisor for the Phi Theta Kappa organization.
- Cuyamaca student **Julio Chavez** ranked first in California during the Stage 1 round of the National Cisco NetRiders Competition, an IT/networking skills competition across the U.S. He will compete at the nationwide level.
- **Zacovic** said Veterans Week offered numerous activities and raised awareness campus wide about veterans' issues, as well as thanking veterans for their service.
- **Zacovic** invited everyone to attend the President's Holiday Luncheon at Cuyamaca College on Thursday, December 5, at noon in the Student Center.

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor, Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the District is now watching a three year budget cycle, and expects to receive the Governor's 2014/15 budget in January 2014. **Rearic** said the District would revise the way it reports Prop V spending in its budget.

Rearic reported on the installation of a new Verizon cellphone tower at Grossmont College, and displayed coverage maps before and after installation showing improvement.

Talking to the kids



The District's law enforcers brought their "Talking Patrol Car" to the Cuyamaca College Child Development Center and plan to take the car to future events.

Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said a day-long performance management training for supervisors and manager was well attended. **Edwards** said an HR Advisory Council has been formed to assist the department.

Associate Vice Chancellor **Tim Corcoran** reported on successful labor negotiations with AFT Local 1931, CSEA Chapter 707, Confidential Employees, Confidential Administrators regarding the Resource Allocation formula; a tentative agreement with AFT on an adjunct faculty healthcare proposal; and a tentative agreement with CSEA on a three-year contract beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** congratulated **Gianino** on his speech and debate team achievements and thanked everyone for the incredible work done in preparation for the recent accreditation site visits.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** said the joint Sabbatical Committee received five sabbatical applications from Cuyamaca College, and eight applications from Grossmont College.

Muñoz reported ESL Instructor Guillermo Coles attended and delivered a report on the ESL Summit on Acceleration last week, attended by 70 people from nine California community college districts.

Grossmont College Academic Senate president **Sue Gonda** reviewed resolutions passed at the recent meeting of the statewide Academic Senate, noting diversity was a common theme of several resolutions.

Staff Notes

The District welcomes **Jennifer Fujimoto**, Financial Analyst; and Cuyamaca College welcomes **Corina Trevino**, Campus Business Services Specialist.

Congratulations to **Patricia Sparks**, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources, and **Melody Wells**, Intermediate Buyer, Purchasing and Contracts, on their new assignments.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont 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.