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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Accreditation Site Visits

Members of the two accreditation teams conducting their site visits at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges met with Governing Board members prior to the board meeting. Members of the accreditation teams present at the board meeting were recognized for their work. Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said the District has learned much from the review. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked the team for volunteering their time for this important peer review.



Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic** said an Accreditation Wall of Fame was established to post certificates from employees who have completed online training about accreditation. The college reached its goal of 150 employee certificates on the wall.

Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** said the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing also visited the Grossmont campus to review the nursing

program and plans to recommend that Grossmont receive the full eight years of accreditation. The final results from the commission will not be received until spring.

New Faces for CBOC & Board

Three new members were appointed by the Governing Board to the District's independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), which provides oversight of both the Proposition R and Prop V facilities programs. They are electrical contractor **George Bonner**, referred by the Disabled Veterans and Latino Builders Associations; retired architect **Ed Oremen**, a retired architect who has previous bond oversight experience at the San Diego Unified School



New Grossmont College Student Trustee Sworn in

Zack Gianino was sworn in by **Garrett** as the Governing Board's new Grossmont College student trustee. Chosen in a special election, **Gianino** replaces **Peg Marcus**, who resigned in September.

District and San Diego Community College District; and **Gwen Miller**, a member of the San Diego Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction, who also has previous bond oversight committee experience.



Board Actions

- ◆ All agenda items were approved by the Governing Board via consent.

Closed Session

- ◆ The Governing Board voted 5-0 to deny the claim of **Jasmine Dominguez** against the District; approved a settlement with **Save-A-Heart**, and voted 5-0 to approve the recommendation for termination of an adjunct faculty member.

Board Reports

Garrett reported attending the Grossmont College production of "Pygmalion." Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the Classified Senate retreat luncheon. **Hiel** and board member **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Congress in Seattle along with Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and Public Information and Communications Director **Anne Krueger**.

Board member **Greg Barr** requested a report on impacts the federal government shutdown may have on services to students.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** reported on campus programs including Constitution Day, the Cultural Competency Student Institute, Latino Heritage Month, and Disability Awareness Month, including the upcoming wheelchair basketball game.

Gianino updated the board on events at Grossmont College, including the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, ICC Club Fair, and the first annual ASGC Forum discussing community events and issues of interest to students. **Gianino** reported the Grossmont College Speech and Debate Team placed fourth out of 28 colleges, including four-year universities, at a recent tournament at San Diego State University. ASGC will send eight students to the upcoming CCLC Student Affairs Leadership Conference.

Presidents' Reports



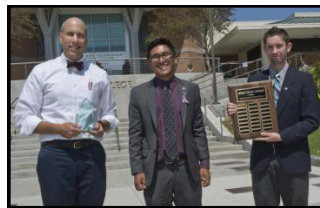
- President **Sunny Cooke** reported Grossmont College will host "Got Plans?" for the Grossmont Union High School District on Saturday, Oct. 19.



Representatives of 100 public and private universities, community colleges, vocational

schools, and the military will be present. Workshops will cover financial aid and career opportunities, and some sessions will be offered in Arabic or Spanish.

- ASGC President **Esau Cortez** and **Gianino** coordinated a campus commemoration of the 9/11 terror attacks. The ASGC presented Chemistry Professor **Jeff Lehman** with a "Spirit of 9/11 Award" in recognition of his work on the San Bernardino Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team.



- San Diego's new central library is the venue of an exhibition of eight artists, including work from two members of the Grossmont Art Department faculty, **Suda House** and **Jeff Irwin**.

- President **Mark Zacovic** said ASCC and Student Affairs sponsored a 9/11 memorial event for the campus community, featuring a memorial with 2,977 flags placed on the Grand Lawn by students to pay tribute to every victim of 9/11.



- September's College Hour theme was "Latino Heritage Celebration." Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** served as the keynote speaker.

- Student Affairs sponsored a Constitution Day workshop featuring Federal Court Judge **Louise DeCarl Adler**, who spoke to students about the Bill of Rights.



District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the District has begun work on the first technology project to be funded by Proposition V. The Finance, Human Resources and Payroll System Steering Committee began the review work needed to start the RFP process.

Rearic announced the District's 2013 Facilities Master Plan received an Award of Merit in the master planning category of the 2013 Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC) Professional Design Awards Program. The award will be presented at the Nov. 5 CCFC annual conference in Sacramento.

The 2013-14 budget includes the full multi-year budget for Prop V, with the current year funding set at \$10.1 million.

District-wide organization charts have been moved to the home page of the District intranet for easy access. They are updated monthly, as needed, following the Governing Board meeting.

The San Diego Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Detail recently conducted a site survey of Grossmont College to provide a tactical assessment of the campus for use in the event of an emergency. They also identified possible command posts, access routes, roof access points, floor plans, and campus maps. A similar site survey will also be conducted for Cuyamaca College.

Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said a review by the Benefits Committee was underway regarding changes in the VEBA Kaiser plan needed for 2014. An analysis conducted by the District's insurance broker estimated savings for 2013 resulting from the switch from Direct Health to VEBA to be at least \$426,000.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported on the ACCT Leadership Congress activities in Seattle, including opening speaker Bill Gates and a presentation that was given by **Hiel, Rosinski** and **Miles** along with representatives from the San Diego Community College District. **Miles**, who was selected as Pacific Region CEO, thanked the Governing Board for their nomination. **Miles** noted that Academic Senate presidents **Alicia Muñoz** and **Sue Gonda**, and **Beth Smith**, statewide Academic Senate president, attended the Academic Senate Recognition Reception at San Diego State University. Miles reported on the Community College League of California Regional Reception held at Cuyamaca College, attended by representatives from seven area community college districts.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** said teams from both colleges attended the Student Success Conference in San Francisco and the Student Success Summit in Sacramento. Campus student success committees are meeting to discuss targeting their efforts and supporting the District Student Success Committee.

Grossmont College Academic Senate president **Sue Gonda** said student success innovators at Grossmont are also sharing their strategies. The Foundation and Auxiliary are also being included to help identify fundraising opportunities for programs.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, 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.