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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Actions

- ◆ With the exception of Item 201 and 305, all [agenda items](#) were approved by the Governing Board via consent. The Governing Board approved the District's Adoption Budget for 2013-2014 by a 5-0 vote. Although all of the anticipated Prop. V funds are included in the budget, the District expects to spend \$10 million in this budget year.
- ◆ The Board also unanimously approved the appointment of trustees Edwin Hiel and Mary Kay as voting delegates for the Association of Community College Trustees Leadership

District Construction Plans Reviewed

Dale Switzer, Senior Director of Facilities, Planning, Development and Maintenance, and **Jim Davies**, Senior Project Manager for Gafcon, Inc., presented a comprehensive Construction Projects review.

Switzer presented a list of completed projects under Proposition R. The majority of major projects originally proposed 10 years ago at the start of the bond were completed. Several remaining projects will be funded through Prop. V.

Switzer reviewed the District's five-year construction plan, which is required by the state of California. It is also used to determine whether the District is eligible for state funding toward any capital projects.

Initial Project Proposals are being submitted for two projects: the Science, Math and Career Tech Complex (300s) at Grossmont College, and the Ornamental Horticulture Complex at Cuyamaca College. The proposals have been posted on the [Facilities page](#) on the District's website.

- ◆ A pool of architects for Prop. V projects is being created, with a final shortlist of eight firms being evaluated from 46 proposals received.
- ◆ District design standards are being reviewed and updated with input from faculty and staff.
- ◆ A supplemental Environmental Impact Report is underway based on the District's new Facilities Master Plan.

Detailed project budgets are being developed for all projects in the Facilities Master Plan. Security issues, including door, will be included, with input from the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

Davies provided a report on the wrap-up of Prop. R projects, and preparation for the start of Prop. V-funded improvements.

Proposition V Bonds

Ryan Vollmer representing RBC Capital Markets reviewed the District's Prop V bond issuance.

Highlights include:

- ◆ Discussion of the District's bond rating, including a presentation to Moody's and Standard & Poors. The District received a Double A and Double A-2 rating that allows for more cost-effective interest rates.
- ◆ Refunding bonds were issued for Prop R, saving District taxpayers approximately \$830,000 over the life of the bonds.
- ◆ No long-term capital appreciation bonds are anticipated. The District will maintain a 10-year call position and the option of refinancing if interest rates drop.

All Prop. R and Prop. V related reports and governance information are available on the District's [Citizens Bond Oversight Committee](#) webpage.

Board Reports

President **Bill Garrett** announced that Grossmont College Student Trustee **Peg Marcus** tendered her resignation. The Chancellor has authorized the Associated Students to conduct an election to replace her. Voting will take place September 30 and October 1, with a new student trustee in place for the October meeting.



Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** reported ASGCC will host a 9/11 commemoration ceremony featuring the battalion chief for the San Miguel Fire Department and a performance by the U.S. Navy Band. Next week, ASGCC will host Constitution Day activities. **Hernandez** said there are 30 new student government members this year.

Talking accreditation



From left, District Vice Chancellor, Business Services Sue Rearic, Grossmont College geology professor and the college's accreditation co-chair Chris Hill, Board Trustee Greg Barr, Cuyamaca College President Mark Zacovic and Board Trustee Debbie Justeson participate in a pre-board accreditation workshop.

Board members **Garrett, Mary Kay Rosinski** and **Edwin Hiel** attended the Grossmont College Fall Scholarship Breakfast. Eighty-five students received scholarships. Board members thanked those who provided scholarships for students.

Rosinski said the board workshop on accreditation helped to prepare board members for meetings with accreditation site visit team members next month. Board member **Debbie Justeson** said accreditation is a confirmation of the work that everyone does at the colleges on a daily basis.

Garrett reported on the grand opening of the Intergenerational Garden at Cuyamaca College, the Fall Scholarship Breakfast, and the *Staged Readings* from the work of Edgar Allan Poe fundraiser event at Grossmont College, which featured college presidents **Mark Zacovic** and **Sunny Cooke** as well as **Kurt Brauer**, interim grounds and maintenance supervisor at Grossmont College.

Presidents' Reports



- President **Sunny Cooke** said the Hyde Art Gallery is currently featuring a sculpture collection by Art Instructor **Stephanie Bedwell**, *From This Place*. She will be a participating speaker in the One Book, One Campus project.
- Grossmont College's 9/11 Remembrance includes a reading of the names of all who died on that day and a ceremony honoring first responders. Chemistry Professor **Jeff Lehman** is receiving the "Spirit of 9/11 Award" for his search and rescue volunteer activities.
- Grossmont College offers free programs promoting employee wellness, including exercise classes during lunch breaks and after shifts.
- Awards grants: Librarian **Nadra-Farina Hess** secured a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to expand understanding of different cultures. Political Economy Professor **Todd Meyers** also received a Koch Foundation grant to fund research internships.



- A workshop on Chaldean culture led by **Sami Jihad** launched the fall Diversity Dialogues series on campus. The Diversity Dialogues -- free and open to the public -- focuses on a variety of diversity awareness and social justice topics.
- President **Mark Zacovic** said Cuyamaca College and the County of San Diego held a "vine cutting" ceremony on August 27 for the new Intergenerational Garden. Officiating were Chancellor **Cindy Miles, Zacovic**, County Health and Human Services Agency Director **Nick Macchione**, and County Aging and Independence Services Director **Ellen Schmeding**. Joining in the vine cutting was County Supervisor **Dianne Jacob**, who represents East County. Zacovic thanked Dean **Jennifer Lewis** for making the project a reality.



District Services Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said eight positions in the new Campus & Parking Services Department have been filled. Two additional positions are being recruited. The new personnel are conducting safety checks.

The Police & Public Safety Transition Task Force has been meeting weekly during the transition period. **Rearic** said it will now meet monthly and continue to assist on transition issues.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** offered comments on the District's positive bond rating, work on the Adoption Budget, the District Accreditation workshop prior to the board meeting. **Anne Krueger**, communications and public information director, reviewed the District's newly published [2012-2013 Annual Report](#), titled "Success Stories."

Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, the District's new Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said she had been greeted by a lot of smiling faces and has been made to feel very welcome.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president **Alicia Muñoz** invited everyone to attend the upcoming Latino Heritage Day on campus September 19. **Muñoz** and Grossmont College Academic Senate president **Sue Gonda** are working together to offer sabbatical workshops to faculty. Two will take place at Grossmont, two at Cuyamaca.

Gonda reported on numerous faculty activities and a positive attitude to start the fall semester. New faculty attended orientation sessions.

Classified Senate representative **Avelina Mitchell** encouraged Board member attendance at the Classified Senate retreat September 20.

Staff Notes

The District welcomes **Timothy Brogan-Ding**, **Bobby Morris**, **Frances Reyes**, **Michael Williams**, **Tiffany Hungerford**, and **Ronald Muniz** to the new Campus and Parking Services as Specialists.

Cuyamaca College welcomes **Oswaldo Torres**, Counselor, Veterans Services; Senior; **Lori Senini**, Health Services Supervisor; and **Scott Thayer**, Vice President, Student Services. Grossmont College welcomes **Amanda Wurangian**, Admission and Records Specialist.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, 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.

NOTE: This is a change in location for October only, due to Accreditation site visits.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

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