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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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ESL Programs Discussed at Board Workshop

Alicia Munoz, head of the English as a Second Language program at Cuyamaca College, and **Helen Liesberg**, ESL program co-chair at Grossmont College, gave a board presentation on the programs. ESL is a multi-disciplinary program that involves grammar, writing, speaking and listening, and vocabulary. More than 900 students attended ESL classes at Grossmont College last fall, while more than 700 students took the classes at Cuyamaca College. Both colleges offer support services for ESL students, such as tutors who attend the ESL classes and then work with the students outside class. The goal of the ESL classes is to teach effective English communication skills for students who are working toward obtaining a college degree or want to improve their English for the workplace.

Kudos for Classified



From left, *Governing Board President Bill Garrett; student trustee Elsa Hernandez; trustee Edwin Hiel; student trustee Zack Gianino; Chancellor Cindy L. Miles; Wendy Corbin, Yvette Macy, Kasi Althaus and Avelina Mitchell with the Classified Senate; trustee Mary Kay Rosinski; trustee Greg Barr and trustee Debbie Justeson.*

Yvette Macy Presented Chancellor/Classified Senate Award



Classified Senate President **Avelina Mitchell** and Chancellor **Cindy Miles** presented the Chancellor/Classified Senate Award to **Yvette Macy**, District Services Payroll Technician/Clerical Assistant. **Macy's** nominator, District Account Technician **Kasi Althaus**, described her passion and willingness to get involved with implementing improvements at all levels, citing her creation of the District Services Star Award. She serves on many committees and donates time to the community outside the District. **Macy** recently completed her associate degree at Grossmont College and hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in Art Therapy. **Macy's** family, friends, and colleagues were on hand to celebrate her achievement.

District Achieves Decade of Audit Excellence

The tenth straight year of clean audits were presented by the District's accounting firm Christy White Associates Accountancy Corporation to Governing Board members. Audits were completed for the District, Foundation and Auxiliary, Prop R Building Fund, and Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement Plan. The White accounting firm produced the audits with the exception of the Prop R Building Fund, which was produced by the firm Vincenti Lloyd & Stutzman. The audits were for fiscal

Board Actions

All [agenda items](#) were approved by the Governing Board via consent.



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year ending June 30, 2013. All received “unqualified” or clean audits.

Vice Chancellor Business Services Sue Rearic noted that it takes many, many people throughout the District in many departments “doing the right thing” all year long as part of internal control systems to make all audits come out clean.

The audit reports are available on the District’s website under [Governing Board docket](#) items 652- 655.

Board Reports

Governing Board members complimented the English as a Second Language staff on both campuses for their preparation prior to the board meeting. Board member **Debbie Justeson** said the presentations allow her to confirm to the community the high quality of the programs on both campuses.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** and **Greg Barr** compared lessons learned in *The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*, the book featured in Grossmont College’s “One Book One Campus” reading project, to the District’s student success efforts.

Vice President **Mary Kay Rosinski** congratulated the 30 new nursing graduates whose pinning ceremony she attended last month.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** said ASCC would hold its spring planning retreat to create goals and plan events for the coming semester. ASGCC will hold a department office door decoration contest to help create Coyote Spirit for the upcoming basketball game against Grossmont on February 5.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** attended the Classified Staff and college convocations.

President **Bill Garrett** asked for the textbook cost saving recommendations for faculty and for students originally created in 2009 to be reviewed and updated if new options are available to cut textbook costs. **Garrett** suggested the group include him and trustee **Barr** from the original task force, along with the student trustees, faculty and Classified Senate representatives.

Presidents’ Reports



- President **Sunny Cooke** said 24 students will graduate this month from the Office Professional Training program. It is the program’s 23rd anniversary.
- Grossmont alumnus **Joey DiMartino** was named Offensive MVP for his performance playing in front of home town fans for Utah State in the Poinsettia Bowl held in San Diego against Northern Illinois. **DiMartino** set a record for his 58-yard rush in the first half.
- Grossmont alumna **Cassandra Kunze** was crowned Miss California USA on January 5. She will represent California in the Miss USA pageant later this year.
- Math Instructor **Shirley Pereira** received the President’s Leadership Award for her efforts on behalf of student success in mathematics.



- President **Mark Zacovic** said the Water Conservation Garden’s “Ms. Smarty-Plants™” program received the Governor’s Environmental and Economic Leadership Award, the state of California’s highest environmental honor. The program serves 30,000 grade school students annually.
- ASCC sponsored several “De-Stress Fest” activities to help students during finals week, including visits from San Diego Humane Society therapy dogs and a free Pancake Breakfast in the Student Center.
- The CARE Program for single parent students and the Unlimited Potential! (Up!) program for former foster youth and guardianship students held a workshop and holiday luncheon in the Cuyamaca College Student Center. Sixty-five students attended and received gifts for their children and themselves to brighten their holiday season.



District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the Governor issued the initial state budget, which includes a 3% FTES restoration and a small amount of COLA funding. The District will begin developing its tentative budget in February.

Rearic reported that more than 50 people participated in the first vendor demonstrations for the new Finance/HR/Payroll systems. Work is also continuing on the development of space standards and design and materials standards, led by HMC Architects, Gafcon, and Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development and Maintenance **Dale Switzer**. The board will receive a full report on the standards.



Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said training sessions will be provided on EEOC hiring at both Grossmont and Cuyamaca College throughout the spring. **Edwards** said Human Resources hopes to train everyone who wants to serve on a screening committee.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** welcomed faculty back for the launch of the Spring 2014 semester, and said she is also excited to welcome the students back. She remarked that the student leadership at both campuses model engagement and are among the strongest leaders she has seen.

Miles reported on the Chancellor's Extended Cabinet retreat where members collaborated on what the team needs to do to come together to focus on what most matters and maintain smooth-running operations.

Staff Report

AFT president **Jim Mahler** reported members have ratified the resource allocation formula, and an adjunct faculty healthcare plan is now in place for the first time. He said AFT is working on final figures for economic settlements as a result of the resource allocation agreement, and hopes to hold a ratification vote next week.

Staff Notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes **Kate Alder**, Dean of Career and Technical Education; and **Casey Slocum**, Instructional Lab Assistant, Music. Grossmont College, welcomes **Anthony Cutietta**, Music Technician; **Douglas Hersh**, Dean of Learning and Technology Resources; **Victoria Kerba Miller**, Associate Dean of Student Affairs; **Lorena Ruggero**, Director of College and Community Relations, and **Gregory Smith**, Instructional Lab Assistant. The District welcomes **Paul Wassmer**, Contracts Specialist; and **Natalie Yturralde**, Administrative Assistant, Facilities.

Congratulations to **Pat Setzer**, Dean, Division II (Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts and ESL) at Cuyamaca College, on his new assignment.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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.