

## Board Actions

- With the exception of items 201, 202, 203, 207, 302, and 502, all agenda items passed via consent.

### Unanimous actions:

- In closed session, the board rejected a claim by Adam Lehman; accepted a claim by Jessica Reyes; and approved a three-day suspension without pay for a classified employee.
- The Governing Board scheduled its regular meetings for 2015 for the third Tuesday of each month, with the exception of Sept. 8 and Dec. 8.
- Board member Debbie Justeson asked about the procedure for students challenging a course, and the process for creating credit by examination. Chancellor Cindy Miles said a report would be provided to the Board.
- Trustee Greg Barr asked for more budget planning information for spending by groups such as DSPS and EOPS.
- President Garrett appointed two community members to the Grossmont College President Selection Committee, Foundation board member Brad Daluiso, and East County Economic Development Corporation president/CEO Jo Marie Diamond.

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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### Trustees Take Oaths of Office



Board President **Bill Garrett** administered the oath of office to (clockwise from above) Governing Board members **Greg Barr**, **Debbie Justeson** and **Edwin Hiel**. All ran unopposed and were elected to new terms in November.

### Board officers elected for 2015

Governing

Board trustees elected officers for 2015.



#### Bill

**Garrett** was selected as president for the eighth consecutive year, while **Mary Kay Rosinski** will serve as vice president and **Greg Barr** will be clerk.

### Trio lauded with annual Chancellor/Classified Senate Awards



**Janet Carter**, fifth from left, with **Steve Baker**, **Paul Turounet**, and **Yvette Macy**, join trustees for a photo.

Classified staff members from District Services and both colleges were honored as recipients of the now-annual Chancellor/Classified Senate Awards.

The Cuyamaca College recipient is Administrative Assistant **Cheryl Alvarez**. Dean of Career and Technical Education **Kate Alder** said **Alvarez** has played significant roles through major leadership transitions and the accreditation effort.

**Janet Carter**, administrative assistant in Arts and Humanities at Grossmont College, was called "the glue of our division" by her nominators, **Paul Turounet**, associate professor in art, and **Steve Baker**, dean of Arts, Humanities, and Language/Communications.

**Debbi Smith**, instructional design technology specialist with District Services, was described by her boss, **Brian Nath**, director information systems, as a dream employee who brings warmth as well as knowledge to her job.



From left: **Debbi Smith**, **Brian Nath**, **Kate Alder** and **Cheryl Alvarez**.

## Reports Highlight District Accomplishments in Planning

Governing Board members heard several reports outlining efforts to improve overall outcomes for students, including strategic planning, support plans for student success, and changes to curriculum.

Curriculum chairpersons **Kathleen Aylward**, Grossmont College Exercise Science instructor, and **Chuck Charter**, Cuyamaca College English Instructor, reviewed curriculum changes in credit courses, certificate, and degree programs. Changes included new and deleted courses and course modifications. Aligning courses between the two colleges to promote student success is a top priority. Grossmont College Interim Senior Dean of College Planning & Institutional Effectiveness **Beth Smith** and Cuyamaca College Vice President of Student Services **Scott Thayer** presented the review of Student Equity plans for each college. With new funding available at the state level, work on these plans can be revived to improve student success rates development and close achievement gaps. Data will be gathered for several demographic groups to determine how students are performing in six key areas, with goals established for students on both campuses. The plans will be submitted for approval to the State Chancellor's Office by January 1, 2015, and they will be reviewed annually.

Senior Dean of Research Planning & Institutional Effectiveness **Chris Tarman** presented the joint Board and District Strategic Planning and Budget Council's annual Strategic Plan Outcomes Report covering the 2013-2014 academic year. **Tarman** said a large amount of data is gathered to assess the plans, and the outcomes inform the future direction for next year's goals in five areas of focus: student access, student success, value and support of employees, economic and community development, and fiscal and physical resources.

Several accomplishments were presented, including the new Accuplacer English placement tool, outreach efforts to middle and high schools encouraging STEM studies, safety training, staff training on technology initiatives, and the East County Education Alliance with the Grossmont Union High School District.

**Tarman** shared a development timeline for the 2016-2022 Strategic Plan.

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## Board Reports

A farewell reception for Grossmont College President **Sunny**



**Cooke** took place prior to the

Governing Board meeting. At the meeting, board members, staff and students



*Well-wishers gather at a farewell reception for outgoing Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**, who accepts a token of appreciation at the podium, right.*



expressed their appreciation and good wishes to **Cooke** as she leaves for a new role as Superintendent/President of MiraCosta College. All recognized **Cooke's** extraordinary leadership and contributions to the campus, as well as her excellent representation of the college and district in the East County community. **Cooke** said it has been a wonderful experience and an honor to serve as Grossmont College president.

Trustee **Greg Barr** and President **Bill Garrett** attended a ceremony honoring the past presidents of Cuyamaca College with the unveiling of their portraits.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** reported on campus events including the support of students during finals. **Gianino** said ASGC has begun the process of unincorporating to better facilitate collaboration with the college. The process should take two years.

## Presidents' Reports

- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** presented Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** with gifts on behalf of Cuyamaca College, thanking her for her professional guidance.
- ◆ More than 200 people attended the Native American cultural event and College Hour hosted by the Cuyamaca College library and Native American Student Alliance in November. Aztec dancers in traditional costumes performed, and guest speakers **Richard DeCrane**, **Chuck Cadotte**, and **Alejandro Mera Chichiltekolotl** talked about their Native American cultures and traditions.
- ◆ Student veterans and active duty military were honored with a free barbecue at the Water Conservation Garden on Veterans Day. The El Cajon Elks Lodge sponsored the event through a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant. Attendees received a "student survival kit" with a flash drive, school supplies, and textbook vouchers.



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** discussed the agreement between the Grossmont College nursing program and Point Loma Nazarene University to allow 25 nursing students per semester to seamlessly transition into PLNU's four-year nursing degree program. The innovative new 15-month program will take place entirely on the Grossmont campus. The first cohort will start in fall 2015.
- ◆ Financial Aid at Grossmont College distributed \$30.5 million in federal, state, and institutional aid to 51 percent of Grossmont students. The average amount of aid awarded per student was \$2,587.
- ◆ **Cooke** thanked **Miles** and trustees for their donations to the EOPS program, which helps support students in the EOPS, CARE, and foster youth programs.



## District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said parking lot improvements will take place over the winter break in several locations at both campuses, including pothole repairs, sealing and paving along perimeter roads, new ADA striping, improved signage, and cleaning.

Under the direction of CAPS Director **Nicole Conklin**, the emergency call boxes at both campuses were assessed and will be checked every six months. The existing "Lost and Found" feature on the Public Safety web page has been upgraded with a web-based search option. **Rearic** said more website improvements and updates are in progress.

District Services staff participated in a cyber-safety workshop presented by the District sheriff's team on December 2. Topics included protecting personal information, identifying scams, theft and fraud, and tips for making online purchases.

## Holiday cheer



Governing Board Trustees **Bill Garrett** and **Mary Kay Rosinski** show a pair of poinsettias presented by Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic**.

## Human Resources Report

**Tim Corcoran**, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, reported on training sessions for AFT members on the new faculty contracts, which will continue into next year; ongoing first aid, CPR and AED trainings; and open house sessions at the District and both campuses to allow employees to see the new Workday human resources, payroll and finance system.



## Staff Report

Classified Senate representative **Yvette Macy** said the "thank you gram" fundraiser was a success, with more than 500 orders. Classified Staff Appreciation Day is scheduled on March 23, 2015, with a superheroes theme.

AFT representative **June Yang** said she hoped issues in implementing the Resource Allocation Formula (RAF) would be worked out.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** reported 19 people have requested sabbaticals, with 13 openings this year.



## Chancellor's Report

**Miles** said the Consulate of Mexico presented the Foundation with a \$15,000 grant to provide 15 scholarships to students of Mexican descent.

For the second year in a row, the Consulate awarded funds to the District that will be used to award scholarships to Grossmont and Cuyamaca College students.

**Miles** said the Foundation's recent "Winterfest" event for retirees allowed them to keep up to date on District activities and gave them an opportunity to reconnect with each other. These events take place each semester.



*From left, **Selam Gebrekristos**, Grossmont College scholarship specialist; **Esau Cortez**, Grossmont College student; **John Valencia**, associate vice chancellor for advancement and communications; **Sally Cox**, executive director, Auxiliary.*

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new employee **Wayne Branker**, Admissions and Records Office Supervisor at Grossmont College.

Congratulations to **Mario Chacon**, Associate Dean, EOPS, Grossmont College; **Maria Claustro**, EOPS/CARE Program Specialist, Grossmont College; and **Veronica Nieves-Cortez**, Tutoring Center Specialist, Cuyamaca College, on their new assignments.

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5 p.m.

## Public Comment

**Christopher Enders**, former Grossmont College student trustee, congratulated **Cooke** on her new role with MiraCosta College. **Enders**, a recent UCSD graduate, thanked **Cooke** for her service to Grossmont College and her impact on the lives of the students she dedicated her time to serving.

### Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

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