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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

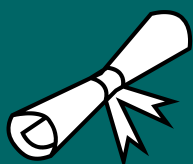


GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Trustees Support Community Colleges Baccalaureate Resolution

Governing Board trustees voted 5-0, with student trustees casting advisory votes in favor, to adopt a resolution supporting the efforts of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, State Chancellor, members of the legislature, community and business organizations and leaders, and others working to implement a new pilot program, allowing community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees in selected high-demand workforce fields.



From left, Governing Board Trustee Edwin Hiel; President Bill Garrett; Trustee Debbie Justeson, Student Trustee Zack Gianino, Student Trustee Elsa Hernandez; Trustee Mary Kay Rosinski; and Trustee Greg Barr.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** read the text of the resolution on the record, noting it applies to targeted baccalaureate degrees for high-demand sectors like nursing and increases access for underrepresented students. Trustees **Debbie Justeson** and **Edwin Hiel** and President **Bill Garrett** expressed their support.

Salary Equity Taskforce Recommendations Ratified by Governing Board

The Governing Board approved a recommendation on the consent calendar by the Salary Equity Taskforce (SET) to distribute the RAF-determined SET funds for 2013/2014, with employee groups benchmarked furthest from the median receiving a proportionally higher amount. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked all employee participants working to rectify these longstanding issues, especially Vice Chancellor of Human Resources **Marsha Edwards** and Associate Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Tim Corcoran**.

Board Reports

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** reported on his work with the Community College League of California Commission of the Future, noting concerns about the longstanding equity gap in student achievement and employee diversity in the face of dramatic student demographic changes.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** attended the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce Salute to Heroes with Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communications **John Valencia** and Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Services **Sahar Abushaban**.

Trustee **Greg Barr** inquired about potholes in the perimeter road at Grossmont College and about the District's smoking ban in areas frequented by smokers. Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported that a parking and road improvement plan is being reviewed and will be integrated the general facilities plan.

Board Actions

Except for item 202, which was pulled for discussion, all agenda items were approved by the Governing Board via consent.



Board Reports

Trustee **Rosinski** congratulated Trustees **Barr**, **Hiel**, and **Justeson** for running unopposed for re-election to their Governing Board seats.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** reported on Women’s History Month activities and upcoming Social Justice Training for students on April 4 in connection with the new Social Justice Club on campus.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** noted ASGC elections are underway, and he has filed to run for a second term as student trustee.

President **Garrett** said the Textbook Task Force planned to meet within in the next few weeks. **Garrett** announced that District resident Adam Day of Alpine, assistant general manager for the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, had been appointed to the California State University Board of Trustees and would be a good liaison for community colleges.

Presidents’ Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** reported that more than a dozen Black History Month events took place at Grossmont College in February, including visits by award-winning author and poet **Reg E Gaines** and national race relations expert **Tim Wise**.



- ◆ Grossmont College Student Veterans Organization president **Frankie Rojas** has been named a finalist for the U-T San Diego Latino Champions Awards for Veteran of the Year.
- ◆ As part of the San Diego County Health and Human



Services Agency’s “Love Your Heart” event Feb. 14, Grossmont College nursing students were among the hundreds of

- ◆ President **Cooke** said Grossmont College was honored to host the annual San Diego Science Educators Association conference, attended by more than 500 science educators from San Diego, Orange, Riverside and Imperial counties. The focus was on Common Core state standards and educating the next generation of scientists.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** highlighted a presentation by Dean of Counseling **Marsha Gable** on the challenges facing African-American women seeking to reach the upper echelon of higher education administration as one of the Black History Month events on campus.

- ◆ EOPS students **Lawrence Ayers**, **Antwane Collier**, **Ferreon Meferia**, and



- ◆ **Shiloh Cloyd** attended the national African American Male Education Network & Development (A²MEND) Summit in Los Angeles March 6-7, along with EOPS Counselor **Michael Love** and Vice President of Student Services **Scott Thayer**, a founding member of A² MEND.

- ◆ The opening reception for art Instructor **Debra Babylon’s** Sabbatical Art Exhibition drew about 100 guests. *Global Citizens and Collateral Damage* featured large-scale canvases with images of children and war, evoking strong emotions, with their theme of a loss of innocence.



District Services Report

Rearic reported the District received its first 2013/2014 principal apportionment from the state Chancellor's Office. The larger than expected \$3.8 million deficit is due mainly to a drop in property taxes. The FTES cap was increased by 112 FTES, with \$470,000 in restoration fees provided to the District. **Rearic** says the District anticipates being over cap by the end of the year.



Dawn Heuft and Susan Glass

Administrative Assistant **Dawn Heuft**, Accounting Analyst **Susan Glass** and Purchasing Assistant **Marie Briney** held a training seminar to help staff read budgets and financial reports for their departments.

A Public Safety Transition Survey is gathering District employee opinions about the changeover in Police and Public Safety services.

As part of Women's History



Month, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee hosted a screening of "Dark Girls," a

documentary which looks at the perceptions of skin color in America.

Human Resources Report

Vice Chancellor of Human Resources **Marsha Edwards** said AFT settled a unit modification petition for the not-for-credit faculty, effective March 1.

Chancellor's Report

Miles reported on several ongoing assignments, including the Equity 2014 Summit, the regional steering committee formed by the East County Economic Development Council for an "Aerotropolis" around Gillespie Field, and a multicultural business roundtable through the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.

Miles congratulated John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award winners **Tim Corcoran** (District Services), **Chris Hill**, (Grossmont College), and **Kathryn Nette** (Cuyamaca College). The award, presented at the annual Innovations 2014 conference in Anaheim, celebrates outstanding contributions and leadership by community college faculty and staff throughout the country.



Congratulations!

Staff Report

AFT representative **David Raney** commended Trustees Hiel, Justeson, and Barr on running for re-election unopposed. **Raney** said AFT is glad to see the work on the Salary Equity Task Force move forward.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** announced she will attend the Southern California area meeting to plan the statewide April plenary session. **Gonda** said Grossmont College is showing the HBO documentary "Dare to Compete" about the history of women in sports as part of Women's History Month. **Gonda** said many faculty members, administrators, and students turned out for the planning forum at Grossmont College.

Staff Notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes new employee **Teresa Greenhalgh**, Administrative Assistant. Grossmont College welcomes new employee **Janet Shipstead**, Student Services Assistant. Congratulations to **Cheryl Alvarez**, Administrative Assistant, Cuyamaca College; **Valeri Wilson**, Administrative Assistant, President's Office, Cuyamaca College; **Linda Elia**, Admissions and Records Assistant, Grossmont College; and **Vaunette Allen** and **Cynthia Posada**, Student Services Specialists at Grossmont College, on their new assignments.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2014, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5: p.m. **NOTE:** This is a date change from the previously scheduled date.

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.