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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Trustees tour Cuyamaca College One-Stop Center



Governing Board members toured the student services offered at Cuyamaca College's One-Stop Center, visiting each office to learn the steps that students would take as they are enrolling, registering for classes, or transferring. The tour, coordinated by **Jessica Yakou**, interim student success coordinator, and led by a team of administrators, included stops at Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Counseling, Veterans Services, CalWORKS, Disabled Student Programs and Services, EOPS, and the Transfer Center. Counseling services supervisor **Courtney Williams**, above, explained how her department assists students.

Edwin Hiel Elected to ACCT Diversity Committee

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** was elected to the Association of Community College Trustees Diversity Committee at its annual meeting in Chicago. Hiel said he believes the national committee of community college trustees can help find ways to do more to guarantee the success of students and close the achievement gap.



From left: District Communications Director **Anne Krueger**, Trustees **Edwin Hiel** and **Bill Garrett**, and Chancellor **Cindy Miles**

Board Actions

- With the exception of item 201, the Governing Board approved all agenda items via consent.
- **Hiel** asked about Board Policy 3435 Discrimination and Harassment Complaints and Investigations under docket item 201, and inquired about the District's status in updating policies to comply with changes in the Clery Act. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said Student Services and Human Resources would examine the District's position and report back. The agenda item passed unanimously.

Auxiliary and Foundation Annual Reports

Associate Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Communications **John Valencia** highlighted the activities of the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca College over the past year, beginning with an overview of the new



organizational structure focused on the goal of building relationships.

Foundation accomplishments include the launch of the "Give A Dream" music video, which received over 40,000 views and raised \$59,634; \$15,500 in mini-grants for various college programs; \$9,000 for major cultural events at both colleges; and fundraising events including the second Donor Breakfast and the Brad Daluiso Golf Classic.

The Foundation hosted the second Retiree Homecoming event, fall and spring Scholarship Breakfasts at Grossmont College, the first Possibilities Roundtable dinner and the Chancellor's Advisory Council event. The Foundation had \$1,513,029 in total assets for fiscal year 2013-2014. The reports and additional information is available on the Foundation website at www.foundation.gcccd.edu

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked Valencia for his fundraising and outreach efforts over the past year.

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GCCCD Auxiliary Executive Director Sally Cox, who joined the Auxiliary in April 2014, presented her first annual report on the Auxiliary's activities. The Auxiliary has 150 employees, including about 100 part-time employees. It processed \$6.7 million in funds. Cox described ways the Auxiliary supports students with grants and other assistance, such as the recent AARP grant for the Grossmont College Office Professional Training program that was secured through the Foundation and Auxiliary.

Board Reports

Trustees expressed their appreciation for the well-organized tour of the Cuyamaca One-Stop Center prior to the Governing Board meeting.

Board member **Debbie Justeson** commended **Miles** on leading the effort to create the new East County Education Alliance, a partnership between the District and the Grossmont Union High School District. She said the alliance will help strengthen education and the workforce in East County.



Trustees Debbie Justeson and Bill Garrett join Chancellor Cindy Miles, Grossmont Union High School District Superintendent Ralf Swenson and GUHSD Board President Robert Shield to kick off the new East County Education Alliance.

Rosinski congratulated the District for receiving the 2014 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award, a national award received by colleges and universities for outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. The District was the only community college in the region to be recognized.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** reported on numerous student events, including recent Diversity Dialogues and a student safety awareness workshop led by San Diego Sheriff's deputies. On Nov. 25, Cuyamaca hosts its annual Native American College Hour and Pow-Wow.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** said ASGC's \$1,500 donation to the Child Development Center has encouraged other student governments to support their own Child Development Centers. **Gianino** attended a Student Empowerment Club workshop on Race and Injustice in America.

President **Bill Garrett** added his praise for the new East County Education Alliance, recalling that the need for this was recognized more than 14 years with the introduction of Cal-PASS. **Garrett** attended the Grossmont College speech tournament and noted more information needs to get out about various campus activities. He said the Grossmont College Theater Arts Department and Music Department Facebook pages are excellent.

Presidents' Reports

- President **Sunny Cooke** said the Grossmont College Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee held three well-attended events in honor of National Coming Out Week in October, including a film screening, panel discussion, and resource fair.
- Athletics Success: Women's water polo won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Champions for a second year in a row; women's volleyball remained undefeated with 26 straight wins as of Nov. 13.
- The Grossmont College Speech and Debate team received several awards at the Watson-Lancer Invitational Speech Tournament at Pasadena Community College, and hosted the 22nd annual Griffin Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament on Nov. 15-16. Twenty-five teams participated.
- The Physics, Astronomy, and Physical Sciences Department hosted a viewing of the Oct. 23 partial solar eclipse. More than 500 people took part during the two-hour eclipse.



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- President **Mark Zacovic** said the Unlimited Possibilities! (UP!) program for former foster youth, guardianship and homeless students held its Fall Holiday Event on Nov. 13. Fifteen students were treated to a holiday lunch and a panel discussion by former UP! Students. Five students won new laptops in the John Burton Foundation Backpack to Success Laptop Essay contest, and all students were given gift cards donated by Cuyamaca faculty and staff members.
- Coyote men's and women's cross country teams both qualified for the state championships, which will take place at Woodward Park in Fresno on Nov. 22.
- Zacovic** said more than 70 California Conservation Corps and community volunteers worked at the Intergenerational Garden at Cuyamaca College on Nov. 18.
- Zacovic** encouraged all to attend the Gallery of Past Presidents unveiling reception on Dec 8 at 4 p.m. All four past presidents plan to attend and help unveil their portraits.



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District Services Report



Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** displayed the new Workday project logo, depicting the sun breaking through the clouds.

Rearic said Workday software implementation will transition all

District Human Resources, Payroll and Financial processes into one integrated system. This project made significant progress last month with training, discovery and some design sessions.

Faculty and staff can learn more at open houses in December: 2-4 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Cuyamaca College Student Center, 9-11 a.m. Dec. 11 at District Services annex conference room, and 1-3 p.m. Dec. 11 at Grossmont College's Griffin Gate.

Rearic welcomed several new employees to District Services, including new Director of Campus and Parking Services (CAPS) **Nicole Conklin**, and **Laurie Lovell**, new Administrative Secretary, Sr., Advancement & Communications.

New CAPS uniforms



A new look for the district's Campus and Parking Services Team — improved, easy-to-recognize uniforms.

Human Resources Report

Tim Corcoran, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, reported on training and other efforts to get ready for the new Workday system. Implementation has started on the new contracts with AFT and the Administrators Association. Training was conducted with AFT, and will continue with the Administrators in January.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported on the Association of Community College Trustees conference, noting that 1,600 trustees from across the U.S. attended.

Miles displayed a photo of the East County Education Alliance signing ceremony and news conference, calling it "truly momentous" and expressing appreciation for the Governing Board's support of this initiative. A joint meeting of the governing boards for the District and the Grossmont Union High School District is scheduled for March 2015.

Miles recognized former District Associate Vice Chancellor **Dana Quittner** for being honored by the East County Economic Development Council with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Miles encouraged everyone to attend a farewell gathering for President **Sunny Cooke** prior to the next board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Grossmont College Health and Sciences Building lobby.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** reported on several notable resolutions from the recent statewide Academic Senate plenary session, including resolutions requiring student writing samples in the Common Assessment standards, defining faculty evaluation criteria, and accreditation team composition.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said English Professor **Tate Hurvitz** has been elected as the next Grossmont Academic Senate President.

Halloween Themes of District Services



The District Business Services team chose a spider theme. From left: Dawn Heuft, Paula Tillery, Rosario Palazo; Susan Glass, Sue Rearic and Jennifer Fujimoto.



Purchasing's whimsical theme is reflected by, from left, Melody Wells, Linda Bertolucci, Paul Wassner, Amy Leasure and Maria Briney.

Staff Notes

District Services welcomes **Laurie Lovell**, Confidential Administrative Secretary, Advancement and Communications.

At Grossmont College, welcome to **David Loren Holmquist**, Senior Athletic Field Maintenance Worker; **Sam Rigby**, Student Services Assistant, Counseling; and **Melissa Wimbs**, Student Services Assistant, DSPS.

Congratulations to the following staff members taking on interim assignments: **Randall Clark**, Interim Senior Director, Facilities, Planning, Development and Maintenance; **Sahar Abushaban**, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services, Cuyamaca College; **Tim Flood**, Interim President, Grossmont College (effective January 1, 2015); **Linda Jensen**, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services, Grossmont College (effective January 2, 2015).

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, 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 the annual organizational meeting and a change in date from the regular schedule.

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.