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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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New Employee Contracts OK'd

The Governing Board approved new agreements with the Administrators' Association and the American Federation of Teachers Guild. **Tim Corcoran**, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said many years have been spent on both contracts,



with a lot of hard work and dedication. **Corcoran** thanked the members of the collective bargaining teams for the employee groups, as well as the District team. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said it is the first time during her tenure that the District has reached agreements with all of its bargaining units, noting that the CSEA contract was reached early this year.



Board tours Grossmont College Athletics Facilities

Jim Spillers, Grossmont College associate dean of athletics, gave Governing Board members a tour of the athletics facilities at the college. The tour included the gymnasium, the tennis courts in the process of renovation, the football, baseball and softball fields, the Exercise Science and Wellness facility, and the pool.



Bullard, Ruiz Appointed to CBOC

Governing Board members appointed **Sharon Bullard** and **Marlene Ruiz** to fill vacancies on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. **Bullard** will fill the requirement for a financial professional, and **Ruiz** will fill the seat requiring a college advisory committee member. The Governing Board also voted to extend the term of CBOC student member **Zack Gianino**, the Grossmont College student trustee. The CBOC is charged with ensuring that revenues from construction bond measures Proposition R and V will be spent in accordance with regulations and as promised to voters.



Board Actions



- With the exception of Board Policy 6312 under Item 201, the Governing Board approved all [agenda items](#) via consent.
- Item 201 was passed with the exception of BP 6312 Student Body Fund, which was pulled for more discussion.

Distance Education Update

Christopher Tarman, senior dean for research, planning and institutional effectiveness, and **Kerry Kilber Rebman**, Cuyamaca College dean of learning and technology resources, presented a report on District distance education programs. **Tarman** said enrollment trends are rising after dipping during budget cutbacks. Twenty percent of Cuyamaca College students and 10 percent of Grossmont College students are enrolled in distance education courses. Older students and female students take online classes at a higher rate than all other students, statistics show.

Rebman reported on efforts to support and develop distance education and increase retention and success rates. Areas of focus include accessibility and design, faculty preparation, student preparation and student verification. A Distance Education Plan should be completed by the end of the academic year.

Rebman highlighted several Districtwide programs supporting distance education students, as well as a statewide Online Education Initiative, which includes a pilot program.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** asked about student verification; trustee **Debbie Justeson** and Cuyamaca College student trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** asked about communication and office hours with distance learning faculty.

ACCT Delegates

Trustees **Bill Garrett** and **Edwin Hiel** were selected to represent the District as voting delegates at the annual Association of Community College Trustees Leadership Congress in Chicago. **Hiel**



was elected by acclamation for the Diversity

Committee for the Pacific region.

Board Reports

Trustees **Greg Barr**, **Edwin Hiel**, **Debbie Justeson**, **Mary Kay Rosinski** and President **Bill Garrett** each attended various events, including the San Diego Ballet performance of “Seven Beauties” accompanied by the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra; the Grossmont College Theater Arts Department production of the play “Kimberly Akimbo;” the Grossmont College Culinary Arts Department dinners; and the Water Conservation Garden “Enchanted Garden” gala. Trustees praised the excellent staging and design by the Theater Arts students, and the high quality of the orchestra.

Rosinski and **Gianino** mentioned their attendance at the Chancellor’s Advisory Council meeting. **Rosinski** also attended the San Diego State Community College Leadership Alumni Group Recognition of San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) Classified staff. GCCCD staff recognized for their efforts in student success include: **Cynthia Bourget**, Instructional Media Services Coordinator, Cuyamaca College, **Barbara Hashiguchi**, Account Technician, District Services, and **Yvonne Mather**, Student Services Specialist/DSPS, Grossmont College

Barr attended a County of San Diego environmental impact report meeting with **Miles**, discussing how student growth could affect the implementation of Proposition V at Cuyamaca College.

Justeson thanked the Exercise Science Department for the athletics facilities tour that preceded the board meeting.

Hiel attended the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce Women In Leadership luncheon.

Garrett said the Textbook Task Force group recently met, thanking the faculty members who have worked with the group to help control costs and provide alternatives for students.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** said the college has been holding a voter registration drive. **Gianino** reported 6 of 11 students on the Grossmont Speech and Debate team won awards at a recent tournament held at San Diego State University. **Gianino** said he plans to attend the fall General Assembly for California community college student government leaders.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** reported on a variety of campus activities over the past month, including two Diversity Dialogues events, and “Got Plans?”



The Grossmont Symphony Orchestra performed the music at the San Diego Ballet production of “Seven Beauties.”

Presidents' Reports

- President **Sunny Cooke** reported on the recent series of Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness resource fairs Sept. 16 and Oct. 16, a partnership of Student Health Services and the Center for Community Solutions. Students received information on preventing sexual assault, safety tips, community resources and support.
- Grossmont College Chemistry Adjunct Instructor **Jessica Woods** was recently featured in a Salk Institute newsletter article about her work as a program volunteer with Salk's Mobile Science Lab, which goes into local school classrooms to share current experimental techniques.
- Grossmont College theatre students presented "The Fun Factory" at Lemon Avenue Elementary School, part of an outreach tour prior to the comedy's upcoming two-day run on Dec. 5 and 6 at the Stagehouse Theatre.



- President **Mark Zacovic** reported 4,000 attendees came to the Grossmont Union High School District's 11th Annual "Got Plans?" college and career fair at Cuyamaca College on October 11. The event provides information on options for career and education opportunities after high school. Twenty departments from Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges participated in the fair.
- Women's athletics success: Cuyamaca College Cross Country team won the Foothill Invitation Championship; women's soccer won its first two conference games; and women's volleyball won its first conference match in three years.
- Cuyamaca College now has a free app available online created to keep students informed of events and happenings at the college. It works on both iOS and Android devices.
- Zacovic** reviewed photos of damage from a recent windstorm. Thirty trees were downed, four cars were damaged, and the roof of the exercise weight room was blown off. No one was injured.



District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the annual Financial and Budget Report was submitted to the State Chancellor's Office. **Rearic** said key budget issues to watch include the Proposition 30 sales tax increase ending in 2016; state deficit figures; and growth allocation formula recommendations from the state advisory workgroup.

Rearic reported on the fiscal impact of District health benefit costs. The District has budgeted \$13 million in costs for 2014-2015, which is approximately \$15,348 average per current and retired employees, an increase from \$10,768 in 2007-2008.

Rearic said as a result of efforts by the Purchasing and Contracts staff, the cost of providing purified water Districtwide has been reduced 33 percent, and the process for securing copier services has been streamlined and standardized.

Patrol Units Sign On

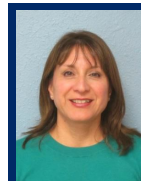


Patrol cars assigned to the District now display the District logo on the doors alongside the Sheriff's Department logo.

Human Resources Report



Tim Corcoran reported that 59 people at Cuyamaca College and 42 people at Grossmont College received flu shots at recent health fairs. There are currently 30 open job recruitments at Grossmont College, 30 at Cuyamaca College, and 17 at District Services.



Bianca Cummings is the newly hired senior recruiter to the Employment Services Department. She will assist in the hiring for management and faculty posts.

Chancellor's Report

Miles discussed several major transitions that are underway. She congratulated **Cooke** on her appointment as superintendent/president of MiraCosta College, and thanked Grossmont College Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** for agreeing to step into the interim president role starting in January. **Linda Jensen**, the District's Senior Director of Fiscal Services, will move into Flood's role temporarily. **Miles** also congratulated Cuyamaca College Vice President Administrative Services **Arleen Satele** on her new position with Santiago Canyon College. Associate Vice Chancellor of Business Services **Sahar Abushaban** will fill **Satele's** role on an interim basis.

Miles thanked :

- The student government representatives present for attending the Governing Board meeting
- **Jim Spillers**, faculty, and staff, for the extraordinary job in organizing the Board tour of Exercise Science facilities
- Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communications **John Valencia** and the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges for hosting the third annual Retiree Homecoming at Cuyamaca College. Fifty-six retirees attended and enjoyed presentations from the performing arts program and tours by student ambassadors.

Miles invited everyone to attend the launch of the East County Education Alliance with Grossmont Union High School District on Wednesday, October 29, at 12:30 PM, at Cuyamaca College. The launch includes a press conference and working summit. She noted it will be transformational for East County by promoting alignment of curriculum and engaging parents and the business community.

Staff Reports

Administrators Association representative **Steve Baker** and AFT representative **Michael Golden** both expressed their organizations' thanks for approval of the new agreements. **Golden** and **Baker** said it was in part due to the good working relationship with the District bargaining team.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** reported on campus events celebrating the centennial of World War I with a diversity twist to the programs. **Muñoz** reviewed efforts toward establishing uniform statewide student assessment instruments in English, math and ESL.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said, to go along with the new agreement, faculty is working on new evaluation instruments to make the process more meaningful. A districtwide enrollment strategies workshop took place last month. A discussion at the workshop on course scheduling was followed up by an Academic Senate meeting devoted to this topic.

Gonda said discipline prerequisites in English, math and ESL will soon be placed on all courses to help students be more successful. The Student Pathways project will help provide students maps to follow for all degree and certificate programs.

Staff Notes

Welcome to the following new members of the Cuyamaca College faculty and staff: **Alexis Lytle**, Financial Aid Advisor; and **Manuel Mancillas-Gomez**, ESL Instructor. Grossmont College welcomes new employees **Craig Carroll**, ESL Instructor; **Erin Coffey**, Business Services Specialist; and **Jane Galarneau**, Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs. District Services adds the following employees: **Nicole Conklin**, Director, Campus and Parking Services; **Bianca Cummings**, Senior Recruiter; **Ellud Escobedo**, Parking Services Technician; and **Patrick Jordan**, Information Systems Business Analyst.

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5 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, Jocelyn Estrada
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.

Fond Farewell



*Cuyamaca College Vice President Administrative Services **Arleen Satele** holds flowers presented to her as the Governing Board wished her well in her new post with Santiago Canyon College. Joining in the photo were other members of the Cuyamaca College leadership team (from left): Vice President of Instruction **Wei Zhou**; Vice President of Student Services **Scott Thayer**; and President **Mark J. Zacovic**.*