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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



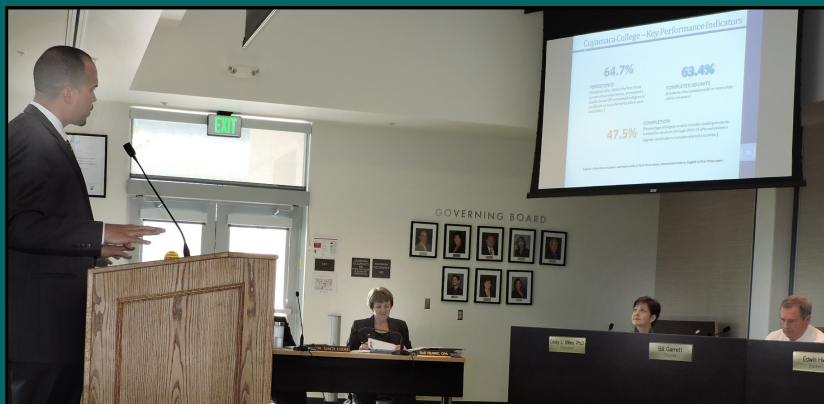
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Pre-board Discussion about District Planning and Student Success

A report on planning for student success was given by **Chris Tarman**, senior dean for research, planning and institutional effectiveness; **Chris Hill**, senior dean, college planning and institutional effectiveness at Grossmont College; and **Scott Thayer**, vice president of student services at Cuyamaca College.

The three explained how each site's planning is woven into a comprehensive integrated process guiding the District's overall vision, mission and values. They updated the Governing Board on the work of the District Strategic Planning and Budget Council, which is charged with reviewing planning and budget priorities.



Cuyamaca College Vice President of Student Services Scott Thayer explains planning initiatives at his campus. Trustee Debbie Justeson asks a question during the workshop.

Emeritus Status Granted By Governing Board to Janice Johnson

Governing Board members voted 5-0 to confer emeritus status on **Janice Johnson** in recognition of her many years of service as a Grossmont College faculty member.

Johnson first came to the District as a Grossmont College student in 1977. She then became an employee, eventually working as a counselor, articulation officer, and Dean of EOPS at Grossmont College.

Grossmont College Faculty Senate President **Sue Gonda** said many students attributed their success in working through personal hardships to **Johnson's** one-on-one efforts. **Gonda** said **Johnson** took on the time-consuming task of making sure the college's courses were articulated with the universities to enable transfer degrees.

Johnson told the Board that she has been thrilled to work at Grossmont College since the day she was hired. "Every day is exciting, every day is different, and every day is a challenge," she said.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** read from several letters of support for **Johnson's** nomination, calling her an inspiring role model. The letters noted that **Johnson** developed the college's first online Personal Development courses and that she originated the Summer Bridge program for new students.



Board Actions

With the exception of items 201, 501, and 502, the Governing Board approved all remaining agenda items on the docket via consent.

Trustees Cast Votes for CCCT Board Members

The Governing Board voted to cast ballots for eight candidates for the 2014 Board of Directors to the California Community College Trustee Board. They are Paul Gomez, Chaffey CCD; Adrienne Grey, West Valley-Mission CCD; Jeffrey Lease, San Jose-Evergreen CCD; Brent Hastey, Yuba CCD; Pam Haynes, Los Rios CCD; Jim Moreno, Coast CCD; Laura Casas, Foothill-De Anza CCD; Stephan Castellanos, San Joaquin Delta CCD; and Nancy Chadwick, Palomar CCD.

Peter White Welcomed Back to Grossmont College

Board Vice President **Edwin Hiel** acknowledged Grossmont College Interim Vice President of Student Services **Peter White**, who has returned to the college after previously serving there and at City College. Hiel called White an “All Star” and said the District is grateful he is back. The Governing Board formally approved his hiring as part of Item 501.

Board Reports

CUYAMACA COLLEGE STUDENTS TACKLING ISSUES OF THE WORLD



Nearly 150 students attended a seminar on social justice, looking at issues such as LGBT rights and child trafficking. Above, members of the newly formed Social Justice Club display items for sale hand made by Haitian women struggling for self-sufficiency to care for their children.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** reported on the outcome of student government elections. Present at the meeting were new ASGC comptroller Joseph Harrison and new vice president Esau Cortez. Gianino was re-elected student trustee. **Gianino** said the Speech and Debate team performed well at a national competition in Denver, just missing a bronze medal.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** said the recent Social Justice Institute program drew 140 students. She reported that student government elections are underway. **Hernandez** spoke at the Classified Staff Appreciation Day. **Hernandez** said both student governments are participating in a promotional music video for the Foundation.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Water Conservation Garden Butterfly Festival and the Cuyamaca College Student Art Show. **Rosinski** congratulated Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** for winning the 2014 CFO of the Year for Education from the *San Diego Business Journal*.

President **Bill Garrett, Hiel**, and trustee **Debbie Justeson** complimented everyone involved in the pre-board workshop on planning for student success.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communication **John Valencia** introduced **Sally Cox** as the new Auxiliary Executive Director. She has 19 years of experience at all levels of nonprofit management and fundraising, including work for the Salvation Army, Father Joe’s Villages, and Girl Scouts.

Presidents’ Report

- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said author and speaker **Luis J. Rodriguez** spoke at the 18th annual Literary Arts Festival April 28 through May 1. Rodriguez is a Chicano activist and award-winning author for his gang memoir, “Always Running.”
- ◆ The Grossmont College Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee presented the film “Disobedience: The Sousa Mendes Story” to a packed house on April 10. The film follows Mendes’ efforts to help 30,000 refugees out of occupied France during World War II. The screening was followed by Q&A with Lee Sterling, one of the people Sousa Mendes saved.
- ◆ **Cooke** reported that Grossmont College honors student **Jeremy Nemetz** who presented his original research at the Honors Transfer Council of California Conference on April 5.



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- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** praised the Student Affairs sponsored-Social Justice Institute, giving students an opportunity to gain insight based on their own personal experiences.



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- ◆ Financial Aid Advisor **Pam Fleming** received the 2013 “*Making a Difference Award*” from the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA) for her work with former foster youth. **Fleming**

received the award at the 2014 Statewide CCCSFAAA Conference held in San Diego on April 2-4.

- ◆ The planting of the first grapefruit tree at the Intergenerational Garden was well attended by all ages.

District Services Report

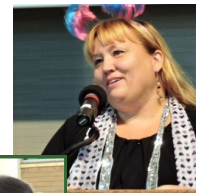
Rearic reported she and Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Marsha Edwards** conducted workshops in conjunction with the San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium as part of the transition of the District’s Social Security alternative Pension Eligible Alternative Retirement Plan (PEAR) Plan to the San Diego County Office of Education 3121 Plan. Members can now access their 3121 Plan balances online.

Rearic said the District Sheriff’s team recently presented cyber safety and ID theft prevention workshops for faculty, staff and students on both campuses. Another workshop will be scheduled at District Services.

The campus Windows 7 update is underway, including replacement of several hundred computers.

Rearic showed photos from Classified Staff Appreciation Day at Grossmont College and The Leadership East County program. **Rearic** and **Valencia** represent the District in the leadership program sponsored by the San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.

‘Out of This World’



Yvette Macy (above) & Dawn Heuft



Human Resources Report

Edwards said health expos are scheduled on May 6 at Grossmont College and May 7 at Cuyamaca College.

The Human Resources Advisory Council has provided feedback on the “Hiring Smart” sessions, which are going forward. Recruiters are busy filling positions.

Chancellor’s Report

Miles congratulated Rearic for her CFO of the Year Honor, pointing out there were over 60 finalists for the award. She also congratulated Anne Krueger and the District’s Advancement and Communications Department for winning a national Gold Paragon Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for the “Salary Surfer” news conference held last June at Grossmont College with the State Chancellor’s office.

Staff Report

Classified Staff representative **Eddie Vasquez** recognized the Classified Staff task force efforts for its collaboration and for supporting the most vulnerable student groups.

Alicia **Muñoz** reported that there was great interest by part-time faculty in serving on the Academic Senate. As a result, two additional positions on the Senate have been added.

Gonda reported on statewide plenary session resolution highlights. Topics addressed included Title V accreditation, cultural diversity and cultural competency, funding for full-time faculty hiring, and the feasibility of community colleges offering baccalaureates.

Fulbright scholar-to-be



Cuyamaca College Student Services Specialist Eddie Vasquez has been selected for a Fulbright Scholarship, and will spend the 2014-15 school year in Colombia. Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** said **Vasquez** has played a key role on the College Council championing at-risk students and educating the Senate on Classified staff.

Staff Notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes new employee **Violeta Casillas**, Chemistry Technician. The District welcomes **Sara Denhardt**, Clerical Assistant, Information Systems. Congratulations to **Peter White**, Interim Vice President Student Services, Grossmont College.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board’s next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca 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.