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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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A welcome start to a new semester

Trustees **Edwin Hiel**, **Debbie Justeson**, **Mary Kay Rosinski** and President **Bill Garrett** attended the convocations on both campuses. The Board welcomed faculty, staff and students back for fall term.

Board Reports

Rosinski attended a farewell reception for **Ernie Ewin**, who retired from the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** reported on welcome week activities, including information tables and a campus blood drive.



Above, from left: President **Bill Garrett**; Trustee **Edwin Hiel**; Trustee **Debbie Justeson**, Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski**; Chancellor **Cindy L. Miles**; and Trustee **Greg Barr**. At left, volunteers help direct students during the first week of classes.

Accreditation Follow-Up Reports

Cuyamaca College Vice President of Instruction **Wei Zhou** and Grossmont College Senior Dean of College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness **Chris Hill** reported on accreditation commendations, recommendations, and follow-up activities stemming from last year's site visits and findings. A follow-up report will be submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges on Oct. 15, 2014, with small-team visits at both colleges on Oct. 27.

Both colleges were commended for inclusion and open dialogue; fostering a culture focused on improvement; having well-maintained, safe, well-equipped campus facilities that create a positive learning environment; and their commitment to student success. Both colleges received recommendations to study their staffing levels, which is being addressed with a staffing study. The response to that and other recommendations will be included in the follow-up report.



Wei Zhou and Chris Hill, right.

Board Actions

All agenda items were approved by the Governing Board via consent.



A look ahead



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The tax man, Dan McAllister, Speaks



San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector **Dan McAllister** discussed the County's role in collecting taxes and distributing funds. **McAllister** reported the County's collection rate is at 99 percent, among the highest of any county in California. He said there are more taxes being generated as people are fixing up homes and as new homes are being built, generating more institutional funding.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ The Grossmont College fall convocation featured numerous speakers updating faculty on a variety of programs.



Sue Gonda, left, and Yolanda Guerrero.

- Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** presented the Distinguished Faculty award to World Languages Instructor **Yolanda Guerrero** (full-time); and Mathematics Instructor **Michael Lambe** (part-time).
- ◆ Grossmont College Athletics received the 2013-2014 Chet DeVore Award from the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, bestowed on the conference member with the most successful men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program for the year. It is named after the conference's founding commissioner. Grossmont edged out Mesa College for the honor.
- ◆ The Grossmont Theatre Arts Department presented its inaugural summer conservatory featuring a production of "The Three Musketeers," which sold out five performances.



- ◆ At Cuyamaca College's convocation, Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** presented the Outstanding Faculty Awards to Spanish Instructor **Patricia Santana** (full-time) and Counselor **Aklas**



Aklas Sheal, left, and Alicia Munoz.

- Sheal** (part-time). The fall awards are given to faculty to honor their service outside the classroom, Munoz said.
- ◆ Cuyamaca College alumna and SDSU Fine Arts major **Charlene Mosley** has a mural on display in front of Horton Plaza as part of a temporary wall surrounding the expansion project. It will be on display through 2015.
- ◆ Cuyamaca College pole vault coach **Lyle Barton** received his award as 2014 Assistant Coach of the Year for Men's Track and Field at the annual Management Council of the California Community College Cross Country and Track Coaches Association convention in Las Vegas.



District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported that the District's assessed value is stronger than anticipated in its bond analysis.

This will expedite the timeline for the sale of bonds, allow projects to begin sooner than anticipated, and will save costs. **Rearic** said options are being developed for next steps.

The Degree Audit Planning Tool will undergo an online trial access pilot program later this fall. The Districtwide Student Success Committee is working on the project.

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The District's contract with the California Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) was renewed on the consent docket.

Human Resources Report

Tim Corcoran, Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said 150 new adjunct instructors have been hired. Manager and supervisor training will take place on September 12.

Workday, a new system to integrate the Human Resources, Payroll and Finance systems, is being implemented. Design training will start soon.

Labor Compliance Report

Governing Board members received the District's annual labor compliance which is a requirement of all state bond-funded facility projects.

Gafcon Director of Labor Relations **Marty Glaske** said contractors must pay the required prevailing wage and pay all workers accurate wages and benefits. Training programs help ensure contractors receive the proper training.

Glaske said mistakes in wages were primarily in good faith, and that the review system is successfully finding errors and correcting them. Out of \$3.1 million paid in the reporting year, about \$400 in wages were out of compliance.

Glaske answered questions from trustees on the circumstances of the violations, explaining they primarily occur due to the complexity of the prevailing wage regulations.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked Presidents **Cooke** and **Zacovic** and the many people who made both convocations enlightening, saying it is important to bring the information, motivation and celebration to launch the fall semester.



Miles showed photos of several events, including the first "Retirees Day at the Races," which had 52 attendees.



The chancellor also described a planning meeting of the GUHSD/GCCCD Alliance for College and Career Readiness. A kickoff summit will take place later this fall.

Staff Notes

Congratulations to the following employees on their new assignments: **Mary Eden**, Counseling and Assessment Center Supervisor, Grossmont College; **Rosie Ibarra**, Chancellor/Governing Board Office Assistant, District Services; **Chris Hill**, Interim Vice President, Student Services, Grossmont College; **Patricia Sparks**, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Administrative Services, Grossmont College; **Taylor Ruhl**, Interim Dean, Learning and Technology Resources, Grossmont College; and **Beth Smith**, Interim Senior Dean, College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Grossmont College.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9, 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.