

Board Actions

- ◆ With the exception of items 202, 302, 304, and 311, the Governing Board approved all remaining agenda items via consent.
- ◆ Board President **Bill Garrett** publicly acknowledged the District's classified employees on the occasion of Classified School Employee Week and thanked them for the extraordinary work they do.
- ◆ Trustee **Greg Barr** asked about the funding sources for \$2 million in infrastructure improvements listed in Item 302. **Barr** also inquired about payment budgeted for project management by Gafcon Inc. under Item 302; Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** explained that money is included in each budget for non-bond funded projects for construction management. Trustees **Garrett** and **Barr** commended staff for the high quality of the Facilities Funding Plan documents.

From Closed Session

- ◆ The Governing Board passed a separation agreement with the Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development, and Maintenance.

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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Doing What Matters

A Board workshop on regional and local career and technical education efforts was presented by Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**, serving as Community College CEO



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Regional Liaison;
Mary Wylie,
chair of the

regional workforce consortium for the San Diego-Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA); **Christina Tafoya**, Grossmont College Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development dean; **Ann Durham**, deputy sector navigator for health; **Kate Alder**, Cuyamaca College Career and Technical Education dean, and **Natalie Ray**, high school/CTE partnerships program coordinator at Grossmont College.



The group discussed the California Community Colleges statewide initiative, Doing What Matters for Jobs & the Economy, which identifies the region's high-growth job sectors and is working to align community college and high school instruction so students are learning the skills they need. **Cooke** said the past year was spent developing the framework and processes, and now will be working with educators to align their curriculum with industry needs.

Student trustee's kudos

On behalf of the Governing Board, President **Garrett** thanked Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** for her service to the District and for providing the student



perspective on important issues. **Hernandez** received a certificate of appreciation.

Student Success Scorecard Report

The Governing Board members received a report on the highlights of Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges' Student Success Scorecard for 2014 by **Chris Tarman**, Senior Dean for Research Planning and Institutional Effectiveness.

Overall, Cuyamaca College either improved or remained stable with the statewide average on five of the seven measured categories. Grossmont College is at or above average for all seven categories. **Tarman** said achievement gaps need to be addressed in outcomes for white students that are 8 to 17

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Noncredit Courses Examined

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** presented the District's annual review of noncredit course outlines. Student learning outcomes have been developed and updated, and 77 inactive courses not offered in the past three years are being removed.

Student Success Scorecard (from page 1)

percent higher than those of black and Hispanic students.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Hernandez** asked whether student involvement is measured, as it is a contributor to student success. **Tarman** said it is not part of the state's accountability matrix; however, the District conducts student engagement surveys and is planning to run the survey again next spring. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** noted intervention efforts are underway at both colleges and take time to show in the longitudinal cohort numbers.

Vocational Training Programs Reviewed

Career and Technology Deans **Christina Tafoya** from Grossmont College and **Kate Alder** from Cuyamaca College presented the District's annual review of vocational training programs. While the state requires all programs to be reviewed once every two years, the District reviews half of all programs annually to be in compliance. The review is designed to focus on whether the programs meet labor market demands, whether the programs duplicate others in the area, and whether they demonstrate effectiveness.

Curriculum Changes Approved by Governing Board

Trustees approved curriculum changes developed for the 2014/2015 academic catalog. Curriculum committee co-chairman **Guillermo Colls**, Cuyamaca College ESL Instructor, presented an overview to the board. A total of 380 changes are being made for the coming year, including 107 unique to Grossmont College and 112 unique to Cuyamaca College, and 10 of which are program modifications. Trustee **Debbie Justeson** requested a list of all courses not aligned; **Colls** explained some courses are equated between the two campuses though not aligned.

Board Reports

Vice President **Edwin Hiel** and trustees **Greg Barr** and **Mary Kay Rosinski** expressed appreciation for the Grossmont College Students of Note awards ceremony.

Hiel attended the East County Chamber of Commerce breakfast to gain better exposure to the business and economic sector in East County.

Justeson attended the AFT retirement brunch and congratulated all faculty members who retired over the past year.

Barr attended the Spring Garden Festival at Cuyamaca College, and also participated in the Associated Students and Interclub Council annual service awards.

Rosinski attended the 15th annual Grossmont College faculty and staff awards, along with President **Bill Garrett** and Chancellor **Miles**.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** reported ASGC is providing de-stressing activities for students during finals week.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** announced the outcome of student elections and introduced newly elected student trustee **Jocelyn Estrada**. **Hernandez** will serve as president of the associated student government next year.

Garrett attended the law Police Academy graduation, and the Grossmont College Jazz Concert. **Garrett** commented on the difficulty of finding Osher scholarship information on the college websites and recommended pages be reviewed and updated to improve access for students.

Music Video Unveiled to Board



Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez** presented the new "*Give the Dream*" music video featuring GCCCD students, employees, trustees and community supporters that is being shared on social media to raise emergency grant funds. Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communications **John Valencia** said nearly \$100,000 has been donated to date, and the video has been viewed 5,000 times.

Presidents' Reports



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In lieu of presenting her written report, President Sunny Cooke introduced student Diana Gaeta, who read her award-winning poem "The Color Yellow." Gaeta presented the poem as part of the recent Literary Arts Festival. The poem was inspired by featured speaker Luis Rodriguez' book "Always Running."

"Yellow is the color of the sun, daffodils, honey, butter, and egg yolks. Yellow is a color that evokes images of newly hatched baby chicks and represents endless and carefree summer days to many people; however, yellow is the color that reminds me of many spilled tears, torment, and humiliation at the hands of a ponytailed, freckled-faced nine-year-old girl. Yellow represents the shame I held about my selfhood as a child...It took many years to overcome my loathing towards the color yellow. It took the same amount of time to love and appreciate who I am; I no longer feel the need to hide my true identity..." Excerpt from "The Color Yellow" by Grossmont College student Diana Gaeta



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- President **Mark Zacovic** said 50 students took part in "A Journey to the Sun," a series of music and fashion presentations by Arabic language students depicting different eras of Iraq. Most of the participants were Iraqi refugees, immigrants, or children of Chaldean residents. Arabic Instructor **Aklas Shaei** and Counselor **Raad Jerjis** coordinated the event.
- High school students and their teachers, industry partners, and Cuyamaca College students participated in the 35th annual Cuyamaca College Auto Skills Day on May 10.
- Cuyamaca College students **Sarah Conway** and **Lewis Grimes** were named to the All-USA Community College Academic Team for Phi Theta Kappa.



Garden Party

The 21st annual Spring Garden Festival

featured a plant sale, food and sustainability vendors, a first ever fashion show, and health screenings. More than 100 volunteers pitched in.

District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported the Governor's May revised budget was received last week. This proposal, which goes to the Legislature for review, includes decreases in the cost of living adjustment (COLA) from .86% to .85% and in restoration from 3% to 2.75% and significant increases in both employee and district costs for STRS retirement contributions.

Rearic said the District's 2014/2015 tentative budget is based on Brown's January budget proposal, and includes a third of the payment toward the Early Retirement Incentive program, which helped balance district budgets during the recession.

The Prop V bond program has a new communication tool, the "Bidding Participation Summary," which will help track the success of outreach efforts in meeting the District's commitment to keep business within the East County business community.

Rearic said five docket items are before the board for approval addressing Facilities Master Plan-identified improvements. This includes the selection of architects for the first Prop V funded projects.

Human Resources Report

Marsha Edwards, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said health expos took place at Cuyamaca and Grossmont. She reported on a districtwide summit of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council and the site committees featuring a dynamic student panel held to develop plans for DEI efforts across the district.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked **Sunny Cooke** for her efforts as a statewide leader on career and technology training in community colleges.

Miles commented on attending the Summit on the Future of Libraries at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

She acknowledged the successful SDICCCA Faculty Internship Program and the 17 individuals who participated this year at Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.

Miles led one of 15 Joint Higher Education Advocacy Day teams with leaders from California's public community colleges and universities that met with Sacramento legislators to advocate for enhanced funding for higher education.

Miles recognized **John Valencia** for his leadership efforts in creating the "Give the Dream" music video project to secure funding that helps students in crisis stay in school.

Staff Reports

AFT representative **Gregg Robinson** noted concerns regarding the slowness of negotiations around the resources allocation formula and interest in gaining job security for adjunct professors.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** shared some recently-passed resolutions regarding comprehensive education planning, counseling, and endorsing feedback by District librarians to proposed changes in instructional support roles.

Classified Staff representative **Linda Daley** thanked the Chancellor and board members for their support of Classified Staff week, as well as support allowing classified staff representatives to attend the upcoming Classified Leadership Institute in Ventura.

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new employee **Dennis Gay**, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor; and **Daniel Rosen**, Cardiovascular Technology Instructor. District Services welcomes **Glenn Macy** and **Kyle Smith**, Warehouse Assistants. Cuyamaca College welcomes **Matthew O'Shea**, Custodian.

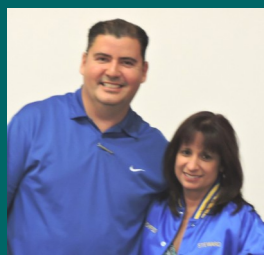
Congratulations to **Maria Baeza**, Creative Services Design Specialist, Grossmont College, on her new assignment.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Small business owner and general contractor **Hector Lizarraga** expressed concerns about a sole source bidding practice for certain HVAC equipment. President **Garrett** referred the issue to the Chancellor.



A JACKET EARNED

CSEA Labor Relations representative **Dan Ortiz** presented a steward's jacket to **Deanna Thompson** for

successfully completing the job steward's training program. Only five people in the history of the District have earned the jacket for completing the full two-year training program, which includes experience, hands-on training, classroom requirements, and volunteer service.

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.