

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

Board Actions



- ◆ With the exception of items 202, 203, and 651, the Governing Board approved all agenda items via consent.
- ◆ The Governing Board approved follow-up reports by Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College Accreditation Committees in response to findings by the Accreditation Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), summarizing work done by the colleges on key areas identified by site teams. President **Garrett** suggested the Board give discretion to **Miles** to make editorial changes; this was incorporated in the motion to approve the reports. **Garrett** thanked everyone involved for the extraordinary work getting the reports ready. A follow-up site visit is scheduled for October 27.



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Ernie Ewin Recognized for Contributions



Ernie Ewin and his wife, Nancy, pose with Chancellor Cindy Miles, left, and the governing board.



The Governing Board and the District honored **Ernie Ewin**, who recently retired as development director for the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, for his many years of service to East County and to the District. With his wife, **Nancy Ewin**, joining him, Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said Ewin has been a part of Grossmont College since he began as a student in 1966. He was an active leader and served as student body president – and even brought the Moody Blues to perform at Grossmont College.

After **Ewin** was re-elected to the La Mesa City Council, he became the first chairman of the District's Proposition R Citizens Bond Oversight Committee from 2003-2006. He joined the Grossmont College Foundation board of directors in 2002, and was named executive director of the college foundation in 2006 until 2011, when the new foundation was formed. **Ewin** served with the district's foundation until his recent retirement.

Miles singled out **Ewin's** leadership in raising money for the Osher Scholarship program, which will provide 82 annual scholarships in perpetuity to Grossmont and Cuyamaca College students.

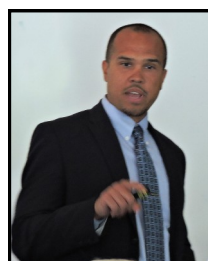
Representing State Sen. **Joel Anderson**, Chief of Staff **Collin McGlashen** thanked **Ewin** for his work and presented a Certificate of Recognition for his years of service. "**Ernie's** fingerprints are all over this community and we are better off for it," he said.

Board Workshop: Student Success and Support Program Plans

Chris Tarman, senior dean, research, planning and institutional effectiveness, **Chris Hill**, Grossmont College interim vice president, student services, and **Scott Thayer**, Cuyamaca College vice president, student services, gave a board workshop



Chris Tarman and Scott Thayer



on Student Success and Support Program (SSSP) plans.

They discussed the California Community College Student Success initiatives, SSSP planning and funding, the work of the District Student Success committee, and planning and activities underway by both colleges and districtwide. The presentation is available [online](#).



Chris Hill

CCCCD Annual Report: “A Year of Innovation”

Hot off the press, Communications and Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** presented Governing Board members with the first copies of the District’s 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Featuring a die-cut cover, the report illustrates statistical information with stories about students and employees. Innovations for student success are highlighted throughout the report. **Krueger** pointed out a timeline traversing several pages of the report with major milestones, events and honors.

Separate sections feature Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College programs over the 2013-2014 school year; Prop V building plans; and Foundation programs including Give the Dream, Osher Scholars, and Retiree and Alumni networks.

The annual report will be presented to the community at the Chancellor’s Community Advisory Council on September 16. It is available [online](#) and printed copies are available by contacting Krueger.



Adoption Budget Hearing

The Governing Board formally conducted a public hearing on the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District 2014-2015 Adoption Budget. Following the hearing, which had no speakers, the Governing Board passed the 2014-2015 Adoption Budget with a 5-0 vote.

Board Reports

Trustees **Edwin Hiel, Debbie Justeson, Greg Barr, Mary Kay Rosinski** and President **Bill Garrett** congratulated and thanked everyone who worked on the District’s budget.

Trustees also thanked presenters at the Student Success and Support Program plans workshop held prior to the board meeting. **Barr** noted both colleges are providing the resources to help students be successful. **Garrett** said the support system enhances opportunities for students at the community college level.

Garrett and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** attended the Fall Scholarship Awards event at Grossmont, both calling it inspiring.

Rosinski thanked Chancellor’s Office staff members **Jennifer Danks, Sandy Rosenthal** and **Rosie Ibarra** for providing tremendous support for numerous board meetings and events.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** reported on student activities including the recent College Hour, the upcoming 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Constitution Day activities on September 17, and Latino Heritage College Hour.

9/11 Speaker at Grossmont College

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zac Gianino** described the 9/11 commemoration at Grossmont, where U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Douglas Luccio of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton spoke. He has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.



Presidents’ Reports

◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said Grossmont College volunteers helped more than 2,000 students acclimate themselves to campus during Week of Welcome events including information tables, a campus information fair, workshops and information sessions.

◆ Senior Health Sciences technician **Pat Murray** helped organize a fundraising bicycle ride to benefit the victim of a bicycle collision at Fiesta Island.

◆ The Grossmont College community celebrated the life of former President **Erv Metzgar** on August 29. **Metzgar’s** family members reflected on his time at Grossmont College in the 1970s and early 1980s at the ceremony at Griffin Gate, attended by more than 100 people, including retired and current faculty and staff. The **Metzgar** family has started a memorial fund in **Metzgar’s** honor with the Foundation.



Week of Welcome at Grossmont College.

Presidents' Reports

- President **Mark Zacovic** said Cuyamaca College held its first "Boots to Books" orientation for 42 new student veterans. Veteran students appreciated the welcome and diversity of resources. The program was made possible by a two-year grant from the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges.
 - The Cuyamaca College General Motors Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) was certified for a five-year extension. **Zacovic** thanked **Jeff Ciastko** from Marvin K. Brown Auto Center and **John Eppstein** from John's Automotive Care for participating in the recertification process. Both provide internships for Automotive Technology students.
- The Cuyamaca College UP! Program for former foster youth held its annual Dress for Success event for 14 graduating and transfer students. Students used a stipend toward a professional wardrobe for job interviews and new employment.



Students in Cuyamaca College's UP! program for former foster youth go mall shopping for clothes with Pam Fleming, left, the college's foster youth liaison and financial aid adviser.

District Services Report



**Campus and Parking Services Specialists
Scott Skinner and Jonathan Snyder.**

Vice Chancellor Business Services Sue Rearic reported the District's application to become fiscally independent has been filed with the San Diego County Office of Education. The Police & Public Safety Transition Training Task Force has completed its work following the successful transition to law enforcement operations by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and new Campus and Parking Services department. Rearic thanked staff members who served on the task force and helped to make the transition period a smooth one for students and all employees. Two new CAPS employees now allow the District to staff an overnight shift.

Rearic reported the state Student Equity Funding allocation to the District for 2014-2015 is \$1,055,695. This is based on several factors, including enrollment and the population in the District's boundaries. It will help staff develop the Student Equity plan.

Human Resources Report

Tim Corcoran, Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources, announced that tentative agreements have been reached with AFT and the Administrators Association. Both contracts will be presented to the membership for votes. **Corcoran** hopes to have the contracts ready for ratification at the October 2014 board meeting.

Human Resources is preparing for open enrollment on employee benefits. Health fairs will be held at Grossmont on October 25 and Cuyamaca on Oct. 16.

A Tutoring Task Force is being formed to address issues that have come up with the tutoring center employees and assignments.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** discussed the challenges presented by meeting the required 2-1 match for Student Success funding. **Miles** pointed out that most funding comes from the state, so districts are being asked to match one source of state funding with another. **Miles** said she will be advocating with the statewide CEO board and California Community College Trustees (CCCT) to make changes in the match requirement, calling it an unwanted burden on the districts.

A news conference launching the East County Alliance for Education, the District's partnership with the Grossmont Union High School District, and a signing ceremony are scheduled on October 29 at 12:30 p.m. at Cuyamaca College.

Miles thanked everyone who was involved in budget activities at the District. She said costs continue to exceed the pace of recovery dollars coming in, and the District remains below the 2009 level of enrollment funding with higher levels of accountability.

Miles commended Interim Vice Chancellor **Corcoran** for his leadership in forging tentative pacts with AFT and the Administrators Association, and she thanked all members of the negotiation teams involved for their participation.

Staff Report

AFT representative **David Raney** said members were excited to hear about the tentative agreement with the District, and looked forward to submitting it to the membership for approval.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** said the Cuyamaca College is a new venue for the San Diego Latino Film Festival. If the first event goes well, the Festival plans to return in March.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** reported she and **Muñoz** will conduct sabbatical orientations to start the process for the coming year. **Gonda** also reported on her activities as a faculty representative looking at equity fund issues.



Staff Notes

Welcome to the following new members of the Grossmont College faculty and staff: **Martha Clavelle**, Dean, Counseling Services; **Robert Davis**, Assistant College Cashier; and **Michael McKeon**, Stagecraft Technician, Theater Arts.

Congratulations to **Nicole Boyer**, Administrative Assistant, VP Student Services, Grossmont College, on her new assignment.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont 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.