

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Governing Board Tours Grossmont College Theatre Arts Program

Before the board meeting, Governing Board members took a tour of the Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department led by department chair **Beth Duggan**.

Board members got a behind-the-scenes look at how costumes, makeup, sets and lighting are put together for each production. **Duggan** also shared very positive student success data and described the outreach and fundraising efforts that the department undertakes to sustain the program and connect with the community.

The Stagehouse Theatre, with 141 seats, was built in the 1960s and was renovated in 1996. A new 350-seat theater is planned as part of the Arts and Communication Complex being constructed with Proposition V bond funds.



Department chair **Beth Duggan** leads a tour of program facilities.

### Facilities Construction Semi-Annual Update



District Proposition V program manager **Penny McGrew** from Gafcon, Inc. presented an overview of Prop. V-funded projects. **McGrew** highlighted key projects, including energy conservation efforts, plans for projects during summer break, infrastructure needs, and two major projects in progress for each college: the Cuyamaca College Student Services Building and the Grossmont College Arts & Communication Complex.

**McGrew** said a pool of specialty consultants has been assembled, providing the district with multiple choices and ensuring competitive pricing for services. A database of 170 vendors and contractors has also been created to facilitate bidding for projects. The District Standards and Guidelines document has been updated from the original Prop. R version.

### CBOC Annual Report

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Chairman **Ron Oberndorfer** reviewed the annual report of the committee that oversees spending on Props. R and V.

The Districtwide Lighting Fixtures and Controls Upgrade was the first project largely funded by Prop. V with additional funding from State Proposition 39 and San Diego Gas & Electric Co. The improved lighting has a 25-year life span, six times longer than the halogen lights previously used.

**Oberndorfer** said the current focus is on the Cuyamaca College Student Services Building with a new Veterans Center, and a new Grossmont College Arts and Communication Complex, including a performance theater and concert hall.

The District is reaching out to local contractors to determine building needs and requirements. It has gotten a significant response to Requests for Qualifications (RFQs), with the majority based in San Diego County.

**Oberndorfer** added he is particularly pleased with the attractiveness and detailed content of the revamped [Props. R and V website](#).

## Search Timeline

(Open until filled)

- **First application review:** Feb. 27
- **Initial interviews:** April 14-15
- **Desired start date:** July 1

## Grossmont College President Search Update

Search consultant **Robert Garber** reported on progress in the search for a new Grossmont College president. The search process includes an informational brochure for prospective candidates with a list of the 10 desired qualities in a college president and the creation of a presidential search web page on the Grossmont College website. **Garber** said at least 25 viable candidates have applied. He thanked Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, Interim President **Tim Flood**, and Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** for their efforts.

## Board Reports

Governing Board members and student trustees attended meetings in Sacramento and Washington D.C. to advocate with legislators about state, regional and local topics affecting community colleges.

The group met with Representatives **Susan Davis**, **Duncan Hunter**, and **Juan Vargas**, and an aide to Sen. **Dianne Feinstein**. **Garrett** was also part of a group that met with Sen. **Barbara Boxer**. Trustee **Edwin Hiel** remarked on the importance of including Grossmont student trustee **Zack Gianino** and Cuyamaca student trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** in the visits and said the students were the District's most effective advocates. The group also enjoyed a unique midnight tour of the U.S. Capitol led by **Vargas**.

Trustees also attended the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association (SDICCCA) annual dinner held at Grossmont College.

**Gianino** said the ASGC is reviewing staff and student grant requests.

**Estrada** reported on student activities, including the first College Hour of the year focusing on Filipino cultural traditions, and a Diversity Dialogue Program on Black History Month.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** thanked **Beth Duggan** for the pre-board Theater Arts Department tour, pointing out how these courses contribute toward student success by allowing students to apply their knowledge in elective courses.

**Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Awards Breakfast.

**Garrett** noted that having board members work together on legislative efforts and goal-setting was extraordinarily beneficial.

**Garrett** and **Hiel** attended the annual San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce dinner.



*Rep. Juan Vargas leads Governing Board members and others on an exclusive midnight tour of the U.S. Capitol.*



*Governing Board members and district officials pose in the state Capitol.*

## District Achieves 11th Straight Clean Audit Report

**Christy White** with the accounting firm Christy White Accountancy Corporation presented the Governing Board members its 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive audit reports for the District, Foundation and Auxiliary. All six of the audits for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 received "unqualified" or clean audits.

President **Bill Garrett** complimented staff members for their thorough work to achieve these audit results. The reports are linked to [Governing Board docket items 656 through 658](#).

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Interim President **Tim Flood** reported more than \$25,000 in campus scholarships were presented at the Spring Scholarship Breakfast on Feb. 7. The event also honored 58 Osher scholarship recipients this semester.



- ◆ Grossmont College hosted the 2015 San Diego Imperial Valley Speech League Tournament on Jan. 31. Students from 16 high schools in San Diego and Imperial counties participated in the

forensics event.

- ◆ Black History Month events continue through February, including workshops and music performances.



- **Zacovic** delivered his State of the College address on Jan. 21, highlighting accomplishments from 2014. Math Instructor **Dan Curtis** and part-time Biology Instructor **Fabienne Bouton** received Awards for Teaching Excellence.
- More than 100 students and 20 college employees participated in the first Cuyamaca College Wellness Walk sponsored by Student Health Services. The goals: for the college to log 1 million steps per month, and individuals to log 10,000 steps per day.
- The Native American Student Alliance (NASA) held



its inaugural PowWow at Cuyamaca College on Feb. 7. Participants represented various tribes throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Kumeyaay Bird Singers from the Sycuan Reservation highlighted the event.

- Adjunct Business Instructor **Anthony Zambelli**

will receive the Roy Erickson Civic Education Leadership Award from the California Council for the Social Studies. The award recognizes an individual who has made notable contributions toward civic learning in California schools.

## District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said Campus and Parking Services Director **Nicole Conklin** has completed numerous tasks, including introduction of bike patrols on both campuses; a new CAPS logo for all vehicles; renovation of emergency call box phones; and various parking improvements. Parking information is now posted on the [CAPS web page](#), social media, and on signage at both campuses.

**Rearic** also addressed the budget situation at Cuyamaca College. **Rearic** reported forums are being held to gather information and discuss fiscal stability. **Rearic** said revenues are not keeping up with costs.

**Garrett** expressed concern about the budget gaps, asking why it was not recognized when the budget was presented to the Governing Board in September. **Rearic** said more discussion is needed at Cuyamaca College about budget and strategic staffing and enrollment management.

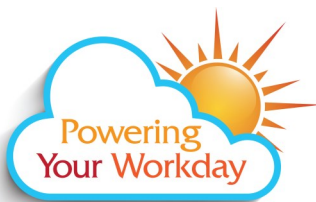


*CAPS bike patrols are now at both colleges.*

## Human Resources Report

Vice Chancellor Human Resources **Tim Corcoran** reported that the restructuring of human resources to improve customer service will be on the March docket. The restructuring plan will be budget-neutral.

**Corcoran** said a Tutoring Task Force will review tutoring issues that have arisen.



Human resources and financing staff are working on automation of leave of absence and time off requests in the Workday system.

## Chancellor's Report



*Miles displayed photos from the recent legislative trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C., including those taken with state Sen. **Marty Block**, above, third from right; and U.S. Rep. **Susan Davis**, left, second from left.*

**Miles** also showed photos taken at the SDICCCA dinner at Grossmont College. She congratulated both colleges for receiving notices that all accreditation issues have been resolved.

## Staff Reports

**Jim Mahler** expressed concerns about budget decision-making and asked for more information about costs.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** said she appreciated the care and concern about the college budget deficit. **Muñoz** said Cuyamaca College will host the Area D meeting of the Academic Senate during spring break.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said the faculty is grateful for the strong leadership from numerous interim appointments. She said faculty is working at keeping channels of communication open.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Alejandro Centanino** and **Brittany Gardner**, Instructional Lab Assistants, Cuyamaca College; **Rachael Heida**, Child Development Center Aide, Grossmont College; **Daniel Hernandez**, Financial Aid Supervisor, Grossmont College; and **Kristin Stafford**, Health Professions Specialist, Grossmont College. Congratulations to **Douglas Jenson**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, District Business Services, on his new assignment.

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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:** Jocelyn Estrada, Zack Gianino, **Chancellor:** Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont Interim President:** Tim Flood. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.