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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

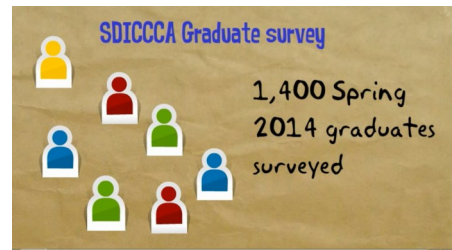
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Regional Survey Gets Good News From Grads

Communications and Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** reported results of a survey of spring 2014 graduates conducted by San Diego State University for the nine community colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties. More than 1,400 graduates responded to the survey. **Krueger** showed the Governing Board a [video presentation](#) of the results showing positive graduation and employment rates by community college graduates. The graduates felt that community college



prepared them well for transferring to a university or starting their careers. About 86% of working grads said they were satisfied with the skills and knowledge they learned at community college.



Krueger said the survey has already resulted in a story in *U-T San Diego* and will be used when advocating with legislators in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C.

Nonresident Tuition Fees Approved for 2015-2016



The Governing Board approved by a 5-0 vote Item 307, setting the nonresident tuition fee at \$200 per unit for the 2015-2016 school year. Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** noted the District tries to keep its fees as low as possible, and said the increase is based on Education Code requirements.

Board Actions

With the exception of item 307 the Governing Board approved all [board actions](#) via consent.

Board Reports

Rosinski attended the Grossmont College nursing pinning ceremony and the Classified Staff Convocation. She thanked everyone involved for a fun day with excellent speakers.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Jocelyn Estrada** and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Zack Gianino** both reported on the Welcome Week schedule of activities planned on both campuses for the first week of classes starting January 26. New and returning students can learn about opportunities to get involved with student government and campus clubs.

President **Bill Garrett** said a team from the District will travel to Sacramento to meet with leaders from community colleges and legislators. **Garrett** will moderate a panel discussion in Sacramento on the new bachelor's degree pilot program.

Garrett commended Grossmont College Interim President **Tim Flood** for getting off to a great start.

Presidents' Reports

- Interim President **Tim Flood** said Chemistry Professor and Science Club advisor **Jeff Lehman** took student club members on a field trip to General Atomic as part on an ongoing effort to promote science careers.
- Grossmont Classified Staff Convocation took place Jan. 9, featuring keynote speaker **Aaron Bruce**, Chief Diversity Officer at San Diego State University. Convocation took place Jan. 20, featuring keynote speaker **Justin Cunningham**, Bonsall Unified School District Superintendent discussing pedagogy and nanoscience.
- Allied Health and Nursing Dean **Debbie Yaddow** received the President's Leadership Award for her work in support of Grossmont College allied health programs, including fundraising and community outreach.



GROSSMONT COLLEGE

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- President **Mark Zacovic** hosted the annual President's Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 11 at the Student Center. Sheriff's Deputies **Aaron Bailey, Mark Kelley** and **Jerry Jimenez**, and Sgt. **Victor Perry** received the "Cuyamaca Way Award" for their service to the college community.
- Zacovic** announced part-time Cuyamaca faculty member and San Diego Superior Court Judge **Eddie C. Sturgeon** will be honored by the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego as "Judge of the Year" at its upcoming annual installation dinner on Feb. 12. **Sturgeon** teaches in the Paralegal Studies Department.
- Launching in February will be Cuyamaca's Coyote Connection, matriculation workshops at local high schools to help students with applications, orientation, assessment, and counseling services. Seniors completing the workshops will be eligible for priority registration for the fall 2015 semester.



CUYAMACA COLLEGE

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District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the Governor's 2015-2016 budget proposal released earlier this month includes several increases in funding and is encouraging, but likely to change throughout the budget approval process. The District is tracking additional demands on the budget due to cost increases in utilities, healthcare benefits, and retirement contributions.



Rearic said faculty and staff now receive a monthly update on the Workday Implementation Task Force with information about training sessions. Updates are available on the [District's intranet](#).

The Districtwide Copier Standardization Committee was created to reduce costs and increase efficiency in copier purchases and leases of equipment and maintenance contracts. Currently the District contracts with 16 copier manufacturers. The committee recommended seeking bids for a single five-year contract for purchase or lease of copier equipment that will allow departments to choose cost-efficient solutions from a menu of choices to fit individual department needs.

Rearic said the District Electronics/Electrical Department recently adopted a unified work order system, "Maintenance Partner," that allows it to process service requests and manage responses more efficiently.

A monthly Bond Program Update is emailed to all faculty and staff sharing information about recent bond activities. Monthly updates are posted on the District's [Propositions R and V internet pages](#).

A sweet start to the new year



From left, District Services staffers **Rosie Ibarra, Sara Denhardt** and **Jennifer Danks** help set up a Tie Dye & Donuts celebration Jan. 9 to welcome in the new year.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported 15 institutions were selected for the new California community college baccalaureate pilot program. It was a competitive process, with 34 applications, including an application from Cuyamaca College for a degree in workplace safety and environmental management. Although Cuyamaca was not chosen, **Miles** said it produced a good application, and said she is confident another round of degree applications will become available soon. San Diego Mesa College and MiraCosta College were the San Diego County community colleges selected to offer a baccalaureate degree. **Miles** acknowledged Cuyamaca College's Dean of Technical Career Education **Kate Alder** and Vice President of Instruction **Wei Zhou** for their work on the application.

Miles attended the San Diego Regional Economic Development Council meeting along with **Cooke** of MiraCosta College and **Anthony Beebe** of San Diego City College. **Miles**, **Cooke** and **Beebe** are recommending that SDICCA become a member of the development council.

Tim Corcoran, Vice Chancellor Human Resources, was in Chicago training for the new Workday payroll and human resources system.

Miles called the Grossmont College Classified Staff Convocation an important opportunity to honor the classified staff. She highlighted a message from keynote speaker **Aaron Bruce** on the need to focus students on three things: how to learn, think, and manage their future.

Miles referred to President **Barack Obama's** State of the Union address and his support for free community college, calling it a good time to be part of the community college system.

Staff Report

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** reported the sabbatical leave committee has received 15 applications. It can award a maximum of 13 sabbatical requests. **Muñoz** said the committee would only approve applications that fit the criteria. The approved requests will be brought to the Governing Board meeting in February.

Muñoz said at the upcoming divisional meeting, a panel composed of Student Services staff members, Instructional Faculty members and counselors will discuss a "Student Success Toolkit," sharing strategies and experiences helping students bridge the student equity gap.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employee **Denise Blaha**, Child Development Center Coordinator at Cuyamaca College; **Bryan Lam**, Student Services Specialist, Grossmont College; and **Kristin Stafford**, Health Professions Specialist, Grossmont College. Congratulations to **Ron Adams**, Warehouse Supervisor, District Services, on his new assignment.

Public Comment

Jim Mahler, Associated Federation of Teachers, congratulated trustees **Debbie Justeson**, **Edwin Hiel**, and **Greg Barr** on being re-elected for another four-year term, saying he looked forward to continue working with them.

Next Meeting

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