GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA

## THE COURIER

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

**APRIL 19, 2016** 

# GCCCD

# Governing Board members

Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Edwin Hiel, Debbie Justeson, Mary Kay Rosinski Student Trustees: Evan Esparza, Rafael Navarrete

Chancellor:
Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D.
Grossmont President:
Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Ed.D.
Cuyamaca President:
Julianna Barnes, Ed.D.

## **Next Meeting**

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, at Cuyamaca College's Student Center.

The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session set for 5 p.m.

Meeting agendas are posted on the district website and in the district and presidents' offices 72 hours before regular meetings and 24 hours before special meetings.

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

The Governing Board held a joint workshop with the District Strategic Planning and Budget Council to discuss the Achieving the Dream initiative and the new 2016-2022 District Strategic Plan. The plan is based on the 2016 Strategic Priorities for the District established by the Governing Board and three overarching goals for the district:

- 1. Create streamlined, student-centered pathways to educational goal completion.
- 2. Close achievement gaps by engaging individual students with diverse needs and removing structural barriers to their success.
- 3. Cultivate a student-centered culture of excellence, trust, safety, stewardship, and service.





Chris Tarman, senior dean for research, planning and institutional effectiveness, provided an overview of the planning process and how the strategic plan aligns with other plans, including Achieving the

Dream, the East County Education Alliance, Student Success and Equity, CTE and the Adult Education Consortium.

Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes, along with English Instructor Lauren Halsted, Counselor Jesus Miranda, and Pat Setzer, dean of humanities and social science, reviewed Cuyamaca College's planning priorities. Grossmont College's planning process was presented by President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, Academic Senate President Tate Hurvitz, and Lida Rafia, associate dean of student success and equity.



The District Services' goals were presented by **Sue Rearic**, vice chancellor business services; **John Valencia**, associate vice chancellor for advancement and communications; and **Tim Corcoran**, vice chancellor human resources.

Governing Board members thanked members of the team who presented the 2016-2022 Strategic Plan, and acknowledged more than 18 months of preparation that went into the plan and presentation. Board President Bill Garrett noted this was the best Strategic Plan presentation he had seen in all his years of organizational leadership.

## **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

**Nabil Abu-Ghalezah** introduced newly appointed Vice President of Student Services Marsha Gable. Gable had been serving as the interim appointee, and previously worked as Dean of Counseling at Cuyamaca College.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** recognized four faculty and staff members who were recognized at the National League for Innovation in the Community College with John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Awards: **Linda Jensen**, interim vice president of administrative services at Grossmont College; **Jeff Lehman**, Grossmont College chemistry professor, **Asuka Kuratani**, Grossmont College Japanese instructor, and Cuyamaca College Counselor **Jesus Miranda**.

The District won two statewide awards at the 2016 Community College Public Relations Organization Conference — a first-place trophy for a <u>news release</u> and a third-place award for a <u>Foundation video</u> promoting the Higher Edge scholarship. **Miles** congratulated Communications and Public Information Director **Anne Krueger**, Public Information Assistant **Della Elliott**, and Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement and Communications **John Valencia** for their work.

**Miles** said the District also won an Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation for the East County Educational Alliance.

Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes said the state

Chancellor's Office awarded a \$1.5 million Basic Skills Transformational Grant to Cuyamaca College in a competitive process. The grant will fund a basic skills acceleration program with three focus areas: changing the placement policies; accelerating remediation; and offering concurrent support classes and counseling.



The District was one of four national semi-finalists for a Community College Safety Planning and Leadership Award of



Excellence from the American Association of Community Colleges for our safety and preparedness program. Miles congratulated Vice Chancellor for Business Services Sue Rearic, Campus and Parking Services Director Nicole Conklin, the

San Diego County Sheriff's Department and members of the Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Council.

## **BOARD REPORT**



Trustee Mary Kay Rosinski thanked Chancellor Cindy Miles for her efforts to improve accreditation in the Western Region through her leadership on the statewide task force. She said California Community College Chancellor Brice Harris issued a statement congratulating Miles for her determination in reaching a professional and reasoned solution.

Trustee **Greg Barr** thanked well-wishers relating to his recent health issues, and said he is feeling better.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** said she and **Rosinski** attended the San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council annual dinner event. **Justeson** said she enjoyed hearing about countywide efforts on behalf of the labor force.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Evan Esparza** reported he was unopposed for a second term as student trustee. **Esparza** reported on campus events including a sexual assault awareness program and the April 23 Spring Garden Festival.

Grossmont College Student Trustee Rafael
Navarrete introduced new ASGC President Kaitlin
D'Eimon, and newly elected Student Trustee Sebastian
Caparelli. Navarrete reported on upcoming events
including ASGC's annual awards, Earth Day on April 22,
and a Community Mural Project on April 29.

President **Bill Garrett** congratulated the new student leaders. **Garrett** called attention to the Classified Staff resolution on the consent agenda and said it is wonderful to be able to recognize the Classified Staff to tell them how much their work is truly appreciated.

## **BOARD ACTIONS**

With the exception of items 201, 204 and 205, all other items on the docket were approved by consent.

The Governing Board voted 5-0 to cast ballots for the following eight candidates for the 2016 California Community College Trustees Board of Directors: Sally W. Biggin, Redwoods CCD; Mary Figueroa, Riverside CCD; Cy Gulassa, Peralta CCD; Jerry D. Hart, Imperial CCD; Louise Jaffe, Santa Monica CCD; Susan M. Keith, Citrus CCD; Marianne Tortorici, Victor Valley CCD; and Linda S. Wah, Pasadena Area CCD.

Governing Board members voted 4-0 (Barr abstaining) to adopt Resolution 16-014 Trustee Absence, which excuses the absence of Trustee Greg Barr from the March 16, 2016, Governing Board meeting due to illness.

Vice Chancellor of Business Services **Sue Rearic** introduced new Board Policy 3260, the District's Sustainability Program, calling it a milestone in implementing the Board resolution passed several months prior, committing the District to sustainability efforts. Docket Item 205 brings forward the new board policy and administrative procedure along with other policy revisions. **Rearic** thanked Interim Director of Facilities Planning, Development and Maintenance **Randy Clark**, Grossmont College Cenergistic Specialist **Jacqueline Hall**, and **Bob Wells** of Cenergistic for implementing the program. **Rearic** said the

District is committed to becoming a model for sustainability.

Miles said the sustainability program has already saved close to \$400,000 in less than a year.

Trustee
Edwin Hiel
commended
Counseling and



Student Services for work on Board Policy 4240, Academic Renewal and for recognizing the need to help efforts to achieve student equity for students who now have an opportunity to clean up past missteps.

Governing Board members voted 5-0 to adopt all revisions to board policies in Item 205, listed as follows: BP 1100, The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District; BP 3260, Districtwide Sustainability Program; BP 3560, Smoking and/or Other Tobacco Use; BP 4240, Academic Renewal; BP 6370 Contracts-Personal Services; BP 6700, Civic Center and Other Facilities Use, and BP 7340, Leaves.

In other docket items, the Governing Board:

- Reviewed and adopted revisions to Board Policy BP 2015 regarding the privileges granted to the student trustees for the term June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017.
- Adopted Resolution 16-013 recognizing May 16 21, 2016, as Classified School Employee Week in California as designated by the California State Legislature and California School Employees Association, to honor the contributions of classified employees.
- Accepted a report on the current budget status, and granted authority to approve any budget changes; acceptance of
  revenues, new grants, donations and revisions to the working budget, and grant authority to budget these funds; approval of
  purchase orders and warrants issued during March 2016; ratification of signatures of agreements.
- Ratified actions to accept, budget, and spend, as appropriate, donations to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.
- Approved the implementation of fees charged to students in addition to state-mandated fees, starting with the fall 2016 term.
- Approved an expenditure plan for *Education Protection Act* funds.
- Adopted Resolution 16-012, Purchase of Items Pursuant to Various Bids Awarded by the Foundation of California Community Colleges (FCCC).
- Ratified actions to award the following to the lowest responsive bidder: Bid 16.008, Purchase and Installation of two
  Ultrasound Machines for the Cardiovascular Technology Program at Grossmont College to Lynn Medical, Inc.; and Bid 16.003,
  Grossmont College Main Chiller Addition to West Coast Air Conditioning Company, Inc.,
- Granted authority to award to the lowest responsive bidder: Bid B16.013, Cuyamaca College One Stop Interim Improvements; Bid B16.014, Cuyamaca College Phase 1 Exercise Science Building D Renovation; Bid B16.015, Cuyamaca College Track Enhancements; and Bid 16.009, District Services and Auxiliary Modular Building.
- Granted authority to File a Notice of Competition for the following bids, and release retention as allowed in the contract
  documents: Bid 15.008, Grossmont College Building 36 HVAC; with Jackson & Blanc; Bid 15.011, Grossmont College Pool
  Equipment Replacement; with California Waters Development, Inc.; and Bid 15.014, Grossmont College Parking Lot/Roadway
  Repairs; with Hazard Construction Company.
- Reviewed revisions to administrative procedures AP 3260, Districtwide Sustainability Program; AP 3560, Smoking and/or Other Tobacco Use; AP 4240, Academic Renewal; AP 6370 Contracts-Personal Services; BP 6700, Civic Center and Other Facilities Use.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

AFT representative **David Mullen** commended **Miles** for her leadership on the statewide Accreditation Task Force.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President Alicia Muñoz reported on the spring election. Bylaws have been changed to ensure that a Student Services Representative is included in the Senate Officers Committee. Muñoz has been re-elected president, and Humanities Instructor Paul Carmona was elected vice president. Articulation Officer Amaliya Blyumin was elected as the Student Services representative.

The Academic Senate passed a resolution in favor of AB 798, the Bonilla Act on affordable textbooks. Cuyamaca College is now eligible to apply for a \$50,000 grant to fund research and planning to make textbooks more affordable. Student Trustee **Esparza** thanked the Academic Senate for its efforts.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President Tate Hurvitz discussed regional efforts to create new resources for Career Technical Education and workforce development by tapping into industry expertise to build partnerships between business and the educational community. Grossmont College hosted the first regional meeting to begin conversations about structuring these opportunities.

**Hurvitz** and **Muñoz** will attend the upcoming statewide Academic Senate plenary. Priorities include affordable textbooks and common assessment.

Classified Staff representative Ari Ahmadian expressed her thanks to everyone who supported Classified Senate Appreciation Day, saying she is grateful for leadership that values Classified Staff and the importance of the work they do.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Governing Board, by a vote of 5-0, granted authority to the Chancellor to advise County Counsel to opt out of settlements with UBS, Piper Jaffray, and Natixis Funding Corp. in the class action titled "In re Municipal Derivatives Antitrust Litigation" pending in the U.S. District Court in New York, but to participate in the County of San Diego action against the firms.

## **STAFF NOTES**

Welcome to new employees Lara Braff, Anthropology Instructor, Grossmont College; Karoon Chanthavong, General Maintenance Worker, Grossmont College; Alex DeCosta, Art Gallery Technician, Grossmont College; and Walter Williams, Tutoring Center Specialist, Cuyamaca College.



