



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

THE COURIER

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

AUG. 16, 2016

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Governing Board members

*Greg Barr, Bill Garrett,
Edwin Hiel,
Debbie Justeson,
Mary Kay Rosinski*
Student Trustees:
*Sebastian Caparelli,
Evan Esparza*

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, Sept. 13, at the Cuyamaca College 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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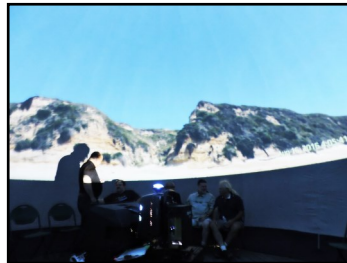
PORTABLE PLANETARIUM GIVES BOARD NEW VIEW OF ASTRONOMY

Physics Department Chair **Brian Carter** and Astronomy Instructor **John "Brodney" Fitzgerald** treated Governing Board members to a demonstration of astronomical proportions with a look at Grossmont College's new Digitalis inflatable dome, a portable planetarium delivered to the campus in May for use by the astronomy and physics department.



Governing Board members join faculty and administrators in front of the portable planetarium at Grossmont College.

The projection system inside the inflatable dome provides stunning images of Earth and the night sky.



The inflatable dome, measuring 23 feet in diameter and 13.5 feet tall and capable of seating about 50 adults, is a new teaching tool used in conjunction with a digital planetarium projection system. The accompanying software is capable of simulating the sky from any point on Earth or from other planets and moons and it can also simulate the solar system over a 2 million-year time range.

Faculty can also project their own video and images



onto the dome, which **Carter** said can be set up for use in about 45 minutes.

Fitzgerald said the department plans to make the dome accessible to

all of the college's astronomy students by setting it up about four times a semester for classroom use.

The system's portability also makes it an excellent outreach tool, **Carter** noted, saying the department will take it to local schools to instill an interest among young students in astronomy and science, and to share the remarkable new educational tool with the community.

GOVERNING BOARD SUPPORTS PROPOSITION 55

Governing Board members passed Resolution 17-005 by a 5-0 vote in support of Proposition 55, "The Children's Education and Health Protection Act of 2016," which would extend the temporary income tax increases on wealthy Californians for an additional 12 years. Proposition 55 will go before the state's voters in November.

NEW COURSES, PROGRAMS RESPOND TO COMMUNITY NEED

Grossmont College President **Nabil Abu-Ghalezah** and Cuyamaca College President **Julianna Barnes** reported on new courses and programs their colleges will be offering this academic year to better serve students. Both colleges are partnering with Point Loma Nazarene University to offer baccalaureate degrees. PLNU will be offering degrees in Child Development and Organizational Management at Cuyamaca College, and at Grossmont College, a new degree in Computer Information Technology in addition to the nursing degree already offered through PLNU. Both colleges are also offering a Business Information Worker certificate that provides a job-ready pathway for office workers.

Grossmont College will offer weekend classes and additional online classes, along with a revamped EKG/Telemetry program and an AOJ public safety dispatch class now offered twice a year.

Cuyamaca College will offer new associate degree programs in Kumeyaay Studies and Arabic Studies, along with a new certificate program in mechatronics.



A certificate program in viticulture at Cuyamaca College and a program in craft brewing at Grossmont College are planned.

For the spring, Cuyamaca College is planning to offer a certificate program in viticulture, while Grossmont College is planning programs in craft brewing and unmanned aircraft systems.



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** extended thanks to the faculty members, department chairs, deans and staff who put in significant work on program and course development.

BOARD REPORTS

Trustees complimented staff involved in the Grossmont College Convocation. President **Bill Garrett** said he was pleased by the spontaneity and cohesiveness and how faculty and staff at both colleges are working together with a focus on students.



Trustee **Greg Barr** reported he and trustee **Edwin Hiel** have sat in on Project Labor Agreement negotiations and that major progress has been made, instilling confidence that a solid PLA will be brought before the Board for approval. **Barr** said the PLA would virtually guarantee a local work force and quality labor, and that meaningful terms will be in place reflecting input of union members, the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and other constituents.



Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Esparza** reported the Grossmont and Cuyamaca Associated Student organizations held their annual joint retreat, focusing on leadership, team management and conflict management, as well as the District's November 2016 bond measure. **Esparza** reported the students hosted EOPS and Financial Aid workshops. **Esparza** attended the statewide student trustee workshop in San Francisco.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Sebastian Caparelli** said ASGC finalized a new constitution and new Students Bill of Rights. He and the ASGC president have volunteered for the Title V grant outreach effort.

BOARD ACTIONS

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** asked Vice Chancellor District Services **Sue Rearic** about the large number of expenditure amendments under Item 304. **Rearic** said they reflect end-of-fiscal-year re-encumbrances, as well as five-year service contracts for Proposition V and capital construction projects. The item passed 5-0.

With the exception of item 304, all other items on the docket were approved by consent.

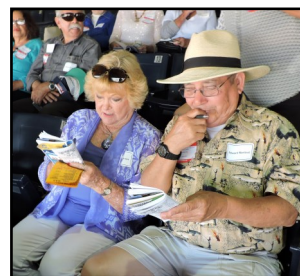
In other docket items, the Governing Board:

- Reviewed and adopted revisions to Board Policies BP 3515, Reporting of Crimes; BP 6600, Capital Construction; and BP 6750, Parking, as recommended by the Chancellor; and revisions to Administrative Procedures AP 3515, Reporting of Crimes; AP 6600, Capital Construction; and AP 6750, Parking.
- 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 granted authority to budget these funds; approval of purchase orders and warrants issued during July 2016; ratification of signatures of agreements.
- Ratified the actions to accept, budget, and spend, as appropriate, donations to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.
- Approved the closing Labor Compliance Program Annual Report required by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations.
- Ratified the award of Bid B16.015, Cuyamaca College Track Enhancements, to PK Mechanical Systems, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder.
- Considered the District quarterly financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2016, including Quarterly Financial Status Report; Quarterly Report on Trust Fund Balances; and Schedule of Investments Report.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Miles gave kudos for the planetarium presentation in modeling the use of very complex technology and noted its potential for student engagement and outreach, particularly the Alliance outreach with the high school district. She thanked President **Abu-Ghazaleh** for the great convocation and congratulated Grossmont College faculty excellence award winners, **Marion de Koning**, full-time faculty and **Shaun Donelson**, part-time faculty member.

Miles noted the GCCCD cash card was launched over the summer, enabling students who sign up to obtain their financial aid much more quickly and via direct deposit, rather than a paper check. **Miles** also said the Third Annual Day at the Races was hosted by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges for more than 50 retirees.



Retirees make their picks during the Foundation's Day at the Races.

STAFF REPORTS

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** said 11 faculty members will start the tenure review process, an exciting development that will replenish academic energy. **Muñoz** thanked the many interim deans for their work. Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Tate Hurvitz** introduced the new "We're All In" campaign to engage students in the classroom. Faculty are being encouraged to employ strategies that include showing interest in students; connecting students with each other, such as in study groups; and directing students to campus support services in proactive ways. **Hurvitz** said faculty can sign a pledge card, and the department with the highest rate of participation will win a trophy.

STAFF NOTES

Welcome to new employees **Thomas Armstrong**, Associate Dean of Athletics, Grossmont College; **Cristal Arevalo** and **Ohood Elawwad-Fouda**, Child Development Center Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; **Michelle Crooks**, English Instructor, Grossmont College; **Caylor Cuevas**, **Hossna Sadat**, and **Michele Toral**, Counselors, Grossmont College; **DeMarquet Davis**, Network Specialist, District Services; **Janette Diaz**, Sociology Instructor, Grossmont College; **Chad Farmer**, Cardiovascular Technology Instructor, Grossmont College; **John Fitzgerald**, Astronomy/Physics Instructor, Grossmont College; **Robert Gillespie**, Computer Science and Information Systems Instructor, Grossmont College; **Karla Gutierrez**, Spanish Instructor, Cuyamaca College; **K. Scott Herin**, Health Education Instructor, Cuyamaca College; **Felicia Kalker**, Librarian, Grossmont College; **Sharon Nasario-Lesure**, Administration of Justice Instructor, Grossmont College; **Kris Saradpon**, Culinary Arts Instructor, Grossmont College; **Curtis Sharon**, Computer Information Systems Instructor, Cuyamaca College; **Julio Soto**, Sociology Instructor, Grossmont College; and **Caitlin Tems**, Earth Sciences Instructor, Cuyamaca College.