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Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16, 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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GOVERNING BOARD TOURS GROSSMONT COLLEGE NATURE PRESERVE



Michael Golden gives a tour of Grossmont's nature preserve.

Grossmont College Biology Professor **Michael Golden** gave Governing Board members a tour of the college's nature preserve, an outdoor learning lab for students in science classes. About 900 to 1,000 students annually have used the nature preserve for 40 years to apply what they have learned in the classroom and practice scientific observation.



Among the lessons that students learn is the diversity of the plant and animal species in this rare, natural coastal sage scrub habitat. "Critter cameras" in the preserve have spotted bobcats, skunks, rats, coyotes, raptors, and rabbits. (**Golden** said he's only seen a rattlesnake once.)

With the support of the Grossmont College administration and Campus Facilities Director **Ken Emmons**, the preserve is protected from human intrusion as much as possible. "We want to keep it as wild as we can," **Golden** said.

GAFCON PROVIDES FACILITIES UPDATE REPORT

Gafcon, Inc. project manager **Penny McGrew** gave a [report](#) on the status of facilities projects being planned for the Grossmont and Cuyamaca College campuses.



At Grossmont College, design for the Arts & Communications Complex will be completed by summer 2016, with construction set to begin January 2017. A Science, Math and Career Tech Complex with new and renovated buildings is set to begin construction in December 2017.

McGrew said HMC has been selected as the architect for the new Ornamental Horticulture Building at Cuyamaca College, with construction set to begin in summer 2017. HMC is also the architect for the new Student Services building at Cuyamaca College, so the two facilities will work together well.

CBOC ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DISTRICT

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) Chair **Gwen Miller** presented the [annual report](#) of the committee.

Miller said the CBOC plays an important role informing the public and providing oversight of bond spending. **Miller** noted 13 straight years of "spotless" audits. **Miller** said the CBOC takes great pride in its transparency, as exemplified by the information available on its [website](#).

Miller said the CBOC will be watching closely to see how implementation of the Project Labor Agreement affects Proposition V project costs and expenses.

FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board, by a vote of 5-0, ratified the AFT grievance settlement agreement. The Governing Board also voted 5-0 to ratify an employee separation agreement.

BOARD ACTIONS

With the exception of items 351, 651, and 653, all other items on the docket were approved by consent.

Barr inquired about the bidders not selected in Item 351. Grossmont College President **Nabil-Abu-Ghazaleh** reported four of the five bidders declined to bid. The item was approved by a vote of 5-0.

In other docket items, the Governing Board:

- Reviewed and adopted revisions to Board Policies BP 3555, Alcoholic Beverages; and BP 6800, Safety.
- 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 January 2016; ratification of signatures of agreements.



- Ratified actions to accept, budget, and spend, as appropriate, donations to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.
- Granted authority to authorize Mathematics Instructor Chris Hill, Earth Science Instructor Scott Therkalsen, Krissy Lovering, Earth Science Lab Technician, and 22 Grossmont College students to travel to Northern California through Nevada for an earth science field course July 23 – 30, 2016.
- Adopted Resolution 16-011, authorizing the establishment of an exclusive Benefit Trust for retiree health and welfare benefits.
- Ratified awarding Bid 16.007, Districtwide Purchase and Installation of K1 Furniture, to Krueger International, the lowest responsive bidder.
- Granted authority to file a Notice of Completion for



Bid 15.009, Cuyamaca College Weight Training Classroom, with Choctaw Construction Company, Inc.

- Granted authority to file a Notice of Completion for Bid 15.015, Cuyamaca College Parking Lot/Roadway Repairs, with Portillo Concrete, Inc.
- Granted authority to award Bid 16.011, Grossmont College 12kV Main Service Replacement to the lowest responsive bidder and execute appropriate contract documents prior to ratification by the Governing Board at the next meeting following the bid opening.
- Granted authority to award Bid 16.010, Districtwide Energy Conservation measures Year 3, to the lowest responsive bidder and execute appropriate contract documents prior to ratification by the Governing Board at the next meeting following the bid opening.
- Ratified the Sabbatical Leave Committee's selection of ten sabbatical projects for the 2016-2017 academic year for faculty members **Lindy Brazil, Carlos Contreras, Michelle Garcia, Todd Myers, Tina Perez, Shirley Pereira, Patricia Santana, Don Schultz, Karl Sherlock, and Bonnie Yoshida-Levine.**
- Approved employment of tenure track faculty.
- Reviewed revisions to Administrative Procedures AP 3555, Alcoholic Beverages; and AP 6800, Safety.

BOARD REPORTS

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rafael Navarrete** reported on legislative trips to Sacramento and Washington D.C. In Sacramento, community college leaders met with elected officials, including State Senators **Marty Block**, **Pat Bates**, and **Ben Hueso**, and Assembly Members **Shirley Weber**, **Brian Jones**, and **Lorena Gonzalez**. **Navarrete** said student trustees spoke about the effect that community college had on their lives.



Cuyamaca College student trustee **Evan Esparza** also participated in the legislative trips. **Esparza** reported on campus events, including Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year celebrations, and the annual Powwow. **Esparza** announced the appointments of five new student senators and a new treasurer.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the Cuyamaca College Powwow, noting the East County Educational Alliance has resulted in closer ties to the Kumeyaay nation.

Board member **Debbie Justeson** participated in the legislative trip to Washington, which included a visit to the Marine barracks where **Navarrete** was stationed as a member of the prestigious Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon.

Trustee **Greg Barr** reported on the Feb. 5 annual board workshop, and reflected on how the Governing Board and the District could continue to improve.

Vice President **Mary Kay Rosinski** participated with Chancellor **Cindy Miles** in a recent panel discussion on board-CEO relations at the Community College League of California conference in Sacramento. She, along with all other trustees, also attended the SDICCCA dinner hosted by Imperial Valley College. **Rosinski** said the District is a finalist for an American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Award of Excellence for its campus preparedness and safety efforts.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported on the recent visit by State Chancellor **Brice Harris** to Grossmont College for one of his final Chancellor's Circle programs prior to his retirement in April.

Miles said all six SDICCCA community college districts met jointly with legislators in Sacramento to speak as a collective voice on priority issues. Similarly, district representatives were joined by SDICCCA colleagues in recent legislative advocacy meetings in Washington, D.C.



The Spring Scholarship Breakfast to be held Feb. 20 at the La Mesa Community Center will combine awards for Grossmont and Cuyamaca College students.

The new website for the March 11 AlumniFest hockey game for anyone who attended community college is now online at www.alumnifest.org

STAFF REPORTS

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** reported the sabbatical leave committee worked on review and approval of 10 sabbatical leave proposals for the 2016-2017 year. **Muñoz** said the Senate recommended expanding its board to include a full time Student Services representative to provide the student services voice.

Garrett commended the Academic Senate for recognizing the contributions of Student Services to student success.

Cuyamaca College Classified Senate representative **Ari Ahmadian** said the Senates have approved their restructuring. A districtwide Classified Senates

Coordinating Council has been established to facilitate sharing information and to provide perspectives of all sites.

STAFF NOTES

Welcome to new employees **Kris Saradpon**, Instructional Lab Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; and **Linda Jensen**, Interim Vice President, Administrative Services, Grossmont College.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Grossmont College Student **Dan Levy** expressed concerns about an instructor. **Garrett** confirmed the student has met with college representatives, including the president, and will meet with the chancellor to share his concerns.

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