

# THE COURIER

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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## GCCCD Governing Board

*Bill Garrett*  
*Edwin Hiel*  
*Debbie Justeson*  
*Greg Barr*  
*Elena Adams*

Student Trustees:  
*Sebastian Caparelli*  
*Evan Esparza*

Chancellor  
*Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D.*

Grossmont College  
President  
*Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh,*  
*Ed.D.*

Cuyamaca College  
President  
*Julianna Barnes,*  
*Ed.D.*

Vice Chancellors  
*Tim Corcoran,* Human  
Resources  
*Sue Rearic,* Business  
Services  
*John Valencia,*  
Workforce and  
Organizational  
Development

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, at Cuyamaca College's Student

## Board Reports



*From left: Greg Barr, Debbie Justeson, Cindy Miles, Bill Garrett, Elena Adams and Edwin Hiel.*

Trustees **Debbie Justeson**, **Greg Barr** and **Edwin Hiel** commended the students who shared their personal educational stories and experiences as ambassadors and peer mentors at the workshop on new Title V and college outreach efforts at Grossmont College. Outreach staff and student ambassadors visit high schools and career fairs to encourage students to attend Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges and provide information about enrollment. Peer mentors are matched with students to help them identify their education pathways and connect to programs and services to promote their success.

Trustee **Elena Adams** noted that the photos shown at the workshop comparing the Grossmont College campus of the 1970s to today spoke volumes about the increased diversity at the institutions and the need for changes to address changing student populations.

President **Bill Garrett** said he was pleased that the two colleges are working together to offer training for student ambassadors. Garrett reported that he attended the Grossmont College production of *The Vagina Monologues*,

Center.

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

## Site Reports

[Grossmont College](#)  
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and was impressed with the joint production by theater and American Sign Language departments.



*Grossmont College student ambassadors and mentors were recognized during the workshop on student outreach.*

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Evan Esparza** reported that campaigning is underway for student government representatives, including the next student trustee, with elections scheduled for April 24-27.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Sebastian Caparelli** thanked retiring EOPS/Counselor and Professor **Sylvia Montejano** and English Instructor **Anthony Ding** for their influence on his success as well as that of other students. **Caparelli** introduced **Brandon Vivero**, who was elected Grossmont Student Trustee and **Skyler Delacruz**, who was elected as President for the Associated Students of Grossmont College for 2017-18.

## Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** shared information about her meeting, along with , trustee **Edwin Hiel**, and Communication and Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** with Santee Mayor **John Minto** as part of the District's outreach efforts to the community.

Miles reported that California Community College Chancellor **Eloy Ortiz Oakley** visited San Diego County twice recently, attending a SDICCCA meeting and providing the keynote remarks for the San Diego State University Ed.D Alumni Chapter McFarlane Speaker Series.

Miles congratulated **Krueger, Kerri Ewing**, interim community partnerships and advancement coordinator, and **Della Elliott**, communications assistant, for their work on the 2015-2016 Annual Report, which won a Silver Medal at the District VII CASE Awards, the only community college in 58 categories to win any medal; and a Gold

Medal at the National Council of Marketing & Public Relations Paragon Awards. She noted this was the third consecutive year our Annual Report won this national award, following previous bronze and silver awards.

## Staff Reports

Grossmont College President **Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh** reported on the Achieving the Dream Conference with 17 participants from Grossmont College and 12 from Cuyamaca College, the second largest group among 2,200 attendees. Members participated in workshops on data, planning and strategy, leadership and equity.

**Abu-Ghazaleh** said the conference sparked interest in collaboration to develop a multiple measures strategy for student course placement and shifting focus from student deficits to student capacity.

**Abu-Ghazaleh** noted that April is the annual month of service, a joint effort by Community Service Learning and Student Affairs called "Grossmont Gives Back." Among the projects, 300 students participated in a Creative Arts Showcase and a campus beautification project.

Cuyamaca College President **Julianna Barnes** reported on the Emeriti Ceremony at which seven emeriti faculty were honored: **Brad Monroe, Jose Villareal, Susan Haber, Anthony Zambelli, Jim Cousteau, Therese Botz** and **Jerry Riley**. The seven have a combined 207 years of service to Cuyamaca College.

**Barnes** shared that Cuyamaca College was recently selected as one of 20 California community colleges to participate in the California Guided Pathways Project, a three-year project to advance student success and equity work.

Vice Chancellor of Workforce and Organizational Development **John Valencia** reported on the successful Community College AlumniFest on March 25 at the San Diego Gulls hockey game. More than 3,000 alumni and guests representing 10 area community colleges participated in college celebration activities before the game.

**Janet Snelling**, Director of Human Resources, presented a review of the District Health & Welfare Benefits program, noting a \$1 million increase in costs since 2016, and annual contributions of \$16,699 per employee. She demonstrated how Workday now gives employees online access to their benefits information.

## Board Actions

With the exception of Item 201, which was pulled for nominations and voting, all items on the docket were approved by consent. The Governing Board:

- Acted on the annual review and adoption of board policy BP 2015, Student Governing Board Members.
- Accepted a report on the current budget status; granted authority to the Chancellor to approve any budget changes; approved purchase orders and warrants issued during March 2017; ratified signing of agreements and spending any proceeds.
- Granted authority to the Chancellor to approve the recommended revision and deletion of student fees, in addition to State mandated fees, commencing with the Fall 2017 term.
- Granted authority to the Chancellor to award Request for Proposal (RFP) B16.020, Grossmont College Phase 1 Arts and Communication Complex - Teaching and Performance Theater, to Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc.
- Conferred emeritus status on District retired faculty members **Thomas Oertel** and **Laura Sim**.

## Public Comment

Grossmont College EOPS Counselor **Pearl Lopez** expressed gratitude to college and District leadership for their demonstrated commitment to inclusiveness, equity, and diversity. She reported on the April 17 Academic Senate meeting, during which extensive support was expressed for the president's decision to hire a Cross-Cultural Studies faculty member and commitment to all students.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Jenny Aquino**, Benefits Technician, District Services; **Brittany Budde**, Administrative Assistant, Grossmont College; **Taylor Fiehler**, Tutorial Center Specialist, Cuyamaca College; **Vicky Giannini-Smith**, Human Resources Specialist, District Services; and **Jennie LaBarre**, Computer Lab Technician, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations to **Pat Setzer**, Vice President of Instruction, Cuyamaca College; and **Aiden Ely**, Interim Vice President, Student Services, Cuyamaca College, on their new assignments.