



February 2018

TOUR OF GROSSMONT COLLEGE'S VILLAGE



Board members toured the modular buildings at Grossmont College that are being used as temporary offices and classrooms while buildings on campus are being built or renovated. The 17 trailers, referred collectively as Building 100 or the Village, are being used while work is underway on projects that include the Performing and

Visual Arts Center, renovations to Building 31, and construction of Building 36 with an expanded Veterans Resource Center. The trailers are expected to remain in use during multiple sequential phases of construction until 2025.

REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC

Governing Board members reported on recent legislative trips to Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to advocate for community colleges with legislators and their staff members.



Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Kyrie Macogay** and Grossmont College Student Trustee

Brandon Vivero, who both participated in the Sacramento and Washington D.C. advocacy meetings, told legislators personal stories about their community college experiences, lauded the quality and care of our colleges, and advocated for DACA and financial aid support for students. President **Bill Garrett** commended both for their presentations and for representing the District well.

Board member **Elena Adams** noted the strong focus by legislators on helping students avoid incurring debt, and how community college can help save money for students.

Board member **Greg Barr** said the PROSPER Act that was introduced in the House of Representatives to reauthorize the Higher Education Act was a major topic of discussion with federal legislators. He noted that trustees informed legislators that the act's provisions shifting more responsibility to colleges when students withdraw before the end of the term would have a major financial impact on students and institutions.

Board member **Debbie Justeson** said she was pleased to see that many Congressional offices posted signs showing their support for 'Dreamers.' She thanked Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and **Garrett** for so capably leading the meetings with legislators and their advocacy.

Board member **Edwin Hiel** said the advocacy visit to D.C. was a productive trip because the District group was well-prepared and had a plan on how best to approach legislators. **Hiel** also attended the fourth annual Powwow at Cuyamaca College.

Garrett discussed his impressions of the legislative trip and said he expects the PROSPER Act will not be approved by the Senate and that negotiations will hopefully result in a move favorable outcome for community college students. **Garrett** also attended the Powwow and a recent Grossmont College Culinary Arts Dinner.

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Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, at Cuyamaca College's Student Center.

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

Site Reports

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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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BOARD ACTIONS

The following items on the [Governing Board docket](#) were approved by consent:

- Reviewed and adopted revisions to board policies BP 2712, Conflict of Interest Code, BP 2714, Board Code of Ethics, BP 3300, Public Records, BP 6620, Naming of Facilities, and BP 7310, Nepotism.
- Agreed to enter into the Amended and Restated Water Conservation Garden Operation Agreement.
- Approved purchase orders and warrants issued during January 2018; ratified signing of agreements granted authority to the Chancellor to accept, budget, and spend any proceeds therefrom; accepted revenues, new grants, and revisions to the working budget; and accepted a report on the current budget status.
- Authorized instructors Chris Hill and Scott Therkalsen and 22 Grossmont College students to travel into Arizona, Utah, and Nevada while traveling to and through parts of the Colorado Plateau from June 9-16, 2018 for an earth science field course.
- Ratified the action of the Chancellor in awarding Bid B17.047, Cuyamaca College Phase 2 Exercise Science Building D Renovation and Student Center Audio Visual, to Digital Networks Group, Inc.
- Ratified the action of the Chancellor in obtaining permission from the County Superintendent of Schools to declare restoration work, and the placement of temporary facilities as a result of damages to the Grossmont College Central Chiller Plant, and waive bidding requirements pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20654, and entering into any contracts necessary to provide heating, air conditioning, and ventilation required to operate the Grossmont College campus.
- Approved new and replacement hires: David Bier, Network Specialist II, District Services; Shannon Cadagan, Administrative Assistant, District Services; Cintya Da Cruz and Maria Valladolid, EOPS Counselors, Grossmont College; Timothy Halbig, Jr., Athletic Equipment Technician, Grossmont College; Katherine Leonard, Science Lab Technician, Grossmont College; Christian Magbuhat, Network Specialist II, District Services; Kari McKinnon, Child Development Center Aide, Senior, Grossmont College; Alicia Munoz, Dean, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Cuyamaca College; Augustin Orozco, Associate Dean, Counseling Services, Cuyamaca College; Josceline Torres-Felix, Scholarship Specialist, Grossmont College; Laila Vejar, Custodian, Senior, Cuyamaca College; Courtney Williams, Associate Dean, Student Services, Grossmont College.
- Ratified the Sabbatical Leave Committee selection of nine sabbatical projects for the academic year 2018-2019 for Grossmont and Cuyamaca College faculty members Philip Bianco, Amaliya Biyumin, Joel Castellaw, Lyn Nelon-Craft, Marion de Koning, Tom Oldstead, Amy Ramos, Glenn Thurman, and June Yang.
- Reviewed employment of tenure-track faculty for 2018-2019: Cuyamaca College Raquel Jacob-Almeida, Brad McCombs, Kristin McGregor, Rachelle Panganiban, and Miriam Simpson; Grossmont College: Janet Calo, Narges Heidari, Gary Johnson, Sara Moore, Rhonda Morris, Natalie Ray, Daniel Rosen, Kristina Sundblad, and Alan Traylor.
- Reviewed the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District quarterly financial reports.
- Reviewed administrative procedures AP 2712, Conflict of Interest Code; AP 2714, Board Code of Ethics; AP 3300, Public Records; AP 6620, Naming of Facilities; and BP 7310, Nepotism.

Garrett spoke on Item 651, employment of tenure track faculty, and congratulated Cuyamaca College Automotive Technology instructor **Brad McCombs** (who was present at the Governing Board meeting), on obtaining tenure.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Water Conservation Garden Executive Director **Elyssa Robertson** presented an update on the Garden's new operating agreement, governance and budget. The District (the Garden's property owner), is part of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the San Diego County Water Authority, City of San Diego and Otay, Helix and Sweetwater Water Districts. Robertson said the newly-approved operating agreement includes a five-year funding plan, a communication plan, and an endowment growth plan. Robertson said the Garden plans to collaborate more with Cuyamaca College, promote the Garden throughout the region, and expand and improve exhibits.

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) chair **Gwen Miller** presented the oversight committee's annual report. Miller reported the committee is pleased with the spotless audits for both Proposition R and V bonds. Miller commented that the CBOC is concerned about increased costs for the first District Project Labor Agreement (PLA) project, and looks forward to the results of the PLA evaluation plan, which will measure the effectiveness and impacts of the District's Project Labor Agreement. The first evaluation results are expected to be shared with the CBOC in April.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported Cuyamaca College President **Julianna Barnes**, along with math faculty **Tammi Marshall** and **Terrie Nichols**, delivered a presentation to the California Community College Board of Governors and at a special legislative summit in January on Cuyamaca's Math Pathways Project. Barnes is currently attending the National Dream Conference, where she will also be speaking on acceleration activities.

Miles commended everyone involved with the recent Cuyamaca College convocation, which was focused on Guided Pathways: A Catalyst for Institutional Transformation & Change; reported on the recent Women in Water Symposium and the ribbon-cutting event for the Cuyamaca College Field Operations Skills Yard, which was funded by a National Science Foundation Grant.

Miles stated the 4th Annual Powwow at Cuyamaca College was supported by Barona Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians and Target. Miles expressed congratulations to the Griffin Speech/Debate team for their 1st and 7th place awards in the Speech & Debate Tournament held at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Miles reported on the Sacramento legislative advocacy meetings where she and Board members **Elena Adams**, **Greg Barr** and **Bill Garrett**, along with students **Kyrie Macogay** and **Brandon Vivero**, and Communications & Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** (along with members of the San Diego & Imperial County Community College Association) met with Assembly Members **Rocky Chavez**, **Lorena Gonzales Fletcher**, **Marie Waldron**, **Shirley Weber**, **Todd Gloria** and **Eduardo Garcia** and Senators **Pat Bates** and **Ben Hueso**, with a key focus on the State funding formula for community colleges.

Miles also reported on the Washington, DC, meetings with legislators where she and Board members **Elena**

Adams, Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Edwin Hiel and Debbie Justeson, along with students **Kyrie Macogay** and **Brandon Vivero**, and Communications & Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** met with Senators **Dianne Feinstein** and **Kamala Harris**, and Representatives **Duncan Hunter, Susan Davis** and **Juan Vargas**, focusing on DACA and reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

Grossmont College President **Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh** commended the Speech and Debate Team for its results at the tournament held at Point Loma Nazarene University. **Theo Hayes** placed first in Open Division Dramatic Interpretation, and **Amanda Afentakis** placed seventh in Open Division Impromptu Speaking. He commended advisor **Roxanne Tuscany** for her work with the team over many years.