

March 2018

## FOCUS ON CAREER EDUCATION



An overview of the Career Education programs at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges was presented by **Sally Cox**, Executive Director of the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges; **Larry McLemore**, Dean of Career and Technical Education at Cuyamaca College; **Javier Ayala**, Dean of CTE/Workforce

Development at Grossmont College; and **Dee Oliveri**, Interim Senior Dean of Health Sciences at Grossmont College.

Board members were impressed with the collaboration between the colleges to promote the District's Career Education programs. Board President **Bill Garrett** said students and parents need to be made aware of the many opportunities that allow students to earn a certificate in less than two years that prepare them for well-paying jobs. Board Member **Debbie Justeson** said many high school students don't know about the Career Education programs offered, and encouraged more high school outreach. Board Member **Greg Barr** said the Colleges' Career Education programs offer a high-quality, affordable alternative to for-profit colleges, and Board Member **Elena Adams** noted that students who earn Career Education certificates receive a 40% increase in earnings without high student loan debt.

## CICCATI LAUDED FOR GIFT TO CUYAMACA



Governing Board members formally passed a resolution honoring former Cuyamaca College President **Samuel M. Ciccati** by naming the Cuyamaca College Performing Arts Theatre building the Samuel M. Ciccati Performing Arts Center, and the theatre within, the Samuel M. Ciccati Theatre. **Ciccati** is donating \$1 million to the District, the single largest donation the District has ever received. The donation will create an endowment initially dedicated to the

Cuyamaca College Promise Program.

## GCCCD Governing Board

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

**Student Trustees:**  
*Kyrie Macogay  
Brandon Vivero*

**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*

### Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17, at Grossmont College's Griffin Gate.

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

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“Our words fall short to express our gratitude,” Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said. “Dr. Ciccati has served the District through his leadership for many years and this generous gift will continue to change lives for many years to come.”

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**Ciccati** worked for GCCCD for 17 years, starting as a counselor, and then eight years as Vice President at Grossmont College before serving as Cuyamaca College’s second president from 1984–1993. Over the years, Ciccati has continued to support students through Osher Scholarship donations.

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.

“In my most effervescent dream, I never thought this possible,” **Ciccati** said. As the 9th of 12 children born to immigrant parents, he never thought of attending college until his boss at San Diego Gas & Electric Co. suggested it. He began at community college, then transferred to San Diego State University.

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**Ciccati** said he hoped his gift would encourage other retirees and employees to donate to the college district. He also wants to inspire other community college students to give back after becoming successful in their careers.

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## REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC

Board member **Edwin Hiel**, President **Bill Garrett**, and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Brandon Vivero** attended a Grossmont College Culinary Arts dinner and complimented the food and service. **Hiel** and **Garrett** attended a production of the 17th Century farce “The Heir Apparent” at Grossmont College. **Garrett** praised the direction, costuming, staging and student performances in a difficult play.



Board members **Debbie Justeson** and **Greg Barr** made follow-up remarks about the February legislative trip to Washington, DC, and the strong support for ‘Dreamers’ from California legislators. Trustees distributed dozens of *Dreamer* pins designed by Cuyamaca College student government president **Jesus Suarez**.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Kyrie Macogay** reported on campus activities honoring Women’s Heritage Month. **Vivero** discussed the recent student-led Undocumented Conference on campus that inspired a similar event at Mesa College.

## BOARD ACTIONS

With the exception of Item 201 (pulled for presentation) all items on the [Governing Board docket](#) were approved by consent. The Governing Board:

- Approved Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges’ course, certificate, and degree changes, and authorized publication in the 2018-2019 Grossmont and Cuyamaca College catalogs.
- Approved the Work Plans for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges required as part of the California Guided Pathways Award Program.
- Approved an expenditure plan for Education Protection Act funds.

- Reviewed and adopted revisions to board policies BP 2110, Vacancies on the Board; BP 2200, Board Duties and Responsibilities; BP 2210, Officers of the Board; 2220, Committees of the Board; BP 2305, Annual Organizational Meeting; BP 2310, Regular Meetings of the Board; BP 2320, Special and Emergency Meetings; BP 2350, Speakers; BP 2355, Decorum; BP 2360, Minutes; BP 2430, Delegation of Authority to the Chancellor; BP 2432, Chancellor Succession; BP 2510, Participation in Local Decision-Making; BP 2610, Presentation of Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals; BP 2717, Personal Use of Public Resources; BP 2735, Board Member Travel; BP 5040, Student Records, Directory Information & Privacy; and BP 6400, Financial Audits.
- Authorized instructors, one to two coaches and three to eight Grossmont College students to travel to Daytona Beach, Florida, for the National Phi Rho Pi Speech and Debate Tournament April 6 – 15, 2018.
- Granted authority to the Chancellor to award Bid 17.037, Districtwide Energy Conservation Measures Year 4 to the lowest responsible bidder.
- Ratified the action of the Chancellor in awarding Bid 17.048, Cuyamaca College Building L Remodel to Evergreen Construction & Consulting, DBA EvergreenCali, the lowest responsible bidder.
- Approved new and replacement hires: Eva Champagne and Kari McKinnon, Child Development Center Assistants, Senior, Grossmont College; and Rhonda Elsaad, Administrative Assistant, Academic Senate, Cuyamaca College.
- Reviewed administrative procedures AP 2110, Vacancies on the Board; AP 2320, Special and Emergency Meetings; AP 2350, Speakers; AP 2355, Decorum; AP 2360, Minutes; AP 2510, Participation in Local Decision-Making; AP 2610, Presentation of Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals; AP 5040, Student Records, Directory Information & Privacy; and AP 6400, Financial Audits.

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## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Cuyamaca College History Instructor and Curriculum Committee chairman **Peter Utgaard** reported on curriculum review and changes. The five-year process is now beginning its second round of course reviews. **Utgaard** said Cuyamaca and Grossmont have agreed on an aligned Math 96 course. The Grossmont Mechatronics certificate program will shift from Engineering to Computer Science in an effort to attract more students.

Cuyamaca College President **Julianna Barnes** and Grossmont College President **Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh** presented the District's Guided Pathways Report to the State Chancellor's office, containing work plans for both colleges, which will better integrate various initiatives aligning learning outcomes with career and transfer goals through student support and faculty and staff support.

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** provided information to board members explaining a reallocation of budget funds under Item 302 of the docket, and construction bid information under Item 402. Board members will receive a full report on construction costs at the April 2018 board meeting.

**Miles** reported on the recent Regional Oversight Committee/Workforce Development Council Retreat that focused on recommendations for Strong Workforce Initiatives and was attended by U.S. Congresswoman **Susan Davis**. She also reported that she, Trustee **Hiel** and Communications & Public Information Director **Anne Krueger** visited Assemblyman **Randy Voepel** and discussed the governor's new funding formula and provided explanation of changes being recommended by community colleges.

**Miles**, who serves on the statewide CEO Funding Formula Workgroup, noted there is agreement that the current FTES-based formula fails to provide stable funding, especially for small rural colleges. She said that both the CEO and CBO workgroups are in agreement on a proposed formula with two components: 75% apportionment and 25% accurate socioeconomic definition integrated with success metrics; with a 2-year hold-harmless and incremental 5-year phase-in period.

**Krueger** reported on the District awards received at the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations conference, including a Gold Award for excellence in writing for **David Ogul's** profile of DACA student **Iveth Estrada**; Silver Award for **David's** profile of **Fadya Basha**, the oldest graduate from Cuyamaca College; Bronze Award for the 2016-17 Annual Report, the 4th year GCCCD's annual report received national recognition; and Silver Award for **Stephen Harvey's** new employee photo of Grossmont College Interim Learning Resource Center Supervisor **Symone McDaniels**. At the District 6 Awards (including the Western and Pacific states of CA, AZ, NV, HI and the Pacific Islands), the District received the Gold Regional Award for the 2015-2016 Annual Report, an award for Excellence in Writing, and **Kerri Ewing** received the Rising Star Award for marketing.