



**GOVERNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2002**

A special meeting of the Governing Board of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., at the Griffin Gate, Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, California.

Members Present: Trustees Alexander, Caruthers, Clark, Cutting, and Kraft; Student Trustees Collins and Ferrell

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Chancellor Suarez, President Perri, Vice Chancellors Austin and McMahan, district and college administrators, members of the staff, students, press, and interested citizens.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President Rick Alexander.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

Alexander adjourned the open session at 6:32 p.m., and the Board met in closed session from 6:40 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to confer with the District Chief Negotiator regarding United Faculty, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Administrators' Association, and Supervisory/Confidential matters.

**Reconvene in Open Session**

Board President Alexander reconvened the open session at 7:36 p.m., and announced that there were no closed session actions to report.

**Report of the Chancellor**

Chancellor Suarez reported that Vice President Colli was sitting in for President Martinez, who is serving on an accreditation team in Pasadena.

Suarez announced that the District's Annual Report was distributed. It was developed by Director of Intergovernmental Relations Quittner and representatives from Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, and replaces the individual annual reports previously produced by the colleges. The report will be disseminated to the East County business community and elected officials.

**Public Hearing**

Board President Alexander called for a motion to open a Public Hearing on the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District 2002-2003 Adoption Budget. On the motion of Members Kraft/Clark and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was declared open. Hearing no public comment, on the motion of Members Clark/Kraft and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing was declared closed.

**Workshop on 2002-2003 Adoption Budget**

Chancellor Suarez welcomed everyone to the Adoption Budget workshop. He observed that, with the state economy in a slump, community colleges throughout the state will be facing numerous challenges. He added that two percent COLA and three percent growth will be inadequate to accommodate students. He identified as a primary challenge utilizing limited

**Call to order**

**Closed session**

**Open session**

**Report of Chancellor**

**Annual Report**

**Public Hearing**

**Public hearing on 2002-2003 Adoption Budget**

**Workshop**

resources and providing educational services, noting that the District is experiencing the largest enrollment in its history. He reported that, in the event something dramatic happens at the state level, the District is developing contingency plans for three percent and five percent budget reductions, and a process for a ten percent reduction, keeping in mind the goal of providing our students with the best possible services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. He added that the Governor has directed state offices to plan for a 20 percent reduction for the coming year. Suarez invited Vice Chancellor Austin to present a workshop on the Adoption Budget.

Austin introduced Bernadette Sampson, Interim District Controller, who is on loan to the District for one year by the San Diego Community College District. Sampson replaces Sue Rearic, who is on interim assignment at Cuyamaca College. Austin commended Dave Laughlin, District Budget Analyst, for his work in putting the budget package together.

Austin reviewed the 2002-2003 state budget and its effect on community colleges. He reported the District will be underfunded by \$7.5 million, and receives \$187 less than the state average for funded students. He presented the 2002-2003 Adoption Budget and invited the Presidents to review their respective budget planning processes.

President Perri presented the Cuyamaca College budget planning strategy, noting that Cuyamaca has frozen open positions, travel, and some supplies in order to absorb added costs and balance the budget. Vice President Colli summarized the Grossmont College planning process, noting that, while the goal is to affect the classroom last, a reduction of 150 sections is being considered for Spring 2003, which would include elimination of intersessions. He reported that, in addition to instituting freezes in filling vacant positions, travel, etc., Grossmont is looking at external funding sources, such as block grants and other categorical funding sources. Board President Alexander expressed concern about the effect on students by cutting class sections, noting that the Board has expressed a commitment to keep as many of the cuts away from the classroom as possible. Chancellor Suarez, noting that the Board has been reluctant to authorize over cap enrollment above 500 FTES, reported the District is currently over cap by 1,272, and will continue to grow without deletions of sections. He pointed out the District does not have the resources to handle such large numbers of students, and added that the challenge will be to determine how to handle enrollment in light of limited resources.

Austin continued the review of the Adoption Budget and responded to questions by the Board. The Adoption Budget will be presented to the Board for approval October 15.

### **Adjournment**

Board President Alexander adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Omero Suarez, Ph.D.,  
Chancellor and  
Secretary to the Governing Board

Mary V. Watkins  
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Governing Board October 15, 2001.

Rick Alexander  
Board President

Adoption Budget  
Workshop

**Adjournment**