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## NEWS FROM THE JUNE 17 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Tentative Budget approved

Trustees expressed concerns about the district's tentative budget plan including a \$3 million deficit, but approved the tentative budget with a vote of 4-1. Trustee **Rick Alexander**, stating serious discomfort at the proposed deficit, voted in opposition.

Trustee **Greg Barr** inquired about the possibility of using the district's "emergency funds" to cover the shortfall. **Alexander** pointed out these are reserves and they are already below the state's recommended level.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said there are a variety of changes he would recommend making to the budget, including decreasing GASB 45 funding, and urged the board to look at these measures and remain flexible before taking final action in September.

### Student Discipline Procedures adopted

The Governing Board unanimously approved revisions to the district's student discipline procedures. Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** spoke to the issue and Cuyamaca College Vice President of Student Development and Services **Joe Marron** told the board the new procedures reflect modern technology and ensure due process for students.

Grossmont College student **Crystal**

**Bernier-Sudano** expressed concerns that there had not been student input.

### Textbook Task Force established

Trustees voted 5-0 to appoint Trustees **Barr** and **Garrett** to the Textbook Task Force.

Grossmont College student **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** commended the board for forming the task force and asked that she be added as a student participant. Trustee **Rick Alexander** said the Associated Students from each campus will appoint a representative and that task force meetings will be open to all.

### Employment contracts

The governing board authorized the chancellor to issue one or two year employment contracts to individuals in 11 positions. After a discussion about the criteria for determining contract length, the governing board voted 5-0 to approve the motion by Trustee **Greg Barr** to "authorize the Chancellor to issue one- or two-year employment contracts based upon evaluations and president recommendation where appropriate."

### Other board actions

The board unanimously approved an update to Board Policy 6620 Naming of

Facilities, which sets forth criteria for naming facilities, including indoor and outdoor areas.

### Student Trustees sworn in

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** administered the oath of office to 2008-09 student trustees **Dan Lewis** of Grossmont College and **Charles "Chuck" Taylor III** of Cuyamaca College. Both trustees said they are looking forward to working with the board over the coming year.

### Technology Report

**Henry Eimstad**, Interim Senior Director, Information Systems, provided the quarterly update on district technology initiatives. He referenced the importance of Prop. R, which has allowed the district to put technology infrastructure in place to support new facilities.

Among recent accomplishments: upgrading to a new Blackboard Learning System with new capabilities, testing the Colleague system during the Summer 2008 semester, a new Web-based hiring system, and implementing a new computer aided dispatch system for public safety. **Eimstad** reported that an evaluation of the telephone system is under way to determine whether to adopt Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology.

#### Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Bill Garrett, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Dan Lewis, Charles Taylor III

Chancellor: Omero Suarez, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca President: Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.

## Reports to the Board

Trustees **Greg Barr**, **Timothy Caruthers**, **Deanna Weeks**, and **Rick Alexander** all said they enjoyed attending commencement at both colleges.

Trustee **Alexander** attended the Community College League of California Advisory Committee on Legislation meeting in Sacramento on June 13. He said the state budget is the overriding concern.

Trustee **Caruthers** proposed that trustees receive Districtwide Executive Council (DEC) agendas and minutes. Governing Board President **Garrett** asked that an item be placed on the July agenda so the board can discuss being made aware of DEC information in a timely manner.

Governing Board President **Garrett** reported that the District and CSEA have submitted their respective proposals regarding collective bargaining items. They are included in the meeting agenda, and posted at various locations throughout the district and colleges.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** announced that Cuyamaca College President Geraldine M. Perri has accepted the position of Superintendent/President at Citrus College and that an Interim President will be appointed.

**Chris Hill**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, welcomed **Mike Wangler** as incoming Academic Senate President at Cuyamaca College. She thanked the team of ten attendees who participated in the Basic Skills Regional Meeting, and said the Academic Senate will be putting together a team to attend the Basic Skills Institute in August.

**Mike Wangler** thanked **Dr. Geraldine Perri** for her 6½ years of leadership as President of Cuyamaca College. **Wangler** attended a statewide academic senate faculty sponsored leadership institute.

**Dee Murdock** and **Patty Sparks**, CSEA representatives, and **Zoe Close**, United Faculty (UF) President, thanked the chancellor and governing board for pulling the docket item regarding the district's fiscal exigency plan. **Murdock** said CSEA is looking forward to working together for a positive outcome to its contract.

**Sue Rearic**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, told board members that changes have been made in response to board direction following the June 20 budget workshop, but that the total tentative budget remains the same. The budget includes a \$3 million operating deficit, which will stand until the state adopts a budget and more is known about what revenue the district will receive.



## Grossmont College Report

- President **Sunita V. Cooke** told the board Summer 2008 enrollment is up 2 percent which is 129 more students than last year. This comes after record growth last summer.
- **Dr. Cooke** reminded everyone that construction starts at the end of the month on the new parking structure. In August, faculty and staff will be asked to park offsite to allow students to park on campus. The new structure will provide 1,432 parking spaces when it is completed.
- **Dr. Cooke** said the 2008 Photographic Arts summer workshops in conjunction with the Museum of Photographic Arts will provide a tremendous opportunity for students to work with world renown photographers.
- The song "Away From Home" composed by Grossmont music major **Jose Molina-Serrano**, 60, was selected by NASA to wake up the crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery during their 14-day mission.



## Cuyamaca College Update

- Vice President of Instruction **Cristina Chiriboga** said summer enrollment is up 2.4 percent over Summer 2007, which follows growth of 17 percent last summer.
- **Dr. Chiriboga** reported 357 degrees and 189 certificates were awarded at Cuyamaca's graduation ceremony.
- The Ornamental Horticulture program received \$284,000 in grants from the San Diego County Water Authority to hire interns to work with water agencies throughout the county to establish a GIS Web-based water auditing program to help conserve water.

- Cuyamaca College Ford ASSET program graduate **Mike Flemming** was recently hired by Monte Vista High School as their Automotive Technology instructor.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Karen McCoy**, Multi-Media Technician; Scholarship Specialist; **Susan Esparza**, Student Services Assistant; and **Caroline Althaus**, Assistant College Cashier, all at Grossmont College; and **Bruce Farnham**, Director, Campus Facilities, Operations and Maintenance, Cuyamaca College.

Welcome to new academic employees **Daniel Clauss**, Exercise Science Instructor/Football Coach, Grossmont College; and **Michelle Garcia**, Biology Instructor; **Will Jonen**, Health Education/Exercise Science Instructor, and **Brian Josephson**, Alternate Media/High Tech Access Specialist, all at Cuyamaca College.

## Calendar of Events



*Wednesday, July 30, 6 p.m.* Ford ASSET Graduation, Student Center, Cuyamaca College

*Thursday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.* EOPS Summer Institute Program Closing Ceremony, Griffin Gate, Grossmont College

*Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 p.m.* Parent Night Workshop, Student Center, Grossmont College

*Thursday, August 21*, Grossmont College Exercise Science/Wellness Grand Opening

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.