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NEWS FROM THE APRIL 21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

Rhonda Bauerlein, Instructional Design Technology Specialist at Cuyamaca College, was honored with this quarter's Chancellor/Classified Senate Award.



Bauerlein was lauded by her many nominators (**Connie Elder, Cindy Morrin, Jodi Reed, Diane Palmer, Kathy Kotowski, Susan Haber** and **Kari Wergeland**) for her patience, knowledge, good spirits, helpfulness and a slew of other positive attributes. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** observed, "From the many nominations received it's clear how **Rhonda's** dedication and work ethic inspires others."

Bauerlein thanked all the people she works with and gave her appreciation all.

Other Board Items

For the Community College League of California, Community College Trustee Board election, the governing board cast its votes for **Nancy Chadwick**, Palomar CCD; **Jerry Hart**, Imperial CCD; and **Jeannette Mann**, Pasadena CCD.

Following discussion, board members approved rules regarding student trustees with both student

trustees casting advisory votes in favor. Grossmont Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** said he is pleased the rules are regularly reviewed.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** called attention to the district's participation in the California Leadership Alliance for Student Success, or CLASS. The district is one of 15 districts statewide invited to participate. "We are looking forward to great things," said **Rosinski**. CLASS will focus on key leadership strategies and policies that are central to the state's effort to improve outcomes for community college students.

In discussion about ratification of a cell phone tower agreement, Trustee **Rick Alexander** encouraged the board and staff to be aggressive about seeking more cell phone tower agreements which would provide income to the district and better reception. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** was asked to bring an action plan to the board at a future meeting.

The governing board approved increases in student fees for several courses including photography, culinary arts, administration of justice and nursing. Responding to a question from Trustee **Greg Barr**, Chancellor **Miles** reported that high cost programs such as nursing have their costs partially offset by funding from healthcare providers, grant dollars, and financial aid to students.

Trustees approved installation of parking permit machines in the new Grossmont College parking structure. Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the new machines will accept ATM cards.

Classified School Employee Week Honored

The governing board adopted a resolution honoring the contributions of our classified professionals to quality education in the state of California and in the GCCCD and declared the week of May 17-23, 2009, as Classified School Employee Week.

From Closed Session

Board President **Bill Garrett** reported that in closed session, the board voted unanimously to file an appeal in *Mapes v. GCCCD* and to approve separation agreements for a dean of counseling and a senior secretary.

Gafcon Report

Gafcon Project Manager **Jim Davies** reported program and project progress during his quarterly report to the governing board. The Cuyamaca Business and Technology Center is 60 percent complete and the Grossmont Parking Structure is 72 percent complete.

Davies reported that constructability reviews are reducing change order costs well below the industry average.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Mary Kay Rosinski, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Dan Lewis, Charles Taylor III

Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca Interim President: Cristina Chiriboga, Ed.D.

Reports to the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** reported that the East County Economic Development Council Foundation is having a benefit May 8 to honor outstanding career/technical education students from Grossmont and Cuyamaca as well as all East County high schools. **Weeks** also shared her experience visiting fifth graders at Rolando Elementary School, where students eagerly asked questions about college.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked everyone at Grossmont College who participated in the Science Festival for their hard work. **Rosinski** attended both chancellor forums and Classified Appreciation Day.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said the Textbook Task Force continues to meet and is making excellent progress. He noted the great support from both Academic Senates. A recommendation is expected to come before the board next month.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said the College Hour on health and wellness was a great success, including a blood drive netting 40 pints.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** reported that ASGC elections are under way.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported that a \$319 million shortfall is expected for community colleges statewide even if the May special election ballot initiatives pass, which translates to a \$5.2 million cut for the district. Meanwhile, the district must absorb a \$1 million increase in employee benefit costs. Work is under way on a tentative budget, but it will be a tough year.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** also reported that she is continuing her "listening and learning" tour, meeting with faculty, staff and student groups, Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, and the community, including the San Diego Workforce Partnership.



Dr. Miles highlighted Grossmont College accomplishments, including Grossmont Middle College High School and its selection by State Superintendent

of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell as one of 125 California high schools receiving the prestigious 2009 California Distinguished Schools Award.

The magazine *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* ranks Grossmont College among the top 100 associate degree producers in the U.S. for serving minority students.

The Grossmont College Foundation selected El Cajon Police Chief **Pat Sprecco** as its 2009 Walk of Fame honoree. He is a 1976 graduate of Grossmont College with an associate degree in criminal justice administration.



Dr. Miles also highlighted progress at Cuyamaca on its update of the college strategic plan, *Learning for the Future, 2010-2016*. Via the plan, Cuyamaca aims to serve 15,000 students and create the programs and services that will continue to serve the community.

Cuyamaca will receive \$224,526 with continuation funding pending for the CTE Technical Education-Teacher Preparation Pipeline program.

Seventy students from seven schools took part in this year's Math Field Day on March 14. Canyon Crest High School finished in first place. In addition, over 30 medals and 4 trophies were awarded to the students and schools.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** reported on actions taken during the statewide Academic Senate spring plenary session.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** described a successful hike for staff members during Classified Staff Appreciation Day.

Wangler said the Textbook Task Force recommendations for ways that faculty can help keep costs down for students are moving through both senates.

Jan Recktenwald, CSEA president, said delegates have been elected for the 83rd annual state conference.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** thanked everyone for a successful Classified Staff Appreciation Day,

especially the chancellor's office for its monetary support. Nominations are being sought for the Classified Senate Executive Board. Elections are in May.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Serene Pritchett**, Admissions and Records Supervisor, Cuyamaca College; **Cheryl Redeagle**, Master Class Scheduler, Cuyamaca College, and **Rochelle Weiser**, Secretary, Grossmont College.

Calendar of Events



Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. Walk of Fame, Main Quad, Grossmont College

Friday, May 1, 6 p.m. Law Enforcement Academy Graduation, Main Quad, Grossmont College

Tuesday, May 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Chancellor Cindy Miles Welcome Reception, La Mesa Community Center

Friday, May 8, noon Grossmont College Foundation Brad Daluiso Golf Classic, Sycuan Resort

Friday, May 8, 1 p.m. EOPS Student Recognition Ceremony, Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College

Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m. Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance and Auction, Student Center, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 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.

Public Comment

Former Grossmont College Student Trustee **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** commented on three board items: student fees, student trustee privileges, and parking permit machines.