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## NEWS FROM THE MAY 19 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Student Trustees Recognized

Governing board, President **Bill Garrett** presented certificates of appreciation to Student Trustees **Dan Lewis**, Grossmont College, and **Chuck Taylor**, Cuyamaca College, for their year of service.



Dan Lewis



Chuck Taylor

**Taylor**, re-elected as Cuyamaca student trustee, told the board that he is “chomping at the bit to make a great second first impression.”

**Lewis** said that he’s had a great experience. “Top to bottom, the instructors, counselors, so many great individuals have been willing to help me.” **Lewis** said he will attend Arizona State University in the fall.

**Christopher Enders**, the newly elected Grossmont student trustee, said **Lewis** has already been helpful.

### Other Board Items

The board discussed items related to the district’s contract with Strata Information Group. Grossmont College student **Crystal Bernier-Sudano**

questioned why the contract had not gone out to bid. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** responded that she had not been in her position long enough to gather information to create a request for proposals, and that she was reluctant to seek a new vendor while in the midst of implementing a major new information technology system, Colleague. The contracts have been modified to provide one-year instead of two-year extensions. The four items passed with a 5-0 vote.



### Reports to the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said the forensics demonstration prior to the board meeting was excellent. She commented with pleasure on the large turnout at the welcome reception for Chancellor **Cindy Miles**. She also reported on the First Friday Breakfast at Grossmont College and the newest inductee to the Grossmont College Hall of Fame, El Cajon Police Chief **Pat Sprecco**.

**Weeks** also announced that **Dr. Mary Leslie**, Grossmont College Business Office Technology Professor, has been named the Workforce Development Professional of the Year for San Diego County by the San Diego Workforce Partnership.



Board Member **Rick Alexander** said he attended the Spring Garden Festival at Cuyamaca College, and commended Ornamental Horticulture Department Chair **Brad Monroe** and his team for the huge turnout of over 7,000 attendees. **Alexander** noted that Chancellor **Miles** impressed everyone at her welcome reception. He also mentioned the successful East County Economic Development Council Foundation fundraiser at Cuyamaca College.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** wished classified staff members a happy **Classified School Employees** week, saying



their hard work and commitment to students is really appreciated. **Rosinski** said the event the past month that meant the most to her was the Transfer Achievement Celebration and meeting students going on to universities.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** said he and ASGC President **Toku Hankins** played in the Grossmont College Brad Deluiso Golf Classic.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said a joint barbecue was held with Grossmont College to welcome Chancellor **Miles** to the district. He reported on a successful Health Fair on April 21, and enjoyed attending the Cuyamaca College Foundation event.

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said the EOPS Program

### 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.

celebration and the Students of Note recognition at Grossmont College are what community colleges are all about. "What these students have accomplished in their time here is so worthwhile," **Garrett** said.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** began her report expressing her surprise to discover that the community "doesn't know us as well as I think they should. I will use every opportunity I have to brag about us. This is part of my job," she said.

Chancellor **Miles** underscored several of the many events and celebrations of this season, saying that her only disappointment is that a number of them compete with each other, making it hard to attend them all.

She said she was pleased with good media coverage for the Cuyamaca College Career Fair and the Grossmont College Theatre Arts program. She noted that \$17,000 was raised for horticulture programs at the Spring Garden Festival; the 500 attendees and 60 vendors at the Grossmont Health and Wellness Fair; and the importance of the Environmental Health & Safety Panel Night, calling it a significant event for connecting with workforce leaders."

The Botanical Society Scholarship Dinner presented \$28,000 in scholarships to students, and the Cuyamaca College Foundation Gala broke a record raising \$20,000 in a tough economy. The Grossmont College Brad Daluiso Golf Tournament raised approximately \$18,000 for scholarships.

Chancellor **Miles** made note of the many calendar items, saying that athletics, music and art performances show that the district provides a holistic education for its students, and rich cultural offerings for the community.

Chancellor **Miles** reported that Grossmont's Office Professional Training program received a \$43,000 grant from the San Diego Women's Foundation; Cuyamaca College received a \$900,000 two-year grant for water industry programs; and Abbott Labs will be presenting a gift to the Grossmont Cardiovascular Technology program.

Stating that the state budget news is "awful to worse," Chancellor **Miles** commended Vice Chancellor-Business

Services **Sue Rearic** and her team, including the college vice presidents, for working on cost saving measures so that the district can meet these challenges.

## Staff Reports

**Jan Recktenwald**, CSEA President, reported that classified staff is working hard on commencement and other activities.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said the Senate Executive Board received a briefing on the Accreditation report and also heard a report on standardizing the way the district communicates important items to the classified staff. A committee was formed to explore this matter. A Fall 2009 retreat has been set for August 7 at Mission Trails Park.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** extended great appreciation on behalf of United Faculty to its classified partners, saying faculty are reminded every day how valuable their services are.



Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** distributed the state *Senate Rostrum*. He reported that the Senate approved Textbook Task Force recommendations for faculty guidelines for keeping textbook costs down.



Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** said the Grossmont Senate members also passed the textbook guidelines. She thanked members of the Textbook Task Force for all the hard work put into the recommendations. Governing Board President **Garrett** extended his personal thanks to both **Hill** and **Wangler** for speedy action by both Senates.

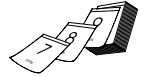
## Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Jamie Lopez** and **Aldrin Orena**, Custodians, Cuyamaca College; and **Rosario Palazo**, Financial Analyst, District.

Cuyamaca College welcomes new academic employee **Frank Gonzales**, Assistant Dean, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).

Congratulations to **Reginald "Ray" Reyes**, Director, Financial Aid, Cuyamaca College, on his new assignment.

## Calendar of Events



- *Tuesday, June 2, 5 p.m.* Nurse Pinning Ceremony, Main Quad, Grossmont College
- *Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.* Commencement, Main Quad, Grossmont College
- *Thursday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.* Commencement, College Athletic Track, Cuyamaca College
- *Friday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.* Office Professional Training Graduation, Main Quad, Grossmont College
- *Sunday, June 7, 6:30 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. Event* Le Tour de Grossmont Walk/Run fundraiser benefiting the Howie Hawver Foundation
- *Monday, June 8, 5:30 p.m.* Grossmont Middle College High School Graduation, Main Quad, Grossmont College



## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

## Public Comment

Grossmont College student **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** expressed concerns about the student newspaper *The Summit* converting to an online version.

Grossmont College Associated Students President **Toku Hankins** thanked board members for his experience at Grossmont College and said he would be proud to be a Griffin forever. **Hankins** reported on ASGC activities, highlighting Bike to School Day and the "Cram It" program offering students a quiet study area during finals week in the ASGC boardroom.