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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Yale Student's Mom thanks Grossmont College *Everyone Counted*

On behalf of her daughter, **Solene**, **Bonnell Goycochea** thanked everyone for the opportunities Solene received at Grossmont College. **Goycochea** said her daughter attended Grossmont full-time while in high school. **Solene** starts at Yale this fall and attributes her acceptance there to her educational experiences at Grossmont.

Goycochea said the long list of names **Solene** wanted her to thank include classified staff, as well as every faculty member from whom she took a course. "There is no other like Grossmont College. Thank you from **Solene** and our entire family," said **Goycochea**.

Board Member Reports

Governing Board members and others complimented **Sunny Cooke** and her team for an outstanding, inspiring, fun, and well-organized Convocation.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said she was happy to hear Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and President **Cooke** speak on the commitment to excellence at the Grossmont Convocation.

Rosinski said it is important to keep the District's vision in mind and not let down in tough times.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said the Associated Students retreat would take place Wednesday. He thanked **Juliette Harrington** for assistance with the ASGC's move to new temporary offices during construction and invited everyone to visit.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said the ASGCC recently had breakfast with the President's Cabinet; and several members participated in a personal safety workshop.

President **Bill Garrett** said he is a member of the CCLC Commission on the Future, and hopes it will come up with recommendations that will improve student success.



Board Actions

From Closed Session

The Governing Board, with a 5-0 vote, directed counsel to initiate legal action. Particulars of the action will be available upon request once defendants have been served. The Board, by votes of 5-0, approved the Grievance Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release regarding the Faculty Retirement Incentive Program; rejected the liability claim filed by Gwendolyn Garcia; and rejected the liability claim filed by Nancy Asbury.

CBOC Members Appointed

Trustees appointed Grossmont College student representative **Pablo Perez**, and financial professional **Paul Botte**, to the *Prop R* Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. A second two-year term was extended to Cuyamaca College student representative **Pat Ardilla**.

Response to Grand Jury

The Board approved the District's response to the 2009/2010 County Grand Jury report on "Efficiency in Government" following a suggestion by Trustee **Rick Alexander** to add language strengthening the District's ongoing commitment to lower costs by exploring managed competition and outsourcing where possible. District counsel **Tim Garfield** told Board members subject to Education Code limitations, the response could be amended. The amended language and response as amended were approved by two unanimous votes of the Board.

The pre-board meeting presentations on Student Success will resume in September.



Board Actions – Continued

Ratification of Signatures on Agreements

Alexander asked why there were so many change orders in Item 304 involving aesthetic issues and said the District should not be on the hook for the expenses. Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the costs were for additional needs, not mistakes. The item was approved by a 4-1 vote, with **Alexander** opposed.

License Agreement to Provide Access at Grossmont College

Board members discussed and approved, by a 5-0 vote, authorizing the negotiation and execution of a licensing agreement between the District and the Center for Natural Lands Management for habitat mitigation involving open space adjacent to the Grossmont College baseball field.

Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked **Arleen Satele** for her leadership this summer in her role as Cuyamaca College’s Administrator in Charge. She reported that two finalists will be interviewed this week for the Cuyamaca College Interim President position for the coming academic year, and the search for a permanent President is underway. The Chancellor congratulated **Sue Jensen** on being honored with the Grossmont College Distinguished Faculty Award; welcomed Interim Vice President, Student Services **Bob Garber** to Cuyamaca College; and recognized and thanked **Tim Flood, Dale Switzer**, and their entire team for the huge accomplishment in setting up the Modular Village at Grossmont College.

She announced that a survey will be conducted to see how the 4/10 summer schedule worked. The Grossmont College Foundation held it’s first “House Party” Foundation cultivation event, hosted by board member **Ron Oberndorfer** and his wife **Lisa**; who donated a full Osher Scholarship.

Chancellor **Miles** presented Trustee **Deanna Weeks** with a proclamation honoring her 25 years of leadership and service to the community as founding President/CEO of the East County Economic Development Council. **Weeks** retired from the ECEDC on July 31 .

Grossmont College Midterm Accreditation on Track

Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** presented the college’s Accreditation Midterm Report. She said accreditation work is on schedule for the campus site visit in October 2013. Seven recommendations in the 2007 Accreditation Report are being addressed. **Cooke** said the next steps are to identify the Steering Committee members and participate in Districtwide effort to prepare for the 2013 visit.

Vice Chancellor’s Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the colleges and District Services collaborated and compiled achievements related to the 2009/10 Strategic Plans. Institutional Research will be conducting the District survey that will be out soon. **Rearic** reported that despite a lean budget, there have been a few new employees hired.

Rearic said Employee and Labor Relations Director **Tim Corcoran** is leading monthly meetings with bargaining units that are working to improve communication.

The District will have its budget in place in September.

Grossmont College Professor Sue Jensen Honored

Chancellor **Miles**, Governing Board Members, Academic Senate and classified staff leaders were among those who commended the honoring of Grossmont College English Professor **Sue Jensen** with the 2010 Distinguished Faculty Member Award and praised her eloquent comments as she accepted the award.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Cleon Caldwell** and **Glenn Macy**, Custodians, Grossmont College; and **Robert Garber**, Interim Vice President, Student Services, Cuyamaca College.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** reported that despite cutbacks in class sections, fall enrollment is up 7% over the same time last fall.
- ◆ **Cooke** announced that the new Veterans Resource Center will open in Building 21 near the Stagehouse Theatre. A formal grand opening is planned later this year.
- ◆ Veteran San Diego journalist **Don Harrison** has become the new adjunct advisor to *The Summit*, Grossmont's student newspaper that will also include online content.



- ◆ Administrator in Charge **Arleen Satele** said the Administrative Council held a very successful island-themed planning retreat.
- ◆ Cuyamaca's enrollment is up over 17% despite course cutbacks.
- ◆ **Satele** congratulated student-athletes **Kenny Bradford** and **Barrett Braun**, Coyote basketball players who have won athletic scholarships to four year colleges.

Ford ASSET Program Offered Support

Cuyamaca College Administrator in Charge **Arleen Satele** reported two students successfully graduated from the college's Ford ASSET Automotive Technology Training Program, and four more students are on track to graduate this fall. Trustee **Rick Alexander** said while this is a much lower number than in previous years due to the state of the industry at this time, the program remains valuable and needs to be supported and continued.

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** invited everyone to attend the upcoming joint Academic Senate meeting that will feature a presentation on student success by **Brad Phillips** and **Jerry Buckley**.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said the Senate is again sponsoring the "Assist-A-Student" program during the first week of fall classes. The group's retreat is scheduled September 24 at Mission Trails Regional Park.

AFT representative **Mary Rider** said the local guild is looking forward to a new era of collaboration with the Governing Board. She said Student Services has served the largest group ever of first-time students.

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** asked Governing Board members to review and follow Education Code constraints regarding outsourcing.

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 13, 10:00-11:00 a.m..

College hour "Let's Get Coyote Spirit!"
Grand Lawn, Cuyamaca College

Through September 16

Painting exhibition featuring Wade Cline,
William Glen Crooks, and Suong Yangchareon
Hyde Art Gallery, Grossmont College

Saturday, October 16

Grossmont College Foundation Auction and Dinner Gala
Barona Resort & Casino

Monday, August 23

Fall Semester Day and Evening Classes Begin

Saturday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

Grossmont College Foundation Fall Scholarship Breakfast
200 Building Courtyard, Grossmont College

Sunday, September 12, 12:30 p.m.

Fourth Annual Suzanne Donahue Memorial Golf Tournament
Sponsored by Grossmont College Foundation
Rancho Bernardo Inn

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Mary Kay Rosinski, Deanna Weeks ◆ **Student Trustees:** Christopher Enders, Charles Taylor III
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ◆ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ◆ **Cuyamaca Administrator in Charge:** Arleen Satele