

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting

Board Focus on Student Success

*The Student Success series continued this month with an interactive workshop led by Cuyamaca College math instructors **Tammi Marshall, Ryan Moore, and Terri Nichols**, on teaching, technology, and techniques used by the STEM Achievement Center at Cuyamaca College where we help students gear up for success—“Do math and you can do Anything!” Cuyamaca faculty simulated classroom teaching and learning methods, engaging participants and reviewing resources that improve student retention, persistence and success in math courses. The student success website includes copies of study data that demonstrate the positive impact of students utilizing the Cuyamaca STEM Achievement Center.*



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Board Member Reports

Trustees reported attending numerous campus events and celebrations, extending praise, congratulations, and thanks to everyone involved in the planning and preparations.

Trustees **Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, and Bill Garrett** praised the recent Grossmont College Theatre Arts production of *All My Sons* for its professionalism and high quality.



Trustee **Rick Alexander** commended the distribution of 34 scholarships worth \$27,950 to horticulture students at the Botanical Society Scholarship Dinner.

Trustee **Greg Barr** noted how much he enjoyed seeing all four past Cuyamaca College presidents at the Cuyamaca College Foundation's Annual Gala.

Trustees **Deanna Weeks** and **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked everyone who worked on the many campus events taking place at the end of the semester.

Student Trustees **Chuck Taylor** and **Christopher Enders** reported on numerous student activities and events.

Board Actions

Classified School Employee Week Celebrated

In celebration of Classified School Employee Week, the Governing Board, Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, administrators, staff, and students commended and thanked the District's classified staff for their hard work and ongoing efforts on behalf of the District. The Governing Board passed Resolution 10-020, which includes:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the GCCCD hereby recognizes and wishes to honor the contribution of the classified professionals to quality education in the state of California and in the GCCCD and declares the week of May 16-22, 2010, as Classified School Employee Week in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.”

From Closed Session

The Governing Board voted 5-0 to release a probationary academic employee.



Student Trustees Recognized

On behalf of the Governing Board, President **Bill Garrett** presented Certificates of Appreciation to Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** and Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** for their year of service to the Board and the District, noting that both have been re-elected to new one-year terms for 2010-2011.

Chancellor's Report



Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked the Cuyamaca College Math Department and all those involved for the engaging pre-board workshop.

Miles reported the District is seeking grant funds for a Veterans Center at Grossmont College. Currently there are over 1,800 student veterans throughout the District.

The Chancellor encouraged everyone to attend the commencements, and thanked the faculty for its "tremendous work, above and beyond, to accommodate more students with limited resources."

Staff Notes

Welcome to new academic employee **Michael Aubry**, Business Instructor, Cuyamaca College; and new administrator employees **Barbara Blanchard**, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Grossmont College, and **Robin Steinback**, Vice President, Instruction, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations to **Steve Baker**, Dean, Arts, Humanities, Languages & Communication, Grossmont College, on his new assignment.

Special Reports to the Board

Accountability Reporting Update

Jerry Buckley, Dean of Math, Natural Sciences/Exercise Science and Acting Senior Director, Institutional Research presented the District's 2010 Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) Report as required by state law, and stated the goal is to quantify performance within the community college system.

When compared to peer groups, Cuyamaca College reported above average results in five of seven categories. Grossmont College reported above average results in three of seven categories. The full report is available on the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office website: [ARCC Reports](#).

Curriculum Review Process

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** provided a comprehensive report on the year-long approval process, including course alignment criteria required for curriculum development. He noted the colleges' progress in aligning courses has reduced the unaligned number of courses from over 100 to 19.

Budget Update

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** reported that District Services has formed a Planning and Budget Jam Council (PBJ). She reported on the Governor's May Budget Revision, stating that of concern is a proposal to cut CalWORKs funding, which could affect the Child Development Centers. Also, the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) is not likely to change the rate this year, but will have significant rate changes in 2011 due to investment losses.

Community Expresses Concerns to Board

Dozens of Continuing Education students attended the Governing Board meeting to address trustees and staff about the decision to close non-credit student access to the Cuyamaca College Fitness Center. Speakers said they were dismayed at the sudden notification of the new policy, seemingly without any public discussion or input from the community on possible solutions. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked everyone for coming, calling their words "compelling" and saying she was disturbed to hear how they felt. She issued an apology for the way the situation was handled.

Cuyamaca College President **Stuart Savin** explained that the situation is complex and could not be solved by imposing new user fees. **Miles** recommended, and trustees agreed, to hold an open community forum in the next few weeks. Board President **Bill Garrett** said the community may be able to bring the District solutions it has not yet considered. In the meantime, **Savin** said that, with the help of Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke**, an arrangement has been made with the East County YMCA in Rancho San Diego for a special membership option.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** reported on increased enrollment with headcount up over 20% for Summer 2010 compared to this time last year;
- ◆ Grossmont College is one of 50 rest stops for the 2010 Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 21, with the ASGC manning the rest stop; and
- ◆ The Grossmont College Foundation's *Brad Daluiso Golf Classic* raised \$40,000, including two full Osher Scholarships.



- ◆ President **Stuart Savin** reported a summer enrollment increase just under 20%;
- ◆ Over \$11 million in financial aid has been distributed so far this year, a 50% increase in the total financial aid distributed all last year, and a record high for the college; and
- ◆ Noted that over 6,400 people attended this year's Spring Garden Festival.

Staff Reports

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** reported on a Leadership Conference, and said the Senate and CSEA would be working on a shared governance committee for classified staff recommendations.

CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** expressed appreciation for the positive comments and resolution passed by the Board for Classified School Employee Week. Regarding the current impasse between CSEA and the District, she said a lot of progress had been made and she hopes the parties can come together for an interest-based solution.

AFT representative **Lyn Neylon** reported on AFT legislative initiatives regarding budget cuts, including a visit to State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth's office and advocacy for Assembly Bill 656, the Higher Education Endowment Fund.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Mike Wangler** thanked the Cuyamaca Math Department for a creative, dynamic pre-board workshop, and introduced new business instructor **Michael Aubry**.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 25, 7 p.m.

Grossmont Master Chorale
Mt. Miguel Covenant Village, Spring Valley

Tuesday, June 1, 5:30 p.m.

Nursing Department Pinning Ceremony
Main Quad, Grossmont College

Wednesday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.

Commencement
Athletic Track, Cuyamaca College

Thursday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.

Commencement
Main Quad, Grossmont College

Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.

Office Professional Training Graduation
Main Quad, Grossmont College

Monday, June 7, 5:30 p.m.

Middle College High School Graduation
Main Quad, Grossmont College

Monday, June 14

Summer Session Begins

Saturday, June 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Summer Healthcare Health Fair featuring an exhibit from the Grossmont College Nursing Department
Grossmont Center

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 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 President:** Stuart Savin, Ed.D.