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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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McWilliams Awarded Emeritus Status

The Governing Board conferred emeritus status posthumously on English Professor **Kathleen McWilliams** in recognition of her distinguished service as a faculty member.

Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** described **McWilliams'** many contributions as a founding faculty member, her numerous awards, and contributions to the Cuyamaca College community. "Her contributions cannot be overestimated," said **Wangler**.

McWilliams' husband, **Bill**, was present to accept the award, saying, "My wife loved her job. Thanks to you all."



Pictured left to right:
Chancellor Cindy Miles,
Bill McWilliams, Michael
Wangler

Weeks and Alexander Honored for Service

On their departure after 26 years of combined service to the District and community, Governing Board Trustees **Deanna Weeks** and **Rick Alexander** attended a farewell reception before presiding at their last board meeting. Fellow board members, administrators, and staff praised their dedication, integrity, and leadership.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said to **Alexander**, "To have someone like you work hard so someone like me has a future, thank you." Trustee **Greg Barr** called **Weeks** a "beautiful person inside and out. People look at you, and light up." Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said, "You two have given me a wonderful start. You've left a wonderful legacy, and you will always have a home here."

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said it had been a privilege to serve with **Weeks** and **Alexander**. He presented each with a gift in recognition of their service to the District.

Weeks said she will always think of "all the things we've done together. Service on the Board has been a highlight of my life." As a parting gift Trustee **Weeks** and her husband **John** made Osher Scholarship donations of \$600 to each college in honor of their six grandchildren.

Alexander thanked everyone for the kind words, and his wife for her support. He noted that "together we have created a lot of good things to help students."



Board Reports

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reviewed numerous campus events. He reported that the ASGCC donates money to events that have lost funding and \$200 stipends upon request to new campus clubs. ASGCC attended the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Fall 2010 General Assembly.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** attended meetings of the California Community College Student Affairs Association and the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. **Enders** said he is thankful to the District for listening to students. **Enders** participated in the AFT teach-in to "rock the vote" prior to Election Day. **Enders** thanked trustees for honoring the Veterans Day holiday, and for attending the dance recital "Breaking Boundaries."

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** enjoyed recent events including New Beginnings and the OPT 25th Anniversary dinner. **Rosinski** congratulated **Chancellor Miles** and Associate Dean of Nursing **Debbie Yaddow** for being honored at the East County Women in Leadership luncheon; and Grossmont College Biology Professor **Michael Golden** on being named recipient of the 2010 Homer Peabody Bridges Award for excellence in mentoring and teaching.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said he and **Chancellor Miles** attended the final California Leadership Alliance for Student Success Institute, stating the program ties to the Commission on the Future's report on student success. **Garrett** said student success includes equity and access, and he would like to have this process continue with all constituents in the District.

Appreciation of Trustees

On behalf of the Classified Senate, President **Debi Miller** presented Certificates of Appreciation to Trustees **Alexander and Weeks**.

Board Actions

Closed Session

With a vote of 5-0, the Board ratified the separation agreement between Senior Dean Fred Allen and GCCCD.

Open Session

Item 503 Emeritus Status was approved, by a vote of 5-0, prior to the Emeritus presentation.

Trustee **Alexander** abstained from voting on Bid B10.017 Structural Steel, listed on Item 401 Grossmont College Griffin Center/Student and Administrative Services; Ratification of Award, due to a conflict of interest. With a vote of 4-0-1 (Alexander abstaining), the bid award was ratified.

The Governing Board approved all remaining items on the [agenda](#) by consent.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** congratulated Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** for his choreography work saying, "There is creativity and great talent among our students," and added congratulations to Grossmont College Biology Professor **Michael Golden** on receiving the *2010 Homer Peabody Bridges Award*.

Miles credited Cuyamaca College Interim President **Bob Garber** for his efforts to move the *Got Plans?* event indoors when rain threatened, ensuring that visiting high school students had the chance to be on campus.

Miles reported that the District hosted a vendor recognition event for architects and contractors that worked on *Prop R* construction projects. Several attendees said they had never been thanked in this way before. **Miles** said all were invited to contribute to Osher scholarships.

Congressman **Duncan D. Hunter** visited Grossmont College, viewed construction and the new Health and Science Building, and discussed student veteran issues. **Miles** thanked President **Sunny Cooke**, Vice President Student Services **John Colson**, Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood**, and Student Veterans Organization President **John Weber** for being part of the visit.

Miles attended the American Association of Community College Boards where she heard key representatives from the Departments of Labor and Education say that we will see more convergence of thought and dollars on the college completion agenda. She said Grossmont and Cuyamaca are "ahead of the curve" in looking at data and using it to drive decisions. "I'm very proud of what we are doing," **Miles** said.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** said the 32nd annual Career Expo featured more than 50 exhibitors and workshops, including Road Trip Nation, a statewide career development resource for students.
- ◆ The Theatre Arts Department's presentation of "Tin" will visit 14 East County elementary schools over the next eight weeks.
- ◆ **Cooke** congratulated Stagecraft Technician **David Weeks** for winning Best of Show from the International Plastic Modelers Society for his 56-inch model of a Saturn 1-B rocket used in the NASA Apollo Program.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** congratulated floral design student **Junko Yamamoto** for winning second place in the California State Floral Association's recent design competition in San Francisco.
- ◆ The third San Diego Robotics Education Expo drew 350 people to Cuyamaca for exhibits and workshops.
- ◆ **Garber** said the Fine Arts Annual Faculty Art Show opened with a reception for 75 people on November 4, and will continue through December 2.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Nadia Almaguer**, Financial Aid Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; **Peter Ryan**, Programmer Analyst, Senior, District Services; and **Scott Herrin**, Associate Dean, Athletics, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations to **Shirley Hughes**, Financial Aid Supervisor, Cuyamaca College, on her new assignment.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the District's recent Health Fairs held on both campuses gave employees an opportunity to learn about benefits in a fun environment. Two mountain bikes were donated and given away as prizes. Rearic thanked Benefits Technician **Wendy Corbin** and Director Employment Services **Amber Herrmann** for organizing the fairs.

Staff Reports

AFT representative **Lyn Neylon** reported on a "wonderful experience" at the AFT Bargaining Conference, which included a presentation by AFT President **Randi Weingarten**. **Neylon** said the District's core values focusing on student learning and the union's goal to raise people up are shared goals. **Neylon** thanked Chancellor **Miles** for establishing a positive working relationship. "I'm thankful we're here for the same goals," **Neylon** said.

Administrators' Association representative **Ray Reyes** gave both Trustees **Weeks** and **Alexander** his personal heartfelt thank you. "Because of actions you have taken over the years, the two of you have made our institutions even better," **Reyes** said.

On behalf of CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald**, Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** delivered a report thanking departing Trustees **Alexander** and **Weeks** for their years of service.

Classified Senate President **Miller** said the group's Mother Goose Parade float will be decorated and a dress rehearsal will take place Saturday, November 20, at 10 a.m. in Parking Lot 4. All are welcome to participate. **Miller** said discussion of a theme for April's Classified Staff Appreciation Day will take place on December 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Grossmont Health and Science Building. The Ugliest Holiday Sweater contest will return for the second year on December 9.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** distributed a report with highlights of the State Senate fall plenary session. **Wangler** said along with numerous excellent breakout sessions, there was a lot of discussion both about SB 1440 regarding transfers and SB 1143 regarding new education funding models. **Wangler** thanked Trustees **Alexander** and **Weeks** for all they have done for both colleges and the students.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** reported **Sue Gonda** was elected Academic Senate President. Her term will begin June 1, 2011. **Hill** expressed her sincere appreciation to Trustees **Weeks** and **Alexander** for the opportunity to serve with them, and extended best wishes.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2010, in the Grossmont College Griffin Gate, Building 65. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following a closed session scheduled for 5:20 p.m.

The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2010 is posted online at: [2010 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).

Farewell Trustees Alexander and Weeks



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 Interim President:** Robert Garber