

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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### Textbook Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** provided a report on initiatives to assist students trying to control the rising cost of instructional materials. Students now have more options for their instructional materials and textbook purchases than ever before. Students can buy new, used, or digital formats, and they can now rent books instead of purchasing them.

**Rearic** said the District has implemented a Textbook Rental Program that allows students to rent textbooks at 45 percent of the cost of a new textbook. E-book offerings are also increasing, thus providing students with a less expensive electronic format that can save between 30 and 50 percent.

Appreciation was expressed to Trustees **Bill Garrett** and **Greg Barr** for their leadership on the Textbook Task Force that prompted this attention to providing more affordable textbook options for our students.

### Board Reports

Governing Board member **Greg Barr** attended a meeting to discuss the impacts of the immigrant and refugee student populations on the District. He said about 22 people attended and all brought expertise and passion to help.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Grossmont College Arts Council fundraiser and auction featuring work by faculty. She congratulated AFT President **Jim Mahler** for being named Labor Leader of the Year.

Board member **Edwin Hiel** said he enjoyed dinner with the Grossmont Culinary Arts Department students. Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** reported on the *March in March* event in Sacramento, which brought students from across the state to protest community college budget cuts. He thanked ASGC members for attending.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** expressed his gratitude at getting classes and having the support needed to succeed and reach his goals. He said he was proud to represent his fellow students and that his voice is heard and acknowledged. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Washington, D.C., legislative summit and **Dana Quittner** for her coordination efforts.

Board President **Bill Garrett** mentioned his activity on Facebook and said it recently allowed him to keep up with student participation in the *March in March* in real time. He thanked all the students who attended the *March*, saying it was good to have students from the District actively participate.



### Marshall Reviews Sabbatical Leave Project

Cuyamaca College Math Instructor **Tammi Marshall** presented findings from her sabbatical leave project to the Board. She studied the effectiveness of Math Department programs designed to help students: creating a Learning Community, Math Study Center (now known as the STEM Achievement Center), and attending AfterMath and Gear Up for Success workshops. **Marshall** said survey and focus group data proves the programs benefit students and raise retention, success, and persistence rates.

Trustee **Greg Barr** noted that many of the instructors working with students do so on their own time for no compensation. "As a Board member, I am proud and gratified," he said.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said **Marshall's** report proved that even in tough times, the Board's commitment to supporting sabbatical leaves was important because good work is being done.

## Board Actions

### Collective Bargaining Resolution Passed

Trustees unanimously approved a resolution affirming the right of employees to engage in collective bargaining.

Board member **Greg Barr** said the resolution is partly a reaction to what has happened in Wisconsin. He said public service and public employees are important to the Board. "Collective bargaining is a time-tested process to work out disputes and talk in a civil manner," **Barr** said.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** said her family understands the importance of unions. "Collective bargaining works. This District does it right," **Rosinski** said.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said, "The way we work things out is to bring everyone to the table. It is important to recognize and acknowledge the right of people to come together and talk. Both sides need their voices to be heard."

Student Trustees **Christopher Enders** (Grossmont) and **Chuck Taylor** (Cuyamaca) cast advisory votes in favor of the resolution.

### From Closed Session

With a vote of 5-0, the Board ratified a Separation and Mutual Release Agreement for **Henri Migala** including his acceptance of the position of Grants Development Administrator at the Grossmont College Auxiliary.

### Open Session

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

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** praised the work of everyone involved in the recent 2011 Innovations conference in San Diego. Over 1,700 community college educators attended. **Miles** said many people called it the best run conference ever and thanked Steering Committee Co-chairs President **Sunny Cooke** and Vice President Administrative Services **Arlene Satele**, as well as volunteer team leaders Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood**, Interim Director Business Services **Sahar Abushaban**, Vice President Academic Affairs **Barbara Blanchard**, Director Employee and Labor Relations **Tim Corcoran**, Director Employment Services **Amber Herrmann**, and Graphics Computer Lab Assistant **Diane Kew**. Faculty and administrators from the District were involved in eight presentations at the conference, and about 100 employees served as volunteers.

**Miles** gave kudos to all the students who participated in the *March in March* event in Sacramento.

Chancellor **Miles** extended congratulations to AFT President **Jim Mahler** on his Labor Leader of the Year award.

**Miles** said an effort is underway headed by Communications Specialist **Anne Krueger** to gather student success stories to "put a face on our advocacy."

The Cuyamaca College President Search screening committee led by Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Mike Wangler** and Interim President **Bob Garber** has recommended four candidates as finalists for the position: **Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh**, **Pamela Luster**, **Dale Parnell**, and **Mark Zacovic**. They will come to the Cuyamaca campus for forums between April 4 and 7.

## Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said discussions continue on the budget, and the shortfall could range from \$4.6 million to more than \$12 million. The most favorable scenario is if voters approve a sales tax extension. **Rearic** said everyone should read the Chancellor's budget updates on the District Intranet for the latest information. Budget meetings are being held at all three sites and are listed on the Intranet.

## Staff Notes

The District warmly welcomes new employees **Myin Jones** and **Richard Kirby**, Network/Computer Equipment Technicians, District Services.

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** announced he was filling in while President **Sunny Cooke** is in New Delhi, India, as keynote speaker for a community college symposium. The conference is sponsored by a U.S. State Department program to assist in the development of the community college and technical education systems in India.
- ◆ **Flood** congratulated **Kevin Patterson**, a first-year cardiovascular technology student, who was recently selected to participate in a NASA-sponsored research program studying space medicine in a zero gravity environment. **Patterson** is the only community college student who is a member of the UCSD team of students.
- ◆ Women's tennis, softball, men's volleyball, and men's swim and dive are all currently in first place in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) in their sports.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** explained that the flag was flown at half-staff to honor the last World War I veteran, **Frank Buckles**, who died at age 110 in February. There's a local connection: Cuyamaca graphic design instructor **Tim Buckles** is **Frank Buckles'** cousin.
- ◆ Cuyamaca hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sustainable Urban Landscape Conference, attended by over 260 students and landscape industry professionals, and featuring 10 landscape and storm water presentations. **Garber** said it was a great event for the college to be part of such a focused movement from this emerging field.
- ◆ 1,500 job seekers and 60 businesses came together at the annual Career Fair on February 25. The event was hosted by the East County Career Center and Congressman **Duncan D. Hunter**.

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AFT representative **Alicia Munoz** expressed appreciation for the resolution supporting collective bargaining as a symbol of respect, calling it "very gratifying."

CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** thanked everyone who worked at the Innovations conference, as well as those employees who stayed on campus and continued business.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said a review of the member survey results is under way. She invited everyone to attend the annual organizational meeting on March 24, at 5:30 p.m. in Room I-209 at the Cuyamaca College Student Center.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** reported on election results for officers. The only change was the election of **Barbara Pescar** as Part-Time Senator-at-Large. Vice President **Nancy Jennings**, Officer-at-Large (Full-Time) **Donna Hajj**, and Officer-at-Large (Part-Time) **Reem Asfour** were re-elected. President **Wangler** is continuing a two-year term. **Wangler** said he and **Sue Gonda** would attend the Area D meeting to prepare for the statewide Academic Senate plenary session in April.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** reported on efforts to meet state requirements for establishing cross disciplinary pre-requisite courses. She said a new state Senate bill tying funding to success rates is being discussed.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011, in the Griffin Gate, Building 65, Grossmont College. 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 2011 is posted online at: [2011 Governing Board Meeting Schedule](#).

### Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Governing Board Members:

Greg Barr, Bill Garrett, Edwin Hiel, Debbie Justeson, Mary Kay Rosinski ◆ **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