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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

President **Bill Garrett** offered happy birthday wishes to Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** and Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** on behalf of everyone at the meeting.

Garrett commented on the joint Districtwide Strategic Planning and Budget Council and Governing Board meeting, which reviewed outcomes from the 2010-2011 Action Plans, held prior to the Governing Board meeting. He

said it was amazing to note all of the past year's activities and accomplishments at the two colleges and the District. **Garrett** said he would urge everyone to continue to concentrate this year on "what we can do" and not on "what we can't do," showing the strong positive spirit that has defined the District.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** and student government leaders attended a leadership retreat to enhance productivity, rework bylaws, adopt their calendar, and work on their budget for the coming year. **Taylor** thanked trustees for their support of the California Dream Act, and also asked for support of Assembly Bill 844, which would allow students to serve in any leadership capacity and remain eligible for all types of financial aid.

Trustees **Greg Barr**, **Mary Kay Rosinski**, **Edwin Hiel**, and **Debbie Justeson** offered congratulations to Grossmont College on a successful convocation and best of wishes to all employees and students for a great Fall term.



Board Actions

Trustees approved the appointment of three new members to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. They are **Renaë Arabo**, representing the business community; **Bill Baber**, representing a taxpayers' organization; and **Warren Ates**, representing the building and construction trades.

Item 202 Board Policy Update was removed from the docket. The Governing Board unanimously approved all items remaining on the [agenda](#).

From Closed Session

In closed session, the Board, by a vote of 5-0, rejected a liability claim filed by **Sandra Moreland**. Also in closed session, the Board, by a vote of 5-0, rejected a liability claim filed by **Jean Dessources**.

Flashback 50th Anniversary Convocation Wins Rave Reviews

Grossmont College's "1961 flashback" themed Fall Convocation was widely praised by Governing Board members, faculty, and staff. Attendees were encouraged to wear tie-dyed clothing and competed for prizes. Communications Specialist **Anne Krueger** created a [slide show](#) featuring the "grooviest" fashions on display.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked everyone who put on the well-done event, saying the best part was seeing the eight original Grossmont College employees in attendance who started with the District 50 years ago when it was housed at a high school campus. Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** said the first employee, librarian **Tom Hepp**, and **Trudy Bratten**, the first female college vice president in southern California, were part of the group.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** reported that current fall enrollment stands at 23,957 students, down from 27,310 students last fall. Almost 200 fewer classes are being offered this fall, and classes are currently 92 percent full.

Miles said the automatic registration system has found space for 4,929 students on the wait list, but 23,242 still remain on the list. "I am very conscious of, sympathetic to, and grateful for the efforts going on," **Miles** said, specifically recognizing the work by Student Services, Admissions and Registration trying to serve all the students.

Managers and supervisors attended a District workshop at Cuyamaca College to come together as a team, work on developing a culture of trust, and to look at what's right with the world; and what we need to do as a team for next year. **Miles** thanked many people who helped put the program together, including the Administrators Association President **Michael Copenhaver** and planning team.

CBOC Shines as Model Program

Ron Asbury, chairman of the District's Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), spoke to the Board about the committee's work. **Asbury**, a general contractor and East County resident of 40 years, said he spoke both as a taxpayer and a general contractor. He noted the *Prop R* program's eight-year history of clean audits and the track record of bringing projects in on time and often under budget.

Asbury thanked the Governing Board for its decisions, everyone at the District involved with *Prop R* construction, the colleges, general contractor Rudolph and Sletten, and the project management provided by Gafcon.

Asbury said the CBOC receives a new consolidated budget report that makes it easier for CBOC members to review financial data.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said that, from his experience as a founding member of the CBOC eight years ago, he recognized the great work coming from the committee.



Pictured: CBOC Chairman Ron Asbury (left) and new member Warren Ates

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employees **Tracy Browns**, Grossmont College Health Professions Specialist, and **Donald Averill**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Human Resources. Congratulations to **Debbie Yaddow** on her appointment as Dean of Allied Health and Nursing at Grossmont College.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said a report will be provided to the Governing Board in September on short-term hourly employees when the District books have been closed for the fiscal year. The report will tell the Board what money was spent and what work was done, and will help determine whether the docket request process can be improved.

Rearic introduced Interim Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources **Don Averill**, who served as Chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District for eight years.

Mid-year cuts are being discussed at the State level. The District is moving forward with an adoption budget that anticipates and prepares the District for mid-year cuts, **Rearic** said.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said the 9th annual EOPS/CARE Summer Institute Program was very successful, with 27 students participating.
- ◆ **Cooke** introduced new Director of Nursing, **Deborah Delaney**, who comes to Grossmont from the University of Rhode Island, and recognized **Debbie Yaddow**, who has been named Dean of Allied Health and Nursing.
- ◆ **Cooke** recently appeared before the La Mesa City Council to thank members for their support and invited them to participate in Grossmont's 50th anniversary activities.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said the library would feature displays in September commemorating Constitution Week and the tenth anniversary of 9/11.
- ◆ Members of the college Emergency Operations Center (EOC) participated in a drill July 28 designed to test the campus' preparedness and response to a major earthquake. Director of Public Safety **Joel Javines** coordinated the drill.
- ◆ **Zacovic** congratulated **Debi Miller** on her appointment as Area Representative for the Southeast 1 Region of California Community College Classified Senate (4CS).

Staff Reports

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said nine emeriti faculty are now recognized in the Honor Court, and a ceremony to honor them would be held after the Cuyamaca convocation.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** congratulated **Janice Johnson** for being recognized as Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year. **Gonda** said **Johnson's** many accomplishments during her 34 years of service at Grossmont include her work as articulation officer, representation throughout the state including the Region X Articulation Board, and presentations across the country. **Johnson** served as EOPS Associate Dean while maintaining a half-time counseling assignment. She was also the first to give an online course in counseling, and originated the Summer Bridge Program, as well as a student leadership program now considered a model statewide. **Johnson** also coordinated the campus Career Expo for six years.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said five members attended the June leadership conference sponsored by the California Classified Senate. She said the greatest value was networking with other classified leaders from around the state. **Corbin** said the group's upcoming retreat would target relating classified professionalism to student success; and meetings are scheduled with interclub councils on both campuses in September to work on creation of a larger, Districtwide Mother Goose Parade float this year.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in the Student Center, Cuyamaca 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](#).