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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Proposition R Audit Squeaky Clean

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor Business Services, reported to the Governing Board that the required audit of *Proposition R* funds resulted in the program's eighth clean audit. A new requirement this year is preparation of a Communications Report to ensure that District management and Governing Board members receive information regarding the scope and results of the *Proposition R* audit to assist them in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure processes.

The audit and all reports were prepared by the certified public accounting firm of Vicenti, Lloyd, Stutzman, LLP. The reports are now available on the District website.

Board Reports

Governing Board members praised the Grossmont College convocation, calling keynote speaker **Dr. Robert "Dr. Bob" Bramucci**, Vice Chancellor of Technology/Learning Services at South Orange County Community College District, among the best they'd ever heard.



Board members **Mary Kay Rosinski**,

President **Bill Garrett**, and Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** attended the Honor Court ceremonies recognizing Cuyamaca College's nine emeritus faculty members. They were all moved by the tribute to the late **Kathy McWilliams**. **Garrett** applauded the presentation on the history of emeritus status by Academic Senate President **Mike Wangler**.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** said he is settling in as a Board member. He attended the Corrections Academy graduation, calling it exciting and pointing out it is not just a short-term program.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** said she is also getting settled as a trustee. She attended the Nurses Pinning Ceremony and said she was impressed by how well staged and well organized it was, and that it showed the importance of education and the careers students are going into.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said he is excited to meet his congressman and be going to Washington, D.C., and commented on the recent Arizona shooting.

McCoy Honored with Chancellor/Classified Senate Award

Karen McCoy, Grossmont College Library Multi-Media Technician, received the quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** and retired Grossmont College Library Intermediate Multi-Media Technician **Marty Armstrong** joined Chancellor **Cindy Miles** in presenting the award. **Armstrong**, who nominated **McCoy**, called **McCoy** self-motivated and not afraid to learn, saying her customer service skills are the best **Armstrong** has ever seen. **McCoy** won high marks for her dedication to student access and success. **Miller** said it has been invaluable having **McCoy** on the Classified Senate Executive Board, helping plan events and sharing her "innovative and time-saving approaches."



Chancellor **Miles** continued the conga line tradition of announcing the award to the recipient in their department among colleagues, calling this conga line the best one yet with plenty of noisemakers, confetti, and colleagues celebrating **McCoy's** recognition.

Board Actions

Closed Session

In closed session, by a vote of 5-0, the Board ratified the Settlement Agreement and General Release in the matter of Scannell v. Pitt, Baker, and Cooke.

Open Session

The Governing Board approved all items on the [agenda](#); the majority were approved by consent, with the following discussion:

Trustees approved the nonresident tuition fee for fiscal year 2011-2012 at \$190 per unit, an increase of \$4 per unit beginning with the Fall 2011 term. Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** thanked Board members for the decision.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said Interim Cuyamaca College President **Robert Garber** inspired her to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day "All People's Breakfast" in San Diego, saying it inspired her to bring more attention to "unification, solidarity, and service" to the District.

Miles said Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** was called away after convocation due to the death of her father. Condolences were expressed by all to **Cooke** and her family.

Chancellor **Miles** commented on the rededication of the Cuyamaca College Honor Court to include faculty emeriti, noting how these remarkable faculty have helped build the campus in many ways beyond their academic service.

Miles extended special thanks to **Chris Hill** for her three and a half years of service as Grossmont College Academic Senate President, calling her a true leader in every sense of the word.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor Business Services, said District Services is working with the Classified Senate to give Classified staff more of a voice in the recruitment and screening process.

Rearic reported that Governor Brown's proposed budget carries an estimate of between \$4M and \$12M in possible cuts for the District. She and her staff will keep everyone up to date and will do a lot of analysis to stay on top of the issue.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new employee

Paul Funk, Grounds Maintenance Worker, Senior, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations on their new assignments to **Chris Hill** Interim Dean, Mathematics, Natural Science & Exercise Science/Wellness, and **Sandy Kuntz**, Clerical Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; and **Robert Mountain**, Network Specialist, Sr., and **Jerry Williamson**, Computer Services Supervisor, District Services.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** said 350 middle school students attended a simulated congressional hearing on Constitution Day, to demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.
- ◆ Gift cards, gift baskets, gift certificates, and merchandise were distributed at the annual ASGC/CARE holiday party to 29 parents and 51 children who attended, all from low-income, single-parent families.
- ◆ **Flood** said the 28 nurses pinned in recent ceremonies brings the total of nurses graduated from Grossmont College to over 5,000.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** presented a video clip from the online news site Patch.com about the Cuyamaca College Music Industry Program's "Winter Wonder Jam," led by Music Instructor **Pat Setzer**.
- ◆ Cuyamaca engineering students **Christopher Allan** and **Damon Vinsant** were accepted into NASA's National Community College Aerospace Scholars Program.
- ◆ **Garber** reported that Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** generously donated an Osher Scholarship to the college in memory of her parents.

Gafcon Construction Report

Gafcon Project Manager **Jim Davies** presented the semi-annual construction report to the Governing Board.

Recent rainstorms caused delays in construction on the Grossmont College Griffin Center/Student and Administrative Services project and the Cuyamaca College Learning Resource Center (LRC). Davies said the LRC will be open by the beginning of the spring semester, and work will be caught up at Grossmont. The new Grossmont College Health and Sciences Complex had some leaks, but most have been mitigated. Trustee **Greg Barr** asked who would fund repairs. **Davies** said the cause is being investigated and that it is too early to say how the repairs will be funded until the investigation is completed.

Davies said that thanks to aggressive outreach efforts, \$35M (17.7%) in contracts from *Proposition R* construction went to local contractors. Another 4% went to Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** asked whether change orders for construction remain at the 1% level. **Davies** said they are at 1% or less for the Cuyamaca College LRC, and that he will obtain the percentage for the Grossmont College Griffin Center/Student and Administrative Services project.

Davies told Board members that changes to the new state law regarding labor compliance should not effect the District's projects.

Public Comment

Chris Hill, Interim Dean, Mathematics, Natural Science & Exercise Science/Wellness, Grossmont College, thanked the Governing Board, District Services, and her many colleagues for working with her during her term as Grossmont College Academic Senate President. **Hill** said **Sue Gonda** will start her term as Academic Senate President a semester early, beginning Spring 2011.

Staff Reports

Board President **Garrett** welcomed new CSEA President **Cheryl Houston**. **Houston** thanked everyone who had served on the executive board and negotiation team who were ending their service, those stepping forward to replace them, and those continuing in service.

Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** presented former CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** with a joint proclamation signed by all executive board members thanking her for her years of service.

Cuyamaca Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** distributed the latest issue of the State Academic Senate for California Community Colleges newsletter *Senate Rostrum*.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, February 22, 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](#).