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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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South of the Border Sabbatical Yields New Instructional Materials

Grossmont College History
Professor **Carlos**

Contreras presented materials created during his sabbatical visiting archeological sites, cities, village, museums and monuments in Mexico. **Contreras** used still and video photography to create films and other presentations for on-campus and on-line students on topics including ancient sites such as Teotihuacán; Mexico's modernization and development; economic integration of the U.S. and Mexico, ongoing cultural changes, and the "Narco Culture" and influence of the drug cartels.

Contreras thanked the Governing Board for its support of sabbaticals, noting they are an important opportunity for faculty to enhance their work for students.

Board Reports

Governing Board members praised the commencement ceremonies at both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, as well as the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and the Grossmont Middle College High School program graduation.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** thanked everyone involved in organizing these events. Board member **Edwin**

Hiel noted the different flavor of the ceremonies on the two campuses, representing the different cultures that contribute to the District. Trustee **Greg Barr** said he enjoyed the Cuyamaca College Commencement taking place in the quad, rather than on its field. Trustee **Debbie Justeson** was very impressed with the Grossmont Middle College High School program and student accomplishments.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said it was an honor to be re-elected to serve another year. He and Governor Board President **Bill Garrett** both discussed the value of a community college degree.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** welcomed **Lauren Weiner**, new Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Cuyamaca College. He also congratulated **Debi Miller** and **Jan Recktenwald** on their *Unsung Heroes* awards.



Fond Farewells and Appreciation Expressed for Departing Leaders

Interim Cuyamaca College President **Robert Garber** was thanked for his service to the college and the District. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked **Garber** for his good spirit, welcoming demeanor, integrity, allegiance to the institution, for knowing what's important, and his extraordinary leadership. **Garber** said it was a real honor and fun working with everyone, saying all share a commitment to students and to the community. A farewell celebration for **Garber** will take place Thursday at the Water Conservation Garden.

Former Associate Vice Chancellor **Dana Quittner** appeared at her last official board meeting after 18 years of service. Chancellor **Miles** displayed a photo collage depicting **Quittner's** many years of service, along with a chain of name badges from numerous conferences and meetings where **Quittner** has represented

the District. **Miles** and Board President **Bill Garrett** marveled at the depth of **Quittner's** political acumen and connections at every level. **Quittner's** boundless energy and relentless schedule were noted as part of her dedicated advocacy on behalf of the District. **Quittner** said it was never hard to represent the District, because it has such a good face.



Board Actions

Items 202 and 203 Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges—Trustees unanimously approved formation of a new, unified Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges. Cuyamaca College Foundation President **Sharon Bullard** and Grossmont College Foundation President **Vicki Whitmire**, were named founding co-chairs of the new Foundation; **Yehudi Gaffen** as secretary; and **Mike Hansen** and **Karen Lanning** as co-treasurers. Board President **Bill Garrett** acknowledged the work the individual Foundations have done for the District and its students for many years.

Item 305 Tentative Budget—Governing Board members approved the District’s Tentative Budget for 2011-2012. **Garrett** commended the work of District and college staff members for building a tentative budget to get by with until a permanent budget is adopted.

Item 502 Short-Term Hourly Assignments—Trustee **Greg Barr** requested a report on hourly employment assignments, budgeting and actual spending by the District at an upcoming board meeting.

Item 652 Proposed Legislation: AB 515 (Brownley) Extension Courses at Community Colleges—AFT representatives **Gregg Robinson** and **Jim Mahler** both spoke and expressed opposition to AB 515 (Brownley), which would allow community colleges to offer extension courses for credit. Governing Board members discussed the concerns and also expressed their opposition. Although the Governing Board could not take official action on this information item, Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** agreed to write a letter expressing the “sense of the board members” in opposition to the legislation to members of the State Senate Education Committee.

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

From Closed Session

The Governing Board, by a 5-0 vote, ratified a settlement agreement for **Francis Steindorf**, and accepted his resignation effective June 17, 2011. The Governing Board, by a 5-0 vote, accepted the recommendation for permanent expulsion of a Grossmont College student.

Student Trustees Sworn in for New Terms



Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders**, starting his third term, and Cuyamaca College Trustee **Charles (Chuck) Taylor III**, beginning his fourth term, were officially sworn in by Governing Board President **Bill Garrett**.



Staff Notes

Welcome to new employee **Lauren Weiner**, Associate Dean, Student Affairs Cuyamaca College .

Congratulations to **Daniel Hernandez**, Financial Aid Front Office Supervisor, Grossmont College, on his new assignment.

Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked Governing Board members for the time and commitment they have given over the past month to campus activities including commencement ceremonies, as well as district planning and budget meetings. She also thanked everyone who worked so hard on all of the student ceremonies to make them meaningful.

Miles said she is excited about the launch of a new, single Foundation as of July 1, saying it will make a huge difference in the ability to conduct professional fundraising.

Miles congratulated all the elected and re-elected officers for the Administrators’ Association and Classified Senate E-Board, and welcomed Student Trustees **Enders** and **Taylor** back for another year of service.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** said the 38 graduates of Middle College High School represent the largest ever group of graduates. They earned a combined scholarship total of \$150,000.
- ◆ **Cooke** reported that nursing students have been active in the community, including at the recent "Summer Healthcare Saturday" at Grossmont Center.
- ◆ The Grossmont College Gospel Choir has been booked to perform at New York City's Carnegie Hall on Nov. 13. The group is currently fundraising. To donate, contact Choir Director **Ken Anderson** at ptkenanderson@yahoo.com.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** said \$29,000 in scholarships were awarded to 46 students at the Botanical Society's annual awards event.
- ◆ Congratulations to Automotive Technology Instructor **Chris Branton** for being awarded the *2011 Award of Merit* for the Western Region by the International Association of General Motors Automotive Service Educational Programs.
- ◆ **Garber** and **Julianna Barnes**, Vice President, Student Services, attended the annual EOPS/DSPS Student Recognition ceremony, where students spoke about the positive impact of the college and the support received from these programs.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the District's Tentative Budget is based on the State's January "B" scenario. She also reported that with the delay in State budget approval, the District will not get apportionment payments until it is approved.

Staff Reports

AFT representative **Gregg Robinson** said AFT wants to be active with the District in finding ways to save money on the cost of employee benefits and to be involved earlier in the process.

Incoming Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Staff Development Committee is working with Director of Employee and Labor Relations **Tim Corcoran** to create programs for members. Five Classified Senate leaders are attending statewide training. **Corbin** thanked Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for holding meetings and forums regarding the District Services reorganization, calling it a welcome interactive process.

Public Comment

Mary Hartig, Associated Students secretary at Cuyamaca College, told the Governing Board she has not been presented with a yearly contract despite being re-elected as ASGCC Secretary for a third year. She asked the Board to renew her contract by July 1 with the same terms as her previous contracts. Board President **Garrett** referred the item to Chancellor **Cindy Miles** and Interim President **Robert Garber** for action.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, July 19, 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](#).

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