

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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### Board Reports

The cones in front of the Communication Arts Center at Cuyamaca College have been removed, much to the joy of Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski**. She said people have asked her to have the cones removed since she first campaigned for her Board seat six years ago. Rosinski thanked Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic** and his team for removing the cones, which have been an eyesore, student safety concern, and traffic-flow problem for years.



Trustee **Edwin Hiel** says he is looking forward to the new year.

Trustee **Greg Barr** is participating in, and encouraged everyone to attend, presentations of "Inside the Actor's Process" at Grossmont College on February 3 and 4. The group will give 22 presentations of the program, mostly to area high schools.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** wished everyone a happy new year and a smooth beginning to the spring semester.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** said the new Student Center is looking good. Enders encouraged support for the "Inside the Actor's Process" production.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said Associated Students will host a Spirit Night mock tailgate event on Wednesday, January 25, with prizes for the most spirited student organizations.

Trustees Hiel, Barr, Enders, and Taylor, along with Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, attended the *All People's Breakfast* in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and expressed commendations on the event. Taylor said he was most impressed with the absolute quiet during a moment of silence. Enders said he was thankful to attend, and that he first felt accepted when he came to Grossmont College and became involved with people of all backgrounds in the Theater and Dance Departments.

Board President **Bill Garrett** discussed the thought-provoking message of Grossmont College Convocation speaker **Seth Lerer**, Dean of Arts and Humanities at UCSD, who talked about learning and technology through the centuries.

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### Board Actions

*Item 404 Grossmont College 500 Complex Drainage Upgrade; Ratification of Award and Item 405 Grossmont College Building 51 and 53 Air Handler and Boiler Replacement; Ratification of Award* were pulled from the docket of business by Trustee **Bill Garrett** and referred back to Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for further information. The Governing Board unanimously approved all items remaining on the meeting [agenda](#).

### Closed Session

The Governing Board, by a 5-0 vote, denied a student request for reinstatement after expulsion.

## Prop R Audit Results a Team Effort

The annual financial audit of the *Proposition R* Bond Building Fund for fiscal year 2010-2011 provided a ninth straight unqualified opinion that the District complied with all requirements for the *Prop R* proceeds, with no questioned costs. All spending met requirements set forth in the original ballot measure.

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said the District can be proud of its success and high standards. She thanked the key participants in the process, including the facilities team led by Senior Director of Facilities, Planning, Development and Maintenance **Dale Switzer**; the purchasing and contracts team led by Senior Director of Purchasing and Contracts **Linda Bertolucci**; the accounting team led by Senior Director of Fiscal Services **Linda Jensen**; the Gafcon, Inc., team which is overseeing the building and labor compliance, led by Project Manager **Jim Davies**; and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) led by current chair **Ron Asbury**. Rearic called the CBOC volunteer board members a "tough group of people" who hold the District's feet to the fire. "Without these five groups, I'm not sure we'd have unqualified opinions every year," Rearic said.

## Chancellor/Classified Senate Award Presented to Al Ventura

**Al Ventura**, Ceramics Technician, Grossmont College, received the final Chancellor/Classified Senate Award for 2011. Dedication to student learning was the clear theme of the awards presentation. Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said she knows how passionate Ventura is about what he does and about fostering student learning. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** concurred, noting Ventura's dedication to student needs and success.

Ventura's nominator, Sculpture Technician **Tom Fox**, discussed Ventura as a "genuine advocate" for students, noting the time Ventura takes to help art students create a mural each year at the San Diego County Fair. Fox said Ventura has been instrumental in pushing forward the new Veterans Art Project in ceramics and in garnering resources for the department. He said Ventura has a model work ethic, is reliable, friendly, inclusionary, and a lifelong learner. "He is a wonderful light that shines on the college we serve," Fox said.



## Staff Notes

Welcome to **Jennifer Curtis**, Tutoring and Study Center Coordinator, Cuyamaca College; **Michael Reese**, Dean, Math, Natural Sciences & Exercise Science/Wellness, Grossmont College; and **Leonor Perez**, Interim Dean of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness, District Services.

Congratulations to **Tim Corcoran** on his new assignment as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Human Resources, District Services.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** commended Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** and the District and colleges budgeting teams for providing good fiscal oversight. Despite midyear budget cuts, the District was well prepared while other districts in the State are trying to fill budget gaps. Miles said it takes everyone to manage these tough times, and she is proud of the dedicated employees throughout the District.

## Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said she expects less money will be collected from student fees because student fee increases allow more students to qualify for Board of Governors waivers. Enrollment fees for the District are currently down about 10 percent. The State will estimate the impact of the fee increase on the budget and issue its forecast for next year soon. The Governor is building two budget scenarios. One assumes a proposed tax increase measure will pass, trusting taxpayers to vote in favor of increases; the second assumes the tax increases do not pass, meaning a \$4 million budget cutback for the District. Rearic says the District will develop two budgets with both estimates and talk about how to fill the budget holes.

## Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said this year's Convocation theme was "Happy New Year." Although the new Griffin Center wasn't quite ready as planned, the event was upbeat and a successful start to the semester. Thanks to **Pat Murray**, the event was presented via steaming video online and is also available for viewing on the college website.
- ◆ Former Grossmont College student **Joshua White** was recently featured in the *U-T San Diego* as someone to watch for 2012. He recently won second prize in the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Competition, and played for President Obama at the White House.
- ◆ **Cooke** congratulated instructor **Lisa Aguilar** for receiving a Statewide Classroom Excellence Award from the California Association of Teachers.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said a group of six Russian educators visited Cuyamaca College as part of a tour sponsored by the East County Economic Development Council, with the purpose of exposing them to American business, education, and economic development.
- ◆ **Zacovic** said the ASGCC Student Pancake Breakfast during finals week was popular, well received, and the start of a new Cuyamaca College tradition.
- ◆ The CTE-TPP STEM grant offered its first series of STEM professional development workshops in November. Thirty-eight teachers participated in both workshops which included hands-on activities, lesson plans, and integrating real-world issues with theories in STEM. More workshops will take place this month.

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Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** invited everyone to attend the joint Academic Senate meeting on Thursday, January 19.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said the Classified Senate Appreciation Day theme is "Enriching Classified: Mind, Body, and Soul" with a wellness thread running throughout the day.

AFT representative **Lyn Neylon** discussed her winter vacation and the efforts of the Heavenly ski resort in Lake Tahoe to make snow when none fell from the skies. She compared that to the District, which has been making snow for its students when none is available from Sacramento. She said the District will have to keep making snow, and hopes to continue in the spirit of cooperative, purposeful communication in a positive vein.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2012, in the new Grossmont College Griffin Gate. 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 2012 is posted online at: [2012 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 President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.