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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Board Reports

Trustees praised the wonderful job done on commencement ceremonies at both colleges and commended the exceptional speakers.

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, and provided a positive review on the *Taste of La Mesa* event.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** complimented the District leadership team and acknowledged the hard work of many capable people on the District's budget.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Grossmont Middle College High School graduation ceremony.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** said she is honored to be part of the Board. She said serving for two years with the Associated Students of Grossmont College (ASGC) helped prepare her, and that she also serves at the state level on the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** said the Associated Student Government of Cuyamaca College (ASGCC) hosted a two-day Ken Blanchard leadership workshop for students, where he learned about communicating in the business world. He said a leadership retreat for student leadership executives is scheduled for July 16.

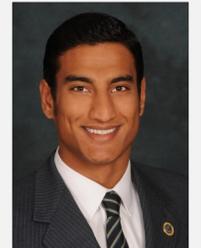
Board President **Bill Garrett** said commencement reminds him that people come to community colleges for many different reasons. He commented on communications from community members regarding sewer bills the city of El Cajon has not mailed to Grossmont College; the need to update technology to help businesses and individuals interact efficiently with the District; and difficulty experienced by the son of former State Assemblyman Steve Baldwin getting into Grossmont College, which is a reminder of what many students are facing in California today.



New Student Trustees Sworn In



New student trustees **Samantha Elliot**, Grossmont College, and **Mohammed Alyasini**, Cuyamaca College, were sworn in by Board President **Bill Garrett**. **Elliot** introduced her mother and supporters from ASGC, as well as her predecessor **Christopher Enders**. **Alyasini** introduced ASGCC president **Ariel Satele**.



Board Actions

Early Retirement Incentive Program Goes Forward

The Governing Board passed the Early Retirement Incentive Program with a vote of 4-0-1 (Trustee **Bill Garrett** abstained to avoid a conflict of interest). [Sixty employees](#) qualified for the retirement incentive, which was created to help address the District's ongoing and increasing budget challenges. The employees will retire effective June 30. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the participants have worked hard and earned their retirement, thanking them and saying they will be missed. Included are 31 faculty members, 19 classified staff, one confidential staff, five supervisors, and four managers, representing one in 12 full-time employees. **Miles** said the program will result in a budget savings of \$2.7 million if no positions are replaced. She said the District will replace only those positions that are absolutely necessary as we continue to monitor the state budget and threats of more cuts.

Other Actions

The Governing Board extended the service of Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members **Paul Botte** and **Glenice Stainbrook** for a second two-year term. ♦ Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** asked about *Proposition R* contract change orders listed in docket item 304. Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic** said the percentage of 4.04 percent for change orders is within the 3 to 10 percent range considered acceptable by industry standards. **Rearic** said a full report is provided to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and will be provided to the Governing Board. ♦ Trustees approved the District's 2012-2013 Tentative Budget. ♦ Docket item 404 was pulled from the agenda. The Governing Board unanimously approved all items remaining on the [meeting agenda](#).

Closed Session

The Governing Board, by votes of 5-0 each, upheld the Chancellor's recommendation to terminate a classified employee; and to permanently expel a student.

Potential Facilities Bond Measure

The Governing Board heard a presentation by consultant **Bonnie Moss** of Clifford Moss LLC on the feasibility of placing a facilities bond measure on the November 2012 ballot. **Moss** said community college bond measures have an excellent track record, with 75 percent of all school bond measures passing. She said it will be important to show voters evidence of the need, and demonstrate the District's excellent record of spending and stewardship with *Proposition R*. Potential projects ranked highest by voters include creation of a veterans' center, a workforce solutions center, technology, and classroom upgrades. A Board workshop is planned to discuss the bond proposal. The deadline for placing a bond measure on the ballot is August 10.

Statewide Academic Senate Activities

Statewide Academic Senate Vice President and Grossmont College Math Instructor **Beth Smith** provided an update on key Academic Senate activities. At the forefront: implementation of Senate Bill 1440 governing the transfer degree process through the creation of "transfer model curriculum" agreed on by the community colleges and the Cal State system. Twenty have been created so far, with more coming this summer. **Smith** said the program is on track to reach its target goals. The Academic Senate is also working on the Student Success Task Force recommendations including assessment, basic skills, and technology. **Smith** reported legislation is moving forward to help implement some aspects of these recommendations. This year, Smith is also chairing the Legislative and External Policy Committee and serving as president of the Senate Foundation. She thanked the Board for supporting her statewide service.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said the District held a managers and supervisors workshop on June 5, with a focus on stress management and team building.

Miles thanked the Classified Senate for her nomination as a District Services Star.

Staff Notes

The District and colleges welcome new employee **Martha Galvan**, Financial Aid Advisor, Cuyamaca College.

Congratulations on new assignments go to **Julie Kahler**, Master Class Scheduler, Cuyamaca College; **Peggy Wells**, Respiratory Therapy Instructor, Grossmont College; and **Joseph Young**, Water/Wastewater Technology Instructor, Cuyamaca College.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported on the state budget, including forecasts of what is likely to happen if the Governor's tax measure does not pass. She said the Budget Allocation Taskforce is hard at work addressing the income allocation process, budget transparency, improving communication, and automation.

Senior Director of Facilities Planning, Development and Maintenance **Dale Switzer** has helped the District qualify for a San Diego Gas and Electric rebate of \$97,000.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** noted all the specialty graduation ceremonies. She said there was more diversity among nursing graduates, including more men.
- ◆ Grossmont Middle College High School graduates received \$410,000 in grant and scholarship money. It is the tenth anniversary of this program for high school students.
- ◆ The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program held a Recruitment Fair; 23 companies offered 40 job opportunities to students.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said the ASGCC hosted a free pancake breakfast for students during Finals Week.
- ◆ The Child Development Center held an art show and auction. Each piece of artwork was created by students ages 18 months to 5 years who attend the CDC.
- ◆ Student athletes Fereon Meferia and Jacy Epperson will compete in the state championship track and field competition.

Public Comment

David Milroy, part-time faculty member at Grossmont College since 1990, urged the Governing Board and the employee unions to consider the impact on part-time faculty of any budget cuts and negotiations.

Alexander Neofitidis, Grossmont College student, requested the District to consider creation of a designated smoking area accessible to smokers but out of the way of nonsmokers, and to amend board policy BP 3560 Smoking and/or Other Tobacco Use.

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AFT representative **Alicia Muñoz** commended the District for offering early retirement instead of layoffs. She noted that although these individuals are leaving on a good note, the District will feel the effects.

Grossmont College Academic Senate Vice President **Jeff Lehman** said History Department faculty will work with the foundation to build an alumni association oral history project that was started as part of the 50th Anniversary. He reported that Grossmont College is part of a pilot program by the American Chemical Society to accredit two-year colleges.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** said he hopes the loss of faculty to the early retirement incentive program will be the low point for staffing, and that it will head back up in the future. Wangler said senate officers will meet over the summer, and will be recruiting new members to take the place of retiring senators.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, July 17, 2012, in the Cuyamaca College Student Center. 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:** Samantha Elliot, Mohammed Alyasini
Chancellor: Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.