

# The Courier

## Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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### Board Reports

Board President **Bill Garrett** remarked that it is the time of year when Board members attend a variety of programs and recognize how much community colleges offer to the average person who may not believe he or she has an opportunity for a college education. **Garrett** reported attending the Veterans Graduation Celebration, the college Transfer Achievement Celebrations, the Cuyamaca College Scholarship Awards and Recognition Ceremony, and the Grossmont College Students of Note event. He also attended the Grossmont College Band Concert and Friends of Music Gala. ♦ Trustees **Mary Kay Rosinski** and **Debbie Justeson** both thanked everyone involved in the accreditation workshop prior to the Board meeting, and congratulated the District's retirees and all graduating students. ♦ Trustee **Greg Barr** commented on the high level of talent among Art Department students. He attended the AFT Retirement Brunch, Grossmont College Culinary Arts dinner, Hyde Art Gallery Student Exhibit, and a theater performance of *An Ordinary Day*. ♦ Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the California League of Women Voters Networking Luncheon to encourage women to run for elective office, saying he found it very motivating. **Hiel** is looking forward to the commencement ceremonies. Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Mohammed Alyasini** thanked Board members and student government members for working with him as student trustee. He will attend UCSD and major in Economics. ♦ Grossmont College Student Trustee **Samantha Elliot** said it had been a real pleasure to work with everyone, and that she was proud to be a part of the great work in the District. She is graduating and will attend the ASL Interpreting program at Mesa College.



### Board Actions

The Governing Board extended the terms of Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Members **Warren Ates**, **Bill Baber**, **Ron Oberndorfer**, and **Emilie Zouhar**. ♦ President **Garrett** congratulated everyone who worked on the Accreditation reports under items 204 and 205 on the Board docket. The Board approved the items "subject to appropriate revision and edits deemed necessary prior to publication" to allow the colleges to edit and finalize them. ♦ Under separate votes of 5-0 each, the Governing Board approved all items on the [docket](#).



### Student Trustees Honored for Service

Board President **Bill Garrett** honored student trustees **Samantha Elliot** and **Mohammed Alyasini** for their service representing the interests of fellow students on the Governing Board. **Garrett** said **Elliot** and **Alyasini** have been excellent trustees, with different approaches. **Elliot** has been a statewide advocate, while **Alyasini** has focused on college activities. **Garrett** said he has been proud to have both students on the Board of Trustees. The outgoing trustees introduced their successors, who were both in the audience. **Peg Marcus** is the Grossmont College student trustee and **Elsa Hernandez** is the Cuyamaca College student trustee for 2013-2014.

## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked Governor **Jerry Brown** for his budget proposal supporting community colleges. However, she cautioned that pay for performance is proposed for the 2014/15 budget, as accountability concerns are increasing.

**Miles** congratulated the classified staff for being recognized this week; **Avelina Mitchell** for stepping up to a new leadership role; and **Rocky Rose** and **Cheryl Houston** on behalf of CSEA for working with the Classified Staff Taskforce. She thanked outgoing student trustees **Samantha Elliot** and **Mohammed Alyasini** for their leadership.

## Chancellor/Classified Senate Quarterly Award

The Chancellor/Classified Senate Award for the 2013 first quarter was presented to two Cuyamaca College employees. Interim Vice President of Instruction **Danene Brown** praised **Cyndy Bourget**, Instructional Media Services Coordinator, for adjusting her hours to support staff technology needs, maintaining her knowledge, and offering sound advice and support



with a smile on her face. **Brown** said **Bourget** ensures staff members are comfortable using technology tools, has worked to standardize smart classroom technology, and provides technical support for all conference room facilities, as well as the Performance Arts Center. Chancellor **Miles** said **Bourget's** "positive attitude and service orientation" cannot be overstated.

**Linda Haar**, Child Development Center Director, is responsible for the "youngest recipients of learning for the future," said nominator **Suzanne Davies**, Child Development Center Assistant, Senior. "I nominated her because of her talent and effectiveness both in

management and leadership." **Haar** partners with numerous educational organizations and community groups, manages fiscal and physical resources, and has built a profitable center that benefits the college on every level. **Miles** said it is rare to find someone like **Haar** with this combination of skills.

## Student Success Scorecard 2013

Governing Board members received a report on the new [Student Success Scorecard](#) for 2013 from **Chris Tarman**, Senior Dean for Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. **Tarman** noted the changes to the way student success data is being measured and assessed so colleges will know whether students are succeeding. The District's Student Success Committee will adopt these changes and coordinate efforts. **Tarman** said prepared students have a completion rate 20 percent higher than unprepared students in the District, similar to the statewide average. Remedial progress rates are all on a positive trend. Math rates are in the top 25 percent statewide. Cuyamaca College scores at or above the statewide average for six of the seven measurement categories, while Grossmont College is at or above average for all seven categories.

Trustee **Garrett** asked about the difference in outcomes depending on the time period measured. In response to a question from Trustee **Rosinski**, **Tarman** said the District collects data about student intent, but it is not known statewide. Trustee **Hiel** noted the need to work with K-12 schools to improve the preparation rate of incoming students.

## District Services Report

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported the Governor's May budget revise numbers are positive, with \$226 million in additional funding coming to community colleges and the first cost of living adjustments (COLA) funding in five years in the tentative budget. She urged caution because these funds still do not nearly restore the District to full funding, and costs continue to increase. ♦ **Rearic** said a website improvement project is underway to fix accessibility issues, spelling errors, and broken links in preparation for the accreditation process. ♦ The Governing Board certified the *Proposition V* election results, and next month trustees will be asked to authorize issuing bonds. Cost estimations are underway on all Facilities Master Plan components so the District can begin preliminary work.

**Tim Corcoran**, Interim Vice Chancellor Human Resources, said the District reached an agreement with CSEA regarding hourly workers and that a memorandum of understanding was ratified by the membership. He thanked **Rocky Rose** of CSEA for his work on the issue. **Corcoran** also thanked the Academic Senates and District Executive Committee (DEC) members for feedback on the student workers policy. A revised policy will be implemented this fall.

## Presidents' Reports



President **Sunny Cooke** reported Grossmont College is awarding 2,159 degrees and certificates this year; 529 more than were awarded in 2012. Both graduation keynote speakers are military veterans. ♦ Grossmont's annual College Recognition Ceremony was held on May 9. Ten faculty rank awards, three classified staff awards, 76 Kudos awards, and 12 teaching excellence awards were presented. Honorees included **Gary Jacobson**, Distinguished Faculty Member; **Tate Hurvitz**, Innovator of the Year; and **Tim Flood**, with the President's Leadership award. ♦ **Cooke** said the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Students of Note Ceremony was held Saturday May 11. This touching ceremony honored 17 students this year for overcoming significant personal, health, financial or other hurdles on their way to graduation this June.



President **Mark Zacovic** said the Friday FastTrack event brought 750 high school seniors from the Grossmont Union High School District to campus for an outreach event. More than 600 students went through assessment and orientation. ♦ Students from the Music Industry class produced the successful Coyote Music Festival on May 4, with 350 people attending and more vendor participation than last year. ♦ The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Garden Festival celebrated Urban Farms and Gardens as its theme, and drew more than 7,000 attendees. ♦ **Zacovic** said Cuyamaca College's emerging student leaders attended the California Community College Student Senate General Assembly on April 26-28. Students had the opportunity to attend numerous leadership workshops and participate in resolution sessions with other student leaders from across the state.

## Public Comment

New student leaders at Cuyamaca College were presented by student president **Ariel Satele** and introduced themselves to Governing Board members including student senator **Taylor Payne-Florence**, student treasurer **Abrianna Gomez**, student secretary **Jocelyn Estrada**, **Jaclyn Marlow**, and new Governing Board Student Trustee **Elsa Hernandez**.

## Staff Reports

CSEA representative **Pat Murray** reported CSEA 707 is producing a newsletter called CSEA Connections; the application period is now open for CSEA scholarships and for assistance to purchase computer equipment by staff; and thanked the Board for approving the hourly employee MOU ratified by the Board and for adoption of the resolution recognizing Classified Staff Appreciation Week. ♦ Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Alicia Muñoz** invited everyone to attend Cuyamaca's post-commencement reception; and reported the faculty had a lively discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of a compressed schedule, noting the dialogue will continue. ♦ Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** said Grossmont faculty is also discussing the compressed schedule; announced that Grossmont College instructor **Beth Smith** was named statewide Academic Senate President for the coming year; and said **Bonnie Ripley** will take over the faculty research liaison position created by **Shirley Perreira**. **Gonda** also accompanied student leaders to Sacramento for the State Senate meeting, saying it was one of the highlights of her year.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new Grossmont College employees **Mary Askar**, Learning Assistance Center Specialist; **Sarah Babini** and **Valerie Shadroff**, Nursing Instructors; **Ken Emmons**, Director, District/Campus Facilities, Operations and Maintenance; **Joseph Goodman**, Bookstore Supervisor; **Ella Matkovski**, Account Clerk, Senior; **Trang Nguyen**, DSPS Instructional Lab Assistant, Intermediate; and **Denise Robertson**, DSPS Interpreter Coordinator. Cuyamaca College welcomes **Kelley Allen**, **Steve Lenox**, and **Jack Robertson**, Instructional Lab Assistants, Intermediate; **Teresa Bean**, **Ohood Elawwad-Fouda**, and **Danielle Eygenhuysen**, Child Development Center Aides; **Cindy Emerson**, Administrative Assistant; **Veronica Nieves-Cortez** and **Araceli Rodriguez**, Student Services Specialists; and **Alexis Lytle**, Financial Aid Assistant, Senior.

## Board Meeting Schedule

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the Grossmont College Griffin Gate. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session scheduled for 5:00 p.m. The schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for 2013 is posted online at [2013 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:** Mohammed Alyasini, Samantha Elliot  
**Chancellor:** Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D. ♦ **Grossmont President:** Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. ♦ **Cuyamaca President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.