



### District Weathers Storm

Blustery winter weather affected both campuses. Due to a power failure, Grossmont College was closed the afternoon of Jan. 19. Emergency Operations Centers were operational at both campuses.



Police Chief **Joel Javines** worked closely with Grossmont College President **Sunny Cooke** and her team, San Diego Gas & Electric, Director of Campus Facilities & Operations **Tim Flood**, as well as officials at Cuyamaca College, where several trees came down.

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### Prop R Gets Clean Bill of Health

The audit of *Prop R* funds resulted in the program's seventh clean audit. **Tony Fulton**, principal with AF Consultants, reported on the positive findings of a program review under which change orders and labor compliance were evaluated. **Fulton** called the program a well-run capital program.

### Student Success Conversations Continue

The Governing Board's fourth "Conversations about Student Success" workshop provided insight into Cuyamaca College's Personal Development Counseling Program, as presented by PDC instructor **Cindy Morrin**. The program helps guide students with career, academic, and personal counseling. The meeting continues our discussion concerning data, national initiatives about student success, and the California Leadership Alliance for Student Success in which GCCCD is participating. Current and former students shared their life-changing experiences in the program, along with college and high school counselors and instructors.

### Budget Update

Vice Chancellor Business Services **Sue Rearic** said her department is tracking three different budget years: the 2008–2009 budget for possible recalculation of what the State will provide us; the 2009–2010 budget to see if the State will make adjustments; and the 2010–2011 budget for, among other issues, the impact of a first-time ever negative COLA. **Rearic** said people across the District are taking extra steps to help during these challenging times. Anything saved this year will help next year.

### Auxiliary and Foundation Reports Highlight Osher Donations and Cal-PASS

District Auxiliary and Grossmont and Cuyamaca Foundation representatives presented annual reports to the Governing Board.

Cuyamaca College Foundation Board President **Sharon Bullard** said the 2009 Foundation celebration was successful and she is looking forward to the 2010 celebration on May 15, which will honor all past presidents. The Foundation has been able to respond to funding requests such as the Cuyamaca Link Program and textbooks for high school students.

**Bullard** reported \$107 million in Osher Grant donations, and said the Foundation fully expects to reach its \$239 million fundraising goal.

Grossmont College Foundation Board President **Steven Devan** reported that the Foundation obtained 12 matched Osher Scholarships thanks to dedicated board members and the following lead donors: Grossmont College Foundation, Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, Grossmont Center–The Denele Group, Wells Fargo Bank, Grossmont Healthcare District, Alvarado Healthcare Foundation, **Judy** and **Bill Garrett**, Dr. and Mrs. **Howard Dittrich**, Barona Resort and Casino, and a completed scholarship in the name of deceased Grossmont College staff member **Beth Lubkuecher**.

The Foundation's primary initiatives are growing general endowments; and developing planning, giving, and sustainable foundation infrastructure naming programs, and a large base of supportive Grossmont College alumni.

Speaking for the Auxiliary, Executive Director **Stan Schroeder** said the Cal-PASS program is the Auxiliary's largest program and accounts for half of the Auxiliary's annual revenue. The Auxiliary has raised and spent over \$30 million in the past five years.

## Board Reports

Governing Board members and staff warmly welcomed incoming Cuyamaca College President **Stuart Savin**.

**Savin** paid a visit as part of the Professional Development Week activities. He will assume the presidency April 12, 2010.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** reported that ASGCC has been selling and distributing student benefit cards and operating the sales concession at recent basketball games.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** attended the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and Corrections Academy Graduation. **Enders** met with state legislators recently and said he is excited to participate in the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** attended the Corrections Academy Graduation and said she is proud to be part of a District with such outstanding programs.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** thanked the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the Grossmont convocation breakfast.

Trustee **Greg Barr** said the District may have money problems, but "we do not have a problem with our relationships. That is priceless."

Board members commended President **Sunny Cooke** and her team for a successful convocation. Board President **Bill Garrett** commented on the convocation presentation made by Director of Campus Facilities & Operations **Tim Flood**, saying his remarks provided a reminder that during trying times, the District knows how to do things right.

## Grossmont College Report

- President **Sunny Cooke** announced **Dr. Chris Hill**, Geology/Oceanography Professor and Academic Senate President, and **Dr. Oralee Holder**, English Professor and Chair of the English Department, were named 2009-2010 President's Leadership Award recipients for their positive personal characteristics, extraordinary professional skills, highly effective interpersonal skills, and leading by example.
- Free H1N1 (swine flu) and seasonal flu vaccinations will be available starting the first day of the Spring 2010 semester while supplies last.
- **Cooke** said enrollment figures are 7.2% above Spring 2009, with far fewer sections. There are 1,300 more students, and 1,300 of 1,700 class sections are filled.

## Cuyamaca College Update

- Interim President **Ron Manzoni** called spring enrollment figures "staggering." Headcount is up 18%, and units taken are up 15%.
- **Manzoni** commended everyone in maintenance, operations, and information systems for helping with moves into the new Business and Technology Building, as well as the move by the Math Department into the H Building.
- Despite increased enrollment, student outreach efforts are still important with high school students, citing in particular numerous campus presentations by high school students and the effectiveness of the Outreach Ambassadors.



## Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said District advocates will meet with representatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., on behalf of the District.

A recent survey about District Services is posted to the campus intranet. **Miles** applauded the District Services staff and leadership for being willing to look at feedback and discuss it with a spirit of openness and continuous improvement.

**Miles** said hiring is underway for highly critical positions, including Vice President Administrative Services, Vice Presidents for Instruction and Academic Affairs, Director of Employee and Labor Relations, and three dean positions.



## Staff Reports

**Debi Miller**, Classified Senate representative, said the Classified Senate will kick off its new "Assist-a-Student" program. Members will help students at designated locations, working with Student Services. **Miller** reported that Interim Cuyamaca College President **Ron Manzoni** and CSEA President **Jan Recktenwald** will conduct a workshop for classified staff on organizational structure and shared governance.

**Lyn Neylon**, AFT representative, was thanked by Board President **Garrett** for her efforts on behalf of the student exchange program in France. **Neylon** reported that AFT has been very pleased coming into the District and feels an honest sense of collaboration. She said AFT wants to support its faculty to do the best job possible during trying budget times, and remains focused on helping students be successful.

**Mike Wangler**, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, commended Grossmont College on its convocation, and said renderings of the new Student Center are spectacular.

**Chris Hill**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, invited board members to attend a joint Academic Senate meeting and sabbatical leave presentation on Thursday, January 21.

## Calendar of Events

*Friday and Saturday, February 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m., "Inside the Actor's Process—Improvisation,"* presented by the Theatre Arts Department, Stagehouse Theatre, Grossmont College



*Saturday, February 6, 9:30 a.m.,* Scholarship Awards Breakfast, Grossmont College Student Center

*Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16 & 17, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.,* San Diego Blood Bank blood drive, Grossmont College Main Quad

## Next Board Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.