

The Courier

Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Student Trustees Recognized

On behalf of the Governing Board, President **Bill Garrett** presented certificates of appreciation to Student Trustees **Christopher Enders** of Grossmont College and **Chuck Taylor** of Cuyamaca College for their service on the Board. **Enders** has been re-elected to a new one-year term for 2011-2012.



Board Reports

Trustees **Greg Barr** and **Debbie Justeson** attended the Corrections Academy graduation. **Barr** said 63 men and women graduated and are now ready to protect the community. **Barr** also attended Classified Staff Appreciation Day activities and traveled to Sacramento to testify in favor of Assembly Bill 680 carried by **Marty**



Block, which would change Governing Board at-large elections to District elections.

Trustees **Mary Kay Rosinski** and **Edwin Hiel** attended the AFT brunch honoring District retirees. **Rosinski** also attended the Transfer Achievement Celebration at Grossmont College and congratulated all transferring students. **Hiel** reported accompanying a Cuyamaca College staff member on a community outreach presentation at the Grossmont Union High School District.

Trustee **Justeson** praised the courses held for the community at Heritage of the Americas Museum. She attended a local fundraiser featuring Grossmont College graduate and Walk of Fame honoree, comedian **Dat Phan**.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** participated in numerous campus events, including the Hands Across California event; and expressed concerns about the District discontinuing email reminders to students about priority registration.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** encouraged everyone to support students by attending music and dance performances, saying the performance quality rivals San Diego State University's. He reported being re-elected student trustee for a third term.

Board President **Bill Garrett** reported on the Grossmont College Recognition Awards and the Students of Note events, saying both showcase the tremendous accomplishments of staff and students throughout the District. He also reported on the SDICCA-sponsored news conference on campus earlier in the day. Governing Board members reported attending numerous campus and community events.

Trustees praised the Cuyamaca College Foundation Gala and commended everyone involved with staging the event. Several trustees also attended and enjoyed the Grossmont College "Entrances and Exits" dance and music production.

Zacovic Appointed Cuyamaca College President

Governing Board members unanimously ratified the appointment of and contract for **Mark Zacovic**, who will begin serving as the new Cuyamaca College President on July 1. He is currently Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services at Victor Valley Community College.

Board Actions

District Celebrates Classified School Employee Week, May 15-21

The Governing Board unanimously approved a resolution declaring the week of May 15–21 to be Classified School Employee Week. Chancellor **Cindy Miles**, Board President **Bill Garrett**, and other representatives commended and thanked the District’s classified staff for their hard work and ongoing efforts on behalf of the District’s students.

Other Actions

Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** cast an advisory vote with the Board in favor of approving course fees. He said anytime students see fees “we cringe,” but acknowledged the need for these fees to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of these programs.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** praised the progress on aligning courses offered at Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges. He reiterated the Board’s interest in seeing progress toward the goal of 100 percent alignment. Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** encouraged alignment efforts to continue, saying students have many other things to worry about.

Item 203 was pulled from consideration. The Governing Board unanimously approved all remaining items on the [agenda](#).

Cal-PASS Program Recognition

This week marks the launch of the new Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC), which expands on the work of the original Cal-PASS program that tracks student outcomes to help improve education at the District. Executive Director **Brad Phillips** began Cal-PASS as

the San Diego Data Sharing Consortium in 1988. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** presented an award to **Phillips** and the Cal-PASS team for their work focusing on creating “cutting edge education,” saying the District is proud of the reputation **Phillips** is taking forward on its behalf. Also recognized were Cal-PASS Associate Director **Michelle Kalina**; Director of Regional Intersegmental Collaboration **Shelly Valdez**; and Administrative Assistant **Judy Alexander**.



Staff Notes

The District warmly welcomes new employee **Camara Watson**, Clerical Assistant, Student Affairs, Grossmont College.

Congratulations to **Tia Pickens**, Clerical Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College; and **Deborah Smith**, District Instructional Design Technology Specialist, on their new assignments.

Chancellor’s Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** discussed the May 17 SDICCCA state budget news conference featuring leaders of all six districts with significant media coverage. The message is that while the governor’s revised budget is better than anticipated, it is predicated on voters’ approval of extending tax increases. “We are already well-run and efficient. There is nowhere else to go. These cuts are hurting our students and our entire communities,” **Miles** said.

Osher Scholarship goals for both colleges have been met, and the District has until June 30 to raise money to maximize matching funds.

Miles said three forums have taken place and meetings continue regarding District Services reorganization. She said the project may take longer while we consider options.

Miles congratulated Cuyamaca College English Instructor **Lauren Halsted**; Senior Dean, Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness **Jerry Buckley**; and Cuyamaca College Vice President, Student Services, **Julianna Barnes** for recent publications of their work. She also congratulated Student Trustee **Christopher Enders** on his election as Governor of Region X for the Statewide Student Senate Association.

District Services Report

Tim Corcoran, Director of Employee and Labor Relations, provided the District Services report. He highlighted a new initiative to reduce annual paperwork storage and improvements to electronic vacation and sick leave balance reports. **Corcoran** said a new voice-activated emergency announcement system will be installed on the campuses.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said therapy dogs visited campus in a stress reduction program prior to the last week of classes.
- ◆ **Cooke** recognized Child Development student **Fathiya Musa**, recipient of a 2011 Liv Ullman Humanitarian Scholarship for her work with refugee children.
- ◆ Law enforcement leaders held a news conference at Grossmont College, releasing a report showing good early childcare programs prevent crime and save money in special education costs.



- ◆ Interim President **Robert Garber** congratulated Cuyamaca College Child Development Center student **Wasan Albartolee** for receiving an Outstanding Achievement Scholarship, as well as a California College Foundation Statewide Scholarship.
- ◆ **Garber** reported that traffic cones blocking campus access will be removed while a plan is created to ensure pedestrian safety.
- ◆ The Spring Garden Festival drew over 5,000 people to Cuyamaca and provided a showcase for the college.

Accountability Update Yields Good News

John Colson, Grossmont College Vice President, Student Services, and **Julianna Barnes**, Cuyamaca College Vice President, Student Services, presented the District's fifth annual Accountability Report. **Colson** told Board members colleges are clustered into peer groups with similar demographics, allowing them to quantify their performance within the community college system. In six of seven categories examining student achievement, Cuyamaca College reported above average results with the exception of vocational course completion rates. Grossmont College reported above average results in all but persistence rates and ESL credit courses. **Barnes** and **Colson** noted this data improves on the 2010 results. The full report is available online on the state chancellor's website. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** recognized the work of both colleges indicated by the data, despite significant budget cuts. She applauded the colleges for having courage to examine below average data and learn how to improve.

Staff Reports

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** reported on the State Senate Plenary Session. She said increased student fees, fee-based education, proposed changes to Title V, priority registration, and other policies affected by the economy dominated the discussion. ◆ Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** shared the two most recent issues of the state senate's publication *Rostrum*. He reported that Grossmont College Math Professor **Beth Smith** was elected state senate Vice President, saying she will also likely become President in two years. ◆ AFT representative **Mary Rider** discussed efforts to prevent bullying in academia. She has been conducting anti-bullying workshops in the District and elsewhere. She hopes to work with the Board to develop a code of civility and mutual respect, which Rider says many other colleges are adopting. ◆ CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** said CSEA is holding pre-board meeting socials. She thanked Chancellor **Cindy Miles** for her willingness to openly communicate with constituent groups who have concerns. **Houston** said **Debi Miller** and **Jan Recktenwald** are being honored at CSEA's "Unsung Heroes Awards" in June. ◆ Classified Senate President **Debi Miller** said the recent Classified Staff Appreciation Day event was successful and well attended. A slate of new officers will be ratified at the June board meeting and will begin terms on July 1.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in the **Griffin Gate, Building 65, Grossmont 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