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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 Reports

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.