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Highlights from the Governing Board Meeting



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Student Success Discussion

Governing Board Members gathered for a discussion on the *Basic Skills Initiative* legislation, accountability reporting, *Poppy Copy* (a comprehensive review of research and best practices on achieving student success in developmental education), and outcomes data on the effectiveness of the programs and services implemented at GCCCD that help our students succeed and reach college-level instruction. Board President **Bill Garrett** spoke about how the positive outcomes of these programs show the efforts of the last several years of data-based decision making.

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** thanked Interim Sr. Dean Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness **Lenore Perez**, Cuyamaca College Vice President Student Services **Julianna Barnes**, Cuyamaca College English Instructor **Alicia Munoz**, and Grossmont College Math Associate Professor **Shirley Pereira** for the presentation.

Board Reports

Trustee **Debbie Justeson** thanked the student trustees for their service. She enjoyed the Spring Garden Festival and described her family's experience.

Trustee **Greg Barr** praised the student trustees, saying they both grew into leaders and will be successful in the future.

Trustee **Edwin Hiel** attended the Community College League of California Annual Trustees Conference, saying he found a lot of good material about the trustee role in accreditation. He acknowledged the good job student trustees Enders and Taylor have done representing students on the Governing Board.

Trustee **Mary Kay Rosinski** congratulated the students who received scholarships and the donors who made the awards possible.

Board President **Bill Garrett** said it is a time to reflect, highlighting the contributions of the people providing student scholarships, and recognition of faculty and staff. Garrett said looking at data will help to determine what makes students successful. He said the end of the semester and academic year is a time of celebration and despite difficulties, both colleges have a lot to celebrate.

Student Trustees Recognized

Student Trustees **Christopher Enders** of Grossmont College and **Chuck Taylor III** of Cuyamaca College were honored for their years of service on



the Governing Board for the students they represented. President **Bill Garrett** said Enders has inspired many people at Grossmont College and always spoke on behalf of students. Garrett noted that Taylor took time to find out what concerns students and expressed them to the Board.

Taylor said he will take many pleasant memories with him, noting that the Board will continue to do its best for the students.

Enders thanked the many faculty members who have inspired him, saying he has never seen people so committed.

Chancellor's Report

Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said she is very proud of the colleges in the improved basic skills outcomes being demonstrated and the willingness to pursue the best course of action for students. Miles said she is serving on the board of the American Association of Community Colleges and will take what the District is doing as an example to the meetings.

Miles added her thanks to Student Trustees **Chuck Taylor** and **Christopher Enders**. Miles said they have made sure the District does the right thing for students, and while they have changed, they have also changed the District for the better.

Board Actions

The Governing Board unanimously approved proposed budget reallocations totaling \$2.5 million. Trustee **Greg Barr** asked how the savings occurred. Chancellor **Cindy Miles** said Vice Chancellor **Sue Rearic**, Associate Vice Chancellor **Sahar Abushaban**, Cuyamaca Vice President Administrative Services **Arleen Satele**, and Grossmont Vice President Administrative Services **Tim Flood** went department by department and line by line through the budget to find savings to help present a balanced tentative budget for 2012-13.

Board member **Edwin Hiel** discussed efforts to achieve total curriculum alignment between the two colleges. Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** asked about course impacts on students and financial aid.

The Governing Board unanimously approved all items on the meeting agenda (<http://www.gcccd.edu/governing-board/documents/dockets/2012/may/May2012docket.pdf>).

Accountability Report Shares Performance Measures

Leonor Perez, Interim Senior Dean of Research, Planning & Institutional Effectiveness, presented the District's sixth annual Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges (ARCC) report as required by state law. The goal of the report is to quantify performance within the community college system. Perez said colleges are clustered into peer groups with similar demographics, allowing them to compare their performance.

In six of seven measured categories examining student achievement, Cuyamaca College reported above average results. Four categories showed improvement over last year. In five of seven categories, Grossmont College reported above average results, and improved in two categories over last year. The full report is available online on the state chancellor's website.

Cuyamaca College President **Mark Zacovic** said it is important to track the data beyond peer group comparisons and ask where the numbers should be, and whether they are good enough or should be higher.

Public Comment

Gordon Shields, retired Grossmont College counselor, requested a study be made regarding varsity and intercollegiate sports.

Pat Murray, Grossmont College Health Science Technician and longtime Classified Senate board member, thanked the Governing Board for supporting her nomination for Classified Employee of the Year, and for ensuring she was able to accept her statewide award in person in Sacramento. Murray said everyone needs encouragement, and thanked the board for supporting employees through the District's awards programs.

Vice Chancellor's Report

Vice Chancellor District Services **Sue Rearic** said Governor Brown's May Revise budget includes lesser cuts this year, but greater cuts in 2012-13 if the governor's tax measure does not pass in November. The District's tentative budget will be presented to the Board in June.

Rearic said **Tim Corcoran**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Human Resources, and the Employment Services Department is updating the *Injury and Illness Prevention Plan*.

The District announced an Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) Program last month. Workshops have been well attended. The deadline to enroll is June 4, at which time the potential savings will be analyzed and the District will announce on June 20 whether the ERI Program will move forward.

Payroll Services is now issuing sick leave and vacation balances electronically to employee email accounts. Employees appreciate having this information updated on a routine basis.

Staff Notes

The District and colleges welcome **Victoria Simmons**, Vice Chancellor Human Resources; **Jeffrey Baker**, Vice President, Student Services, Grossmont College; and **Charles Mills**, Network Specialist, District Services.

Congratulations to **Janet Zullo**, Warehouse Supervisor, District Services, on her promotion.

Presidents' Reports



- ◆ President **Sunny Cooke** said commencement is scheduled on May 31. The keynote speaker is **Diana Pico**, who graduated from the Grossmont College Nursing Program 24 years ago. She is the wife of Anthony Pico, Tribal Chairman of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.
- ◆ The Friends of Music gala raised \$9,000 for its programs, and the Brad Daluiso Golf Classic raised \$15,000 to support athletic programs.
- ◆ Grossmont College's Student Health Services staff presented the annual Health and Wellness Fair in the Main Quad.



- ◆ President **Mark Zacovic** said \$105,000 in scholarships were presented to 73 students.
- ◆ **Greg Koch**, CEO and co-founder of the Stone Brewing Company, will speak at Cuyamaca commencement ceremonies on May 30.
- ◆ The California Community College Board of Governors presented Cuyamaca College with one of three Energy and Sustainability Awards presented to community colleges statewide.

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CSEA President **Cheryl Houston** thanked the Governing Board for its support of the resolution honoring Classified School Employee Week.

AFT representative **Lyn Neylon** said everyone needs to pull together to support the Governor's merged tax measure and make sure it passes, or the results will be devastating to students.

Classified Senate President **Wendy Corbin** said classified staff and CSEA held a joint meeting on the impact of the Early Retirement Initiative on staffing and the morale of classified employees.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Sue Gonda** reviewed key resolutions passed at the statewide Academic Senate plenary sessions: addressing general education and certifications on student transcripts; evaluating district governance structures; and opposition to recommendations to incentivize colleges through basic skills funding. Gonda said she hoped ERI would be beneficial for those with the opportunity to retire. She expressed concerns about the "brain drain" it could create.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next regular meeting of the Governing Board will be held Tuesday, June 19, 2012, in the Grossmont College Griffin Gate. 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: <http://www.gcccd.edu/governing-board/documents/other/2012-GB-Meeting-Schedule.pdf>

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 President:** Mark J. Zacovic, Ph.D.