Members of the Governing Boards for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (GCCCD) and the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) gathered at 4:00 p.m. in the Cuyamaca College Student Center, Room I-208, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon, California, for the annual East County Education Alliance (ECEA) meeting, a partnership between GUHSD and GCCCD to prepare students to be college and career ready. This continues our conversations about student success.

Members Present: Trustees Barr, Garrett, Hiel, Justeson, and Rosinski; and Student Trustee Esparza

Members Absent: Student Trustee Navarrete

Others Present: Chancellor Cindy Miles, Superintendent Ralf Swenson, members of the GUHSD Board of Trustees, including Robert Shield, Gary Woods, Jim Kelly, Jim Stieringer and Priscilla Schreiber; members of the East County Education Alliance Council and teams, Brooklyn Goodwin, Monte Vista student, Isabel King and Saul Martinez, Valhalla High School students; Dr. Shelly Valdez, Director of Educational Collaboration, and interested faculty and staff.

Call to Order—Board Presidents Garrett and Shield called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

Public Presentations—there were none.

Welcome & Introductions—Chancellor Cindy Miles and Superintendent Ralf Swenson welcomed the audience and introduced respective Governing Board members.

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Presenters included Katrina VanderWoude, Grossmont College Vice President Academic Affairs, Paul Dautremont, GUHSD Director Curriculum, Jesus Miranda, Cuyamaca College Associate Professor and Counselor, and Theresa Kemper, GUHSD Assistant Superintendent Educational Services.

The update included a PowerPoint and the joint Board Priorities were distributed. Highlights included the following:

- **Vision**—creating pathways to a world-class education and successful career for every East County student

- **Our Goals**
  - Provide a world-class education from high school through college
  - Foster collaboration between our districts to align curriculum that provides a seamless transition from high school to college
  - Increase the number of students who graduate from high school well-prepared to enter and succeed in college
  - Inspire students to focus on college and careers
  - Improve college completion rates and prepare students for an ever-evolving workforce

- The goals for 2015-2016 were accomplished and included the following:
  - Host the second annual Fall 2015 Summit
  - Redefine Alliance structure
  - Define the “Promise” criteria
  - Launch outreach efforts
  - Councils continue working on their goals
Higher Edge Scholarship “Promise” criteria was discussed
The Employee Giving Campaign was launched at both districts resulting in donations from a combined 256 employees pledging to the Higher Edge Scholarship, which will result in $55,605 per year, or $222,420 over 4 years.
Summary of accomplishments to date was provided
The ECEA Coordinator Jesus Enriquez was introduced
Next steps
  o Host Fall 2016 Summit on October 13, 2016
  o Onboarding of the new ECEA Coordinator
  o Develop and implement ECEA Outreach program
  o Councils continue working on their goals
  o Create Higher Edge Promise programs

Chancellor Miles and Superintendent Swenson facilitated a discussion of Joint Board Priorities. The following were confirmed by both Boards:

1. Continue deepening our Alliance partnership, ultimately expanding it to include connections to K-8 schools and university partners.

2. Continue to bring college and high school instructors together to promote curricular articulation and alignment to improve students’ transition from high school to college and career training.

3. Create new and enhance existing career pathways for students that align with industry standards and needs.

4. Share professional development and resources for instructors, counselors, staff, and administrators to promote their ability to help all students navigate the high school to college pathway.

5. Provide clear and concise data that demonstrate progress and achievements in meeting the goals of the Alliance.

6. Engage the greater East County community, including parents, business, government and general citizenry in supporting the Higher Edge Scholarship and work of the Alliance.

The priorities were enthusiastically accepted by both Boards.

No action was taken.

Adjournment
The workshop concluded at 5:07 p.m. and the Board adjourned to closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Miles, Ph.D.
Chancellor and Secretary to the Governing Board

Approved by the Governing Board June 21, 2016

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