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NEWS FROM THE DECEMBER 8 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

From closed session

The Governing Board, by a vote of 4-0, approved tentative agreements between the Administrators Association and Supervisory/Confidential and the District.

Garrett named to Board



El Cajon resident **Bill Garrett** was selected by trustees to fill the Seat 3 Governing Board vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee **Ron Kraft**. Following Trustee

Rick Alexander's recommendation to appoint **Garrett**, Board members commented on **Garrett's** interest and involvement in the district, his consistent attendance at Board meetings, his endorsement by former Trustee **Kraft**, and excellent qualifications. Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said she has worked with him as city manager and found him impressive. Board President **Wendell Cutting** noted, "An interview process just took place – it's called an election." **Garrett** received 60,000 votes in the fall election. Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** preferred an interview process.

After being sworn in, **Garrett** said, "I am proud to join this Board . . . What we're here for is the betterment of the students . . . This is what will guide my votes."

Weeks, Caruthers sworn in

Sworn in for new terms after the fall election were Trustees **Deanna Weeks** and **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers**.



Board Officers selected

The Governing Board elected new officers for 2005: **Wendell Cutting**, President; **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers**, Vice President; and **Rick Alexander**, Clerk of the Board.



Reports to the Board

Governing Board President **Wendell Cutting** said he had been attending a lot of meetings mostly at Grossmont College. Speaking of Prop R funds, he said, "In my opinion, the split of this money has been determined . . . Now we have the challenge of implementing Prop R."

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** agreed with Board President **Cutting's** comments, saying, "There are two colleges with different needs at different stages of development . . . We do need to move on."

Board member **Rick Alexander** added, "We are past the time to argue . . . I suggest we turn all our attention to getting the funded projects on line . . ." Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** expressed the support of the entire Board for Prop. R decisions and the leadership of Chancellor **Omero Suarez**. Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** concurred.

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CSEA President **Mary Herman** said she would introduce the new CSEA President at the January 2005 Board meeting.

Classified Senate representative **Pat Murray** praised **Herman's** work this year. **Murray** told Board members the Classified Senate endeavors to move positively in the coming year, to "rejoice when things are going well, and work harder when they're not."

Administrators Association representative **Pam Amor** thanked the Governing Board for ratification of its new agreement.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, announced that the annual convention of the American Mathematics Association of Two Year Colleges will take place in San Diego in 2005 under the leadership of **Peg Hovde**.

Fiscal management praised

The Governing Board accepted the District's Audit Report, prepared by the Certified Public Accounting firm of

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Wendell R. Cutting, Bill Garrett, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Peter Anderson, Bill Stanford

Chancellor: Omero Suarez, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. • Cuyamaca President: Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.

Wilkinson & Hadley LLP. The audit found all financial statements in compliance for a second year and no instances of noncompliance or exceptions. This follows last month's clean financial statement and audit of the Proposition R Building Fund for a second year running.

Chancellor/Classified Senate award



Chancellor **Omero Suarez** presented the December Chancellor/Classified Senate Award to **Trudy Hofman**, Office Administration

Technician, Business Technology Lab, Grossmont College.

He noted that **Hofman** provided outstanding service these past six months as the department moved to the Learning & Technology Resource Center. Chancellor **Suarez** said **Hofman** is committed and responsive to the needs of students. For her achievement, **Hofman** was presented several gifts by Classified Senate representative **Pat Murray**.

Public comments

As part of public communication to the Governing Board, ASGC President **Rick Walker** reviewed his priorities for ASGC. He added, "From my perspective, the Governing Board, Chancellor, Academic Senates, staff and faculty do genuinely care about our students and want what is best for them . . . Together, we can all work through even the toughest challenges," said **Walker**.

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Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, urged trustees to review and respond to the six resolutions passed by the Academic Senate since June 2004.

GC projects advance

Governing Board members approved nine Grossmont College

New officers on the beat



From left, Albert Ambito, Christopher Nanquil, Nathan Nelson, Joseph Juarez and Gil Tomeldan took their oaths administered by Board President Cutting, third from right, to become the district's newest Public Safety officers. To Cutting's right are Officer Frank Laveaga and Supervisor Dave Peralto.

facilities items on the docket, including the preliminary plans review of the Grossmont College Life Safety Road.

Jim Austin, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, said the project will "greatly enhance our ability to move traffic in and out," particularly in the event of a campus evacuation.

Trustee **Alexander** thanked Vice Chancellor **Austin** for the groundwork allowing the Board to approve opening bids for the Grossmont Science Building. **Austin** credited the work of **Peter White**, Vice President of Student Services, and many others who developed an academic master plan, which in turn, drove the critical facilities master plan.



Grossmont College report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, presented Board members copies of a new brochure used for self-guided tours of the Learning & Technology Resource Center.
- **Dr. Martinez** announced that the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa accepted 85 new members from Grossmont College.



Cuyamaca College update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** provided trustees with "Cuyamaca College: A Year in Review 2004," a comprehensive look at achievements in academic excellence and program development, student success, facilities improvements, community relations, and resource development.

Staff Notes

The District welcomes new classified employee **Marci Jahn**, Administrative Secretary, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor Academic, Student and Planning Services office.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College employee **Damien Rosales**, Financial Aid Assistant.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Nemie Capacia**, Mathematics Instructor; **Wendy Cruzado**, Counselor, **Kristi Kluka**, Counselor, and **Jeff Waller**, Mathematics Instructor.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, Jan. 4, 10 a.m.

Adult Re-Entry Orientation, Griffin Gate, Grossmont College

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 8 a.m.

Spring Convocation, Gymnasium, Cuyamaca College

Next meeting at new time

Governing Board meetings will begin one hour earlier in 2005 with closed session beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Board will reconvene in open session at 6:30 p.m. The meetings will continue to take place on the third Tuesday of the month, alternating between Griffin Gate and Heritage of the Americas Museum.

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The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005, at Heritage of the Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session at 5:30 p.m.