



GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

# The Courier

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## NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER 19 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Cutting named Board President

Governing Board member **Wendell Cutting** was elected President of the Board for the remainder of 2004. He replaces **Ronald D. Kraft**, who resigned.

**Cutting** thanked fellow Board members for the honor. "It is a great privilege for me to represent this Board that governs the best District in the state, with two of the top colleges in the state."

### Transfers a continuing challenge

Grossmont College Transfer Center Coordinator **Bonnie Schmiege** and Cuyamaca College Transfer Center Director **Donna Hajj** presented a joint report on continuing challenges facing students who want to transfer to a four-year university. Although the number of students transferring keeps rising, **Hajj** and **Schmiege** identified numerous problems, including unique requirements at every university, admission agreements that are all different, and notification of changed requirements often in an untimely manner for students. Impaction is adding more layers to the admission process, and students end up with fewer options. "It's complex, layered, and barriered, not seamless," said **Schmiege**. Despite the challenges,

Grossmont students have successfully transferred to over 180 institutions, and Cuyamaca College students have successfully transferred to 98 institutions.

### Quarterly Prop. R report

Proposition R is "on track," according to Gafcon program manager **Joe Minner**. He reported that major projects at Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges are all on schedule. Looking forward to the next quarter, the Automotive Technology Center and the Building O Remodel at Cuyamaca College should be complete, as well as 75% plan approval for the Grossmont College Student Center.

**Minner** once again reported challenges with rising building materials costs, which show small signs of leveling off. Gafcon will continue to monitor the marketplace and work with architects to minimize costs.

### Close receives honor

**Zoe Close**, Philosophy Instructor, was honored as the Grossmont College Distinguished Faculty Member for 2004-05. Said **Close**, "Because it was given by my peers, this award holds the highest meaning for me."



**Grossmont College new faculty welcomed:** Dean Colli, Grossmont College Vice President of Academic Affairs, (third from right) introduced three of four new faculty members to the Governing Board. Shown above are, from left, Grossmont College President Ted Martinez, Jr.; Tara Jacobson, Exercise Science; Robert Henry, History; Colli; Roland Estrella, Nursing; and Chancellor Omero Suarez. Not present at the meeting was Michael Jordan, Exercise Science instructor and football coach.

#### Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Wendell R. Cutting, 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.

## Accreditation reports presented

The most significant theme of the new accreditation standards is student learning outcomes. Cuyamaca Geography Instructor **Michael Wangler** reported the Cuyamaca accreditation team has attended workshops and developed processes and procedures that have also been adopted by the state Academic Senate. A detailed, comprehensive schedule has been set over the next four years to complete the process of integrating student learning outcomes into courses and program review.

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Beth Smith** said that it's clear each college "must grapple with this themselves" and there is still work to do on the instructional side. Grossmont is waiting to hear from colleges who have already been through the process.

## Beverage contracts approved

The Board approved new beverage product partnership agreements with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company on both campuses. The agreements are exclusive for cola products only. Although the contract length is shorter and the campuses will realize less revenue, the contracts allow a wider range of beverage choices, including energy drinks, water and teas.

## Cuyamaca Student Center Plan makes progress

The Governing Board approved the 75% plan for the Cuyamaca College Student Center building after a lengthy discussion about its visual fit with the rest of the campus. **Jim Raver** of LPA Architects reviewed the site plan in detail and provided renderings, a model, and material samples.

## Grossmont faculty present concerns to Board

Grossmont College faculty members **Tom Olmstead, Mark Goodman, Jeff Lehman, Scott Barr, Jim Symington, Karen Caires, Jennifer Carmean,** and **Mary Rider** expressed concerns about campus and District issues. These

included shared governance, Prop. R funding of campus building repairs, equity in Prop. R funding between the two campuses, and communications breakdowns.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** thanked all the speakers, saying, "There are no easy answers, but there are answers . . . We need to better communicate with each other . . . When we have misinformation, it's counterproductive." Chancellor **Suarez** said a number of meetings are planned to discuss budget and resources issues.

## Reports to the Board

Trustees **Wendell Cutting** and **Deanna Weeks** praised members of the Grossmont College Art Department for the Board's tour of the department and Hyde Gallery.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** urged approval of the Cuyamaca College Student Center 75% preliminary plans.

Grossmont Academic Senate President **Beth Smith** pointed out two resolutions provided to the Board regarding district expenses and shared governance.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Jan Ford** noted that the Senate, through the college's shared governance process, is participating in the annual implementation plan of the college's 2004-10 Strategic Plan.

United Faculty President **Mel Amov** and Chancellor **Suarez** exchanged differing opinions on communication from United Faculty to campus employees regarding bargaining information.

## Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, reported that committees are forming to select and hire 16 replacement faculty in time for the Spring 2005 semester.
- **Dr. Martinez** announced the Griffin football team remains undefeated and is ranked second in the state.
- A special Meritorious Service Award will be presented to Trustee **Wendell Cutting** at Saturday night's Walk of Fame Gala.



## Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** congratulated the many people responsible for three new grants: economic and workforce development (\$375,874), assistance to CalWORKs and Child Development students (\$28,260), and equipment and software for visually and hearing impaired students (\$7,500).
- **Dr. Perri** also congratulated another large group of faculty and staff for hosting the Third Annual "Students First" event, Aggie Open Golf Tournament, annual high school counselors' conference, 13th annual Health Fair and the annual College Transfer Fair.
- The Career Services department has experienced a 10.5 percent increase in the number of students served, compared with FY 2002-03.

## Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **James Long**, Custodian, and **Jane Rohman**, Health Services Nurse.

## Calendar of Events



*Saturday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.*

Grossmont College Foundation Walk of Fame Gala, Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino

*Monday, October 25 - Thursday, October 28*

El Dia de Los Muertos exhibit, Main Quad, Grossmont College

*Monday, November 15 - Thursday,*

*December 9* Student Artwork Exhibition, Learning Resource Center, Cuyamaca College

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tue., November 16, 2004, at Heritage of the Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 7:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 6:30 p.m.