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NEWS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Board approves budget

Governing Board members approved the 2005 Adoption Budget. (Trustee **Wendell Cutting** was absent.) Two-thirds of the \$340 million balanced budget is for capital construction, repairs and renovations. The budget includes \$1.7 million of equalization funding obtained over the last two years.

Progress report filed

Trustees accepted a report from Cuyamaca College to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges on development of the college's Student Services Master Plan.

ASGC funds track repair

The Associated Students of Grossmont College is funding badly needed renovations to the athletic field running track. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** thanked ASGC President and Student Trustee **Rick Walker** and pointed out that the track is also a classroom setting.

Disaster response applauded

Trustees, Chancellor **Suarez**, Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, and others lauded the combined efforts of emergency responders, faculty, staff, and students



From left:
Geraldine M. Perri, Steve McCamman, Greg "Diff" Differding, Jan Ford, Cortney Hammond, Marvelyn Bucky, Timothy Buckles, and Cristina Chiriboga.

Board welcomes new Cuyamaca faculty

Five new faculty members – **Greg "Diff" Differding**, Computer and Information Science; **Timothy Buckles**, Graphic Design; **Steve McCamman**, Political Science; **Marvelyn Bucky**, Reading; and **Cortney Hammond**, Philosophy – are joined by **President Perri**, Academic Senate President **Jan Ford** and Vice President **Cristina Chiriboga**.

who acted quickly when a brush fire threatened Grossmont College on Friday, Sept. 15. Chancellor **Suarez** said, "We have an excellent plan in place, and it worked." Thanks were also expressed to **Dr. Martinez**, Director of Public Safety **Joel Javines** and his staff, and Risk Management Director **Bob Eygenhuysen**.

Chancellor/Classified Senate award

Sharron Hamlett, Cuyamaca College Administrative Secretary, Instruction, was selected for the September Chancellor/Classified Senate Award.



Sharon Hamlett
photo by Phu Nguyen

Hamlett received multiple nominations. **Hamlett** "is an excellent representative of how important our classified staff is to our success," said Chancellor **Omero Suarez**. "Her tireless efforts are well known."
Madelaine Wolfe,

Dean of Division I, read praising comments, including "No matter what the request is, Sharron is ready, willing and able to get the job done."

Hamlett received gifts from the Classified Senate to mark the occasion.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

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

STUDENT MEMBERS: Rick Walker, Bill Stanford

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



Reports to the Board

Trustees expressed appreciation for the hard work reflected in the Cuyamaca College Fall Convocation and the exemplary Communication Arts building groundbreaking.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** attended the Grossmont College Foundation Scholarship Recognition Breakfast, calling it a "wonderful event." **Weeks** reported that she and Chancellor **Suarez** participated in a panel discussion in Alpine on educational issues of importance to the community.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker** reported that the ASGC raised \$6,022 for Rescue Task Force to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Walker read a statement by student **Ryan Kaufman** expressing his concern about finding a full-time faculty advisor for a new campus club.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** reported that the Student Affairs office is collecting donations for hurricane relief efforts.

Chancellor **Suarez** reported that Grossmont College has received a \$2 million State Chancellor's Office grant to establish a nursing education partnership program.

Vice Chancellor **Ben Lastimado** reported on an e-mail from the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) fact finder stating that United Faculty had requested a postponement of fact finding from Sept. 20. It is now scheduled for Oct. 6. He added that district materials had been exchanged with United Faculty on Aug. 25.

Lastimado reported that the American Federation of Teachers Guild Local 1931 withdrew its petition to represent Supervisory/Confidential personnel.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** thanked Vice Chancellor **Lastimado** for clarifying communications but said it was "riddled with wrong dates." She also reported "dismay" after receiving a summary budget report from Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Jim Austin** that said the budget did not fund employee compensation expectations.

Administrators Association President **Brad Tiffany** told the Governing Board an unfair labor charge was filed by the Association with PERB.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, asked when

the Senate's items of concern would be addressed. Chancellor **Suarez** said that a response was given to the Senate and widely distributed and offered to provide it again.

Smith reported there are no faculty working on Senate committees at Grossmont College, saying, "these are voluntary activities." Chancellor **Suarez** told Board members the District believes these activities are a part of individual contracts. "We have filed an unfair labor practice. We hope it will be heard soon," said **Suarez**.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, thanked Board members for attending the fall convocation and the recent Communication Arts building groundbreaking.

Kurt Brauer, Classified Senate representative, reported that the Classified Senate Executive Board would hold a retreat Friday, Sept. 23.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, announced that Phi Theta Kappa advisor **Victoria Howitt** is one of just four advisors nationwide to receive a National Phi Theta Kappa stipend.
- Roger Owens** was welcomed as Dean of Communications and Fine Arts.
- More wireless "hot spots" are being added to campus for faculty, staff, and student use.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** reported that volunteers made over 6,000 calls to students in a fall enrollment campaign.
- The Associated Students of Cuyamaca College sponsored, on Aug. 24, "The First 15 hours - Celebrating Students," and, on Sept. 12, Let's Get Coyote Fever!

Staff Notes

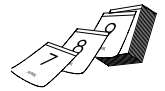
Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **James Cho**, Network Specialist II; and **Barbara Prilaman**, Instructional Operations Assistant.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College classified employees **Kari Crawford**, Financial Aid Advisor; **Debra Ayers**, Admissions & Records Assistant, Senior; **Stephen Gonzalez**, Custodial Supervisor; **Roberta Gottfried**, Test Proctor; and **Bernard Higgins**, Athletic Field Maintenance Worker.

The District welcomes new classified employees **Marta Becerril**, Clerical Assistant; **Brian Graham**, Network Specialist II; and **Linda Jensen**, District Accounting Supervisor.

Congratulations to District classified employee **Robert Akers**, Network Specialist II, and Cuyamaca College classified employee **Poppy Bush**, Student Services Specialist, on their new assignments.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Mixed Media GC Art Faculty Exhibition Opening Event, Hyde Gallery, Grossmont College

Thursday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Transfer Day, Student Center, Grossmont College

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 1 - 2 p.m. "Chaldean Culture and Traditions" College Hour, One-Stop Center Breezeway, Cuyamaca College

Monday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Career Expo 2005, Main Quad, Grossmont College

Monday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Transfer Fair, Grand Lawn, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Public comments

Instructors **Bill Hoaglin**, Grossmont College, and **Dr. Lyn Neylon**, Cuyamaca College, voiced concerns about United Faculty and Governing Board negotiations.

Grossmont instructors **Danny Martinez** and **Jennifer Carmean** spoke to President **Martinez**' contract.

Cuyamaca instructor **Jim Custeau** submitted a petition on possible contract language asking that it be taken under advisement and that meetings to resolve the issue continue.