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NEWS FROM THE AUGUST 16 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Closed Session Report

The Governing Board adopted a two-day suspension without pay of an employee for violation of college procedures.

Construction Plan approved

Governing Board members unanimously approved the District's Five-Year Construction Plan 2007/08 - 2011/12 for submission to the State Chancellor's Office. The report is required for capital construction funding by the state and is used to verify the District's needs. The report provides a comprehensive summary including descriptions of all projects, reflecting the District's approved facilities plan and education plan for each college.

Emeritus status granted

Governing Board members conferred Emeritus status on five retired Grossmont College faculty members: **Marcy Diehl**, Business Instructor; **Homer Lusk**, English Professor; **John Maley, Ph.D.**, Chemistry Professor; **Diane Merlos, Ph.D.**, Biology Professor; and **James Sumich, Ph.D.**, Biology Professor.

Chancellor/Classified Senate Award



Susan Richardson
photo by John Dixon

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** presented the Chancellor/Classified Senate Award to **Susan Richardson**, Grossmont College Photography Technician.

Richardson "provides excellent support, putting students first," said Chancellor **Suarez**. "She is a team player, and outstanding employee." Photography Professor **Suda House** noted that **Richardson** is herself a graduate of the department, and was involved in all the department's major accomplishments. For her achievement, **Richardson** was presented with gifts by Classified Senate President **Pat Murray**.



Reports to the Board

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** shared responses from students who attended the recent math and science field days at Cuyamaca College. Of 120 students responding, 90 reported they were more likely to attend community college after participation.

Board member **Rick Alexander** attended the General Motors Automotive

Service Excellent Program (ASEP) graduation. "It's really great to see the kids graduate, go right to a job making good money. It's a wonderful program."

Trustee **Bill Garrett** acknowledged all the hard work by President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, and many others at Grossmont College on the Fall Convocation.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** reported on upcoming events sponsored by the Associated Students. The ASCC has invited everyone to participate in its Wed., Aug. 24, luncheon titled "The First 15 Hours—Celebrating Students," starting at 11 a.m.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker** participated in a recent adult re-entry program event as a peer panelist, and attended a student trustee orientation in San Francisco. He reported that the ASGC will host an Open House on Wed., Aug. 24, 2-7 p.m., in the Student Center. All programs, departments and campus clubs have been invited to participate.

Board President **Wendell Cutting** commented after the student trustees' reports, "We sometimes overlook how much student government contributes to our colleges."

Governing Board members and staff congratulated Counselor **Mary Rider** for being named Grossmont College's Distinguished Faculty Member for 2005-06.

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.

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor Human Resources & Labor Relations, said representatives of the United Faculty and the District would meet with a representative of the Public Employees Relations Board (PERB) next week to start working on schedules for the fact finding process.

Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** said the California Community College Classified Senate has invited District representatives to participate in upcoming activities.

Administrators Association Representative **Marie Ramos** read a statement on behalf of the Association on an upcoming PERB meeting, urging Governing Board members to “direct your representatives to preserve the unity (of the Association) and not divide us.”

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, reported on an upcoming program funded through Title III, titled “Behind the Classroom: A Talk Show.” Students will have a chance to talk with math faculty about experiences in entry-level courses.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, applauded the large turnout at the fall convocation. **Smith** told the Board they have heard support from the campus community and the community at large for President **Martinez**.

Smith asked for assurance that Academic Senate elections would take place with integrity. Board President **Cutting** and Trustee **Garrett** spoke of their personal assurance. Chancellor **Suarez** added that there would be no compromising the election.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** made a statement on the loss of goodwill by faculty, and said, “I ask for only one thing this evening. As members of the Board, ask yourself how you can restore trust to the District.”

Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, thanked everyone involved in putting on the Fall Convocation, singling out **Tim Flood**, Director, Campus Facilities/Operations, for his outstanding facilities update.

- President **Martinez** reported that enrollment is down, but an aggressive outreach program is under way.
- Dr. Martinez** said 350 cadets have been certified in six sessions of the Corrections Academy since 2002. Graduates are in high demand.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** reported that Fall 2005 enrollment is slightly down in students, but holding steady in units. Staff members are conducting a telephone calling campaign.
- Dr. Perri** commended **Cristina Chiriboga**, Vice President of Instruction, and **Lindy Brazil**, Composition Instructor, for organizing the new faculty orientation program.
- Arleen Satele**, Dean of Administrative Services, received kudos for her department’s new brochure.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees at Cuyamaca College **Aimee Hatfield**, Clerical Assistant, Senior, and **Janet Vaughn**, Community Learning Operations Coordinator, and at Grossmont College **Cheryl McGrew**, Child Development Center Assistant, Senior.

Congratulations on their new assignments to classified employees **Kay Miller**, Student Services Specialist, Cuyamaca College, **Lesley Waltman**, Child Development Center Assistant, Senior, Grossmont College, and **Larry Sherwood**, Interim Associate Dean, Learning Resources and Instructional Computing, Cuyamaca College.

Welcome to new Grossmont College academic employees **Philip Blanco**, Physics/Astronomy Instructor, **Susan Caldwell**, Biology Instructor, and **Roger Owens**, Dean, Communications and Fine Arts.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, August 24, 11 a.m.
ASCC Luncheon and Open House,
Learning Resource Center Lawn,
Cuyamaca College

Wednesday, August 24, 2 - 7 p.m.
ASGC Open House, Main Quad,
Grossmont College

Saturday, September 3, 3 p.m.
Football: Grossmont Griffins vs. Mt. Sac,
Grossmont College Stadium

Monday, September 5
Labor Day Holiday Observed, All Sites

Monday, September 12, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
ASCC “Let’s Get Coyote Fever” Ice
Cream Social, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board’s next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at Heritage of the Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Community Speaks

Ken Sobel, President of the Grossmont College Foundation Board of Directors, encouraged the Governing Board to extend the contract of **Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr.**

Charlotte Ochiqui, Director of Education for the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians; **Juan Castellanos**, Council of American Indian Organizations of San Diego County; and **Darci Dye**, Grossmont College Child Development Club, expressed support for President **Martinez**.

Grossmont Counselor **Mary Rider** told Board members that staff would feel better if they did not have to worry about “our President.”

Grossmont College student **Grazyna Toranczak** discussed course enrollment problems.

Grossmont College student **Crystal Sudano** expressed disappointment that a math instructor was hired full time elsewhere when he could not be hired full time at Grossmont.