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NEWS FROM THE DECEMBER 13 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

CSEA contract ratified

Governing Board members ratified an agreement between the California School Employees Association Chapter 707 and the District. The agreement includes a 3.2 percent cost of living increase retroactive to July 1, 2005, and a CSEA Recognition Day on Dec. 22, 2005. The total increase of salary, benefits and other compensation is 6.6 percent.

Weeks '06 Board president



From L to R: Wendell Cutting, Rick Alexander, Deanna Weeks, Bill Garrett

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** was elected president of the Governing Board for 2006. **Weeks** thanked outgoing President **Wendell Cutting** for his service the past year. "We all love you. You've done a fabulous job and you've been such a mentor to me," said **Weeks**. Trustee **Rick Alexander** was elected vice president and Trustee **Bill Garrett** was elected clerk.

Construction contracts awarded

Governing Board members ratified 31 low-bid contracts for the Cuyamaca College Communication Arts Building. **Mary Rider**, Grossmont College counselor, expressed concern about the rising construction costs.

Restructure of positions OK'd

Trustees approved restructuring District Business Services and college Administrative Services positions. **Ben Lastimado**, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, said the reclassification had been studied for more than a year and was a "business necessity," due to the difficulty of recruiting qualified candidates.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** asked whether the Board should construct new policies. Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, said a delay would put the college in jeopardy of not being able to fill a critical position.

Johnson named to CBOC

Rosalyn Johnson was appointed to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee as the Cuyamaca College student representative. **Johnson** is the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College president.

Tech plans presented

Interim Director of Information Systems **Henry Eimstad** reported Prop R-related projects continue at a fast pace, including hardware and equipment upgrades, new uninterrupted power supplies, upgrades to voice mail, and wireless access. **Eimstad** said with IS staff positions filled the department is much more responsive.

Plans for the coming year will focus on more upgrades, enhanced student services, and technology in all new buildings.

Griffin football No. 1

Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, announced that the Grossmont Griffins football team is now the No. 1 community college team in the nation, as ranked by the influential J.C. Grid-Wire, thanks to its winning season and state championship victory over City College of San Francisco. Coach **Dave Jordan** said he appreciated the support and the faith of faculty, players, and alumni. Team captain **Mike Gaughen** presented the championship trophy to President **Martinez**. Trustee **Cutting** said, "Coach, we can't ever put into words our thanks for your 35 years of service. You've helped thousands, and you've mentored hundreds."

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

Outgoing Board President **Wendell Cutting** thanked the Board and college community. **Cutting** listed accomplishments including progress on Prop R, opening of the Automotive Technology Complex, hiring faculty at Grossmont and Cuyamaca, excellent bond ratings and continuing success in reducing student barriers. **Cutting** said, "Life is fragile, and words are important... It is important on our campuses that we always engage in civil discourse."

Trustee **Rick Alexander** said he enjoyed the Cuyamaca College science building topping-off ceremony.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** provided a wrap-up report of the Associated Students' many accomplishments over the past semester.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** reported attending many events. She said her work on the accreditation committee has been a highlight.

Trustee **Bill Garrett** said he toured both campuses last month to view ongoing construction projects, and attended the Grossmont College ceramics sale.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker** discussed his campus job termination. **Walker** questioned the decision, as well as legal counsel's interpretation of the Education Code.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** asked for a full accounting of what transpired at last month's Governing Board meeting in regard to Coach **Dave Jordan**.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate president, said the message sent by last month's actions regarding Coach **Jordan** "shook everyone's confidence when you supported someone outside this district first."

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, said faculty members are engaged in activities to increase enrollment.

CSEA representative **Dave McDade** read a statement from **Sandy Beasley**, Chapter 707 president, stating that the new agreement was a "win-win" and the product of many months of collaboration.

Grossmont College Report

- President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, congratulated two Pacific Coast Champion teams: Coach **Howard Hawver** and the women's soccer team; and Coach **Brian Harvey** and the men's water polo team.
- **Dr. Martinez** recognized the joint speech and debate team for its outstanding work hosting the 13th Annual Griffin/Coyote Invitational last month. Six students took top awards and the team took fourth place in their division.
- **Dr. Martinez** reported that a collaborative outreach campaign is under way to boost enrollment at both colleges.

Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** presented Governing Board members with a year-in-review report. Noted were the large number of faculty publications, faculty appointments to state and national committees, and awards to faculty and staff. Also noted was the work of the Cuyamaca Foundation. **Dr. Perri** thanked the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Associated Students, President's Cabinet, the Board and Chancellor **Suarez** for their support.

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employee **Alfred Ventura**, Ceramics technician.

The District welcomes new classified employees **Angela Diaz**, personnel assistant, senior; and **Francisco Gonzalez**, network/computer equipment technician.

Congratulations to **Jerry Buckley** on his appointment as dean of Mathematics, Natural Science and Exercise Science/Wellness at Grossmont College.

Congratulations on their new assignments to classified employees **Ryan Althaus**, Grossmont College custodial supervisor; **Francis Sundstrom**, Cuyamaca College mail processor; and **Kim Widdes**, administrative assistant, Vice

Chancellor-Human Resources and Labor Relations Office.

Public Comments

Farrah Gross, ASGC president, said ASGC would become more involved in campus committees next semester. She also pledged to pay more attention to the issue of smoking on campus.

Steve Purdue, Valhalla High School baseball coach and a Griffin football player in 1975-1976, expressed support for Coach **Jordan**.

Tammy Huston, Grossmont Counseling & Assessment Supervisor, told trustees she wished they had talked about other options to the restructuring of Administrative Services and District Business Services positions.

Rachel Rivera, Grossmont College student, told Board members smoking had gotten "out of hand, with no repercussions." **Rivera** also asked Board members to develop a plan to increase student parking.

Ken Killian, Grossmont College student, vowed to file a lawsuit naming the District, Governing Board members, and the college over lax enforcement of smoking regulations on campus.

Charles Brown, president of the Grossmont College Black Student Union, urged the Governing Board to resolve the campus smoking issue immediately.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, Holiday All Sites

Wednesday, Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m., and Thursday, Jan. 5, 5:30 p.m., Adult Re-entry Orientation, Griffin Gate, GC

Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Holiday All Sites

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006, 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.