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## NEWS FROM THE FEBRUARY 22 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Prop R oversight praised

The Proposition R Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) presented the group's second annual report, introduced by Chairman **Ernest Ewin**.

Chairman of the CBOC Audit Committee **Ken Sobel** praised District and Gafcon staff for their assistance.

**Sobel** read a *San Diego Union-Tribune* editorial commending the District for its clean audit record. **Harvey Goodfriend**, Construction Committee Chair, said this subcommittee monitors all projects carefully and is pleased with the progress. As the representative from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, **Goodfriend** monitors CBOCs around the state and commented that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca CBOC must rank as one of the best. "Taxpayers' money is being well spent."

**Arkan Somo**, Communications Committee Chair, reported that the CBOC will save money this year by placing its annual report on the CBOC Web site, located under "Prop R News" at [www.gcccd.net](http://www.gcccd.net) and in the District's newsletter.

Governing Board trustee **Rick Alexander** told Chairman **Ewin**, "This committee is so good because of the people on your side of the table. We appreciate your service."

### Williamson wins award



*Jerry Williamson*  
photo by John Dixon

**Jerry Williamson**, District Database Web Administrator, received the February 2005 Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** described **Williamson** as the

"tech support hero for online teachers." Chancellor **Suarez** said **Williamson** handles last minute and urgent requests graciously and quickly, resolves problems and has great communications skills.

**Williamson** said, "I thank the students who chose Grossmont and Cuyamaca. That's why I'm here." Classified Senate representative **Pat Murray** presented **Williamson** with gifts to honor his achievement.

### Foundations, Auxiliary present activity reports

The District Auxiliary, Grossmont College Foundation and Cuyamaca College Foundation represented by **Stan Schroeder**, **Ken Sobel**, and **Allen Brown** presented 2003-04 activity reports to the Governing Board.

The groups reported growth and

expansion in programs supporting the District and the colleges with much needed program funding for Cal-PASS, GEAR UP, the Welcome Back Program, facilities funding and student scholarships.

### Legislative conferences highlight 2005 major issues

Governing Board members **Deanna Weeks**, **Rick Alexander**, **Wendell Cutting**, and **Bill Garrett**, Student Trustee **Peter Anderson**, ASGC President **Rick Walker** and four other students along with Intergovernmental Director **Dana Quittner** and Vice Chancellor **Ben Lastimado** discussed equalization, Proposition 98 funding, removing transfer barriers, and health fees in Sacramento while attending the Community College League of California legislative conference.

Trustees **Alexander** and **Garrett**, Student Trustee **Anderson**, and **Quittner** also attended the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. Top of the agenda: proposed elimination of the Perkins Act, reauthorization of the Higher Education and Workforce Investment Acts, and a proposed single definition of higher education that would hurt District funding. Board members endorsed a draft resolution affirming the District's position against a single definition.

#### 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.

## Trustees question safety

Trustees **Alexander** and **Weeks** requested more information about the safety of a planned trip to Jerusalem by Grossmont College Communication Instructor **Sheri Guseman**. The trip was approved by the Governing Board pending final approval by the Chancellor after additional research with the State Department.

## Sabbaticals approved

Governing Board members **Weeks** and **Alexander** asked about the process and requirements for sabbatical leaves.

Sabbatical Leave Chairperson **Zoe Close** said proposals are strictly ranked, and all faculty must attend a series of workshops to be eligible. **Alexander** and **Weeks** asked that instructors prepare a more complete abstract for Board members. The Governing Board approved the eight requests.

## GEAR UP succeeding

**Wendy Craig**, Grossmont College Assistant Dean, reported on the impressive outcomes from the GEAR UP program's efforts to increase college attendance among low-income students, now in year three of a five-year program at Cajon Valley Middle School. **Darlene Cole**, Institutional Research & Planning Manager, presented data showing performance up over 30% for students involved in GEAR UP.

**Dr. Rod Girvin**, principal of Cajon Valley Middle School, says GEAR UP has had a positive affect on the entire campus. He commended Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, and everyone involved in the program.

## Reports to the Board

Trustee **Bill Garrett** reported on meetings with ASGC President **Rick Walker**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Beth Smith**, and Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Jan Ford**.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Peter Anderson** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Awards event.

Trustees **Weeks** and **Garrett** participated in a new trustees workshop during their trip to Sacramento.

ASGC President **Rick Walker** presented a report on participation by student leaders in the Certified Student Leader Weekend Retreat in Las Vegas.

**Jan Ford**, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, reported that Title III federal grant money has allowed ten faculty members to work on a project improving instruction, and a counselor to work on online advising. **Ford** also reported the Academic Senate will brainstorm ideas for helping students with high textbook costs.

**Beth Smith**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, said the Senate's Professional Relations Committee, which works with campus conflict resolution, will host a "Day of Dialogue" program on March 9.

**Pat Murray**, Classified Senate representative, reported that the Classified Senate is coordinating Classified Staff Appreciation Day on March 21 and invited everyone to attend.



## Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, welcomed 11 new full-time faculty to campus this semester.
- Congratulations to Philosophy Instructor **Zoe Close**, selected as the statewide Academic Senate's recipient of the prestigious "Hayward Award for Excellence in Teaching."



## Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** announced receipt of a congressional award for the Computer Information Science Program in the amount of \$94,208.
- President **Perri** congratulated **Dr. Donna Riley**, Exercise Science/Health Instructor, whose manuscript will be published in the journal *Medicine and Science in Sport and Exercise*.

## Smoking concerns

A public speaker expressed concerns about lack of enforcement of the District's smoking policy.

## Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **Amy Ford** and **Lesley Waltman**, Child Development Center Aides.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College classified employee **Nancy Howard**, Clerical Assistant.

The District welcomes **Gary Howell**, Network Specialist I.

Congratulations to **Olivia Krausie**, Admissions & Records Specialist, on her new assignment at Cuyamaca College; and to **Gaydeen Dollar**, Secretary, President's Office, on her new assignment at Grossmont College.

Welcome to new academic employees **Georgina Garcia**, EOPS counselor at Cuyamaca College, and **Mary Kathryn Ingram**, Child Development Instructor at Grossmont College.

## Calendar of Events



*Wednesday, March 2, 11:00 a.m.*  
ASCC Trailer Grand Opening, One-Stop Center, Cuyamaca College

*Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.*  
Job Placement Workshop, Career Center, Grossmont College

*Thursday, March 10, 4:30 p.m.*  
Automotive Technology Complex Grand Opening, Cuyamaca College

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 15, 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.

## Chancellor's Open Office Hours

- Cuyamaca College in the President's Conference Room on Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, all at 8 a.m.
- Grossmont College in the Grossmont College Conference Room on Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, all at 11 a.m.
- District Office in the District Annex Conference Room on Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, all at 8:30 a.m.