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## NEWS FROM THE JANUARY 18 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Board notes and actions

Governing Board members attended a number of events in December, including the EOPS celebration at Cuyamaca and the "Welcome Back Program" graduation at Grossmont. Board President **Wendell Cutting** and Trustees **Rick Alexander**, **Bill Garrett**, and **Deanna Weeks** also attended the Grossmont College staff development opening session.

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Governing Board member **Rick Alexander** thanked staff for providing information on graduation and transfer rates prior to approval of the District's Student Equity Plan. The plan was approved unanimously, 4-0; Trustee **Timothy L. Caruthers** was absent.

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Trustees approved an increase of \$5 per unit for non-resident tuition in 2005-06. Grossmont College Student Trustee **Peter Anderson** cast an advisory vote in opposition.

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Trustee **Bill Garrett** requested future discussion of change order policies regarding capital projects.

### Risk Management report

Governing Board members received an overview of Risk Management issues from **Robert Eychenhuysen**, Director of Risk

Management, and department staff members **Ron Knight** and **Jeff Scott**. Staff continues to work to keep costs down, comply with changing IRS rules and new statewide regulatory requirements, and find new ways to prevent accidents and claims through training and education.

### Public Safety focuses

Public Safety Director **Joel Javines** highlighted his department's services and activities, stressing the department's customer service orientation. The nine-member department has been fully certified by California's Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) agency since 1998.

The Department provides 24-hour communications services including dispatching, traffic and parking services.

Chief **Javines** identified future challenges that include adequate staffing and development and funding of an equipment replacement program.

### Chancellor/Classified Senate Award goes to Cole

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** presented the first Chancellor/Classified Senate Award of 2005 to **Leonita Cole**, Administrative Assistant to President **Geraldine M. Perri**, Cuyamaca College. **Cole** "handles her job with efficiency and grace," said Chancellor **Suarez**. Student



*Leonita Cole*  
photo by Phu Nguyen

Services Specialist **Maggie Gonzalez**, one of **Cole's** co-workers, praised her for her widely recognized diplomacy skills.

**Dr. Perri**, using **Cole's** first name as inspiration, presented her a plaque reading

"Lifesaver, extraordinary, outstanding, nice, innovative, talented, ability."

For her achievements, **Cole** was presented several gifts by Classified Senate President **Rocky Rose**.

### Joint Forensics Team Wins National Honor

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Joint Forensics Team received the Dan Miller Perpetual Sweepstakes Award for 2004.

The District Team bested over 100 two and four-year schools, including second place UCLA. Advisors **Nancy Jennings**, Cuyamaca College, and **Roxanne Tuscany**, Grossmont College, praised participating students, prior participants, and the many faculty advisors who have worked with the program.

### Smart upgrades save District money

Vice Chancellor **Jim Austin** reported that the District will re-use Grossmont College's existing chillers to complete

#### 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

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needed capacity upgrades at Cuyamaca College, and will upgrade capacity at Grossmont with new equipment to accommodate existing and future needs at the Central Plants of both colleges.

## From Closed Session

Governing Board members approved modifications of contracts for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, and College Presidents.

## State budget news

**Jim Austin**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, and **Dana Quittner**, Sr. Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, provided Board members a report on Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger's** proposed budget, saying that the budget is the same as last year's for new COLA and growth, plus an additional \$20 million proposed for vocational education. **Quittner** reported that "equalization is still on the table."

**Austin** reported that the District could see a net increase of \$4 million if all growth funding were earned, but the Governor's proposals for pension reform could result in a new cost to the District of \$640,000.

## Gafcon on Prop R

Gafcon program manager **Joe Minner** updated Governing Board members on the progress of Proposition R funded projects. The Automotive Technology Center will be ready for Spring classes and will be fully completed by its March 10 Grand Opening.

**Minner** reported that building materials costs have leveled off, but it is unknown whether the District will see good pricing in upcoming bids. Gafcon will continue to work with committees and architects to minimize costs and bring projects in at budget projections.



## Reports to the Board

• **Dr. Ben Lastimado**, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources, reported on two unfair labor practice actions filed by United Faculty with the Public Employee Relations Board. The first

was mediated and settled on December 3. United Faculty withdrew the second on December 17 without prejudice. United Faculty President **Mel Amov** noted that this action could be refiled, depending on how events work out.

**Dr. Lastimado** also reported that District tobacco policies are being reviewed and upgraded.

- **Beth Smith**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, thanked Chancellor **Omero Suarez** for meeting with the faculty on Jan. 18.
- CSEA Second Vice President **Dave McDade** will be the group's new representative at Governing Board meetings.



## Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, praised the faculty selection committees for their work bringing 10 new "eagerly awaited" faculty members to campus.
- **Dr. Martinez** thanked **Mike Matherly** and the Staff Development Committee for their work.
- **Dr. Martinez** announced that headcount and number of units for Spring 2005 is still running behind Spring 2004, but that the figures have improved from last week.



## Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** reported a 10 percent increase in intersession enrollment, and a one-half percent increase in Spring 2005. **Dr. Perri** credited a calling campaign reaching 400 students for a spike in enrollment figures.
- **Dr. Perri** presented Governing Board members with several new Cuyamaca College publications, including the latest newsletter and a facilities report titled "On The Move."

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College employee **Shirley Hughes**, Financial Aid Advisor.

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employee **James Gillan**, Grounds Maintenance Worker.

Cuyamaca College congratulates **Beth Viersen**, Interim Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, on her new assignment.

Grossmont College congratulates **Anita Carrillo**, Administrative Secretary, Senior, **Karen Ostegard**, Student Services Specialist-Assessment, and **Ana Gallego**, Financial Aid Assistant, Senior, on their new assignments.

Welcome to new Grossmont College academic employees **Joan Ahrens**, **Ryane Jones**, **Jennie (Lisa) Ledri**, and **Jenny Nolen**, English Instructors; **Brian Keliher**, Business Instructor; and **June Yang**, Philosophy Instructor.

## Calendar of Events



*Wednesday, February 2, 3-5 p.m.*  
Statewide College Opportunity Listening Tour, Griffin Gate, 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 on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. **This is a change of date.** 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 Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, all at 8 a.m.
- Grossmont College in the Grossmont College Conference Room on Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, all at 11 a.m.
- District Office in the District Annex Conference Room on Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, all at 8:30 a.m.