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NEWS FROM THE JULY 19 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Closed Session Actions

The Governing Board ratified the part time parity pay for the 2004-2005 school year. The Governing Board also ratified the retirement request of **Salah Balegh**, Cuyamaca College.

Prop R Progress Significant

The Gafcon quarterly report highlighted Prop. R programs and projects.

District Vice Chancellor **Jim Austin**, Gafcon senior project managers **Eitan Aharoni** (Grossmont College) and **Eric Reuter** (Cuyamaca College) reported outstanding cooperation from everyone on both campuses. **Austin** highlighted **Tim Flood**, Grossmont College, Director, Campus Facilities/Operations, for the tremendous job he does in managing the many campus construction and maintenance projects.

At Grossmont College, the Life Safety Road, Chiller Plant, and Science Lab Building projects are underway. The Life Safety Road is slightly ahead of schedule. The Parking Structure is still under review. The Digital Arts sculpture project is out to bid.

At Cuyamaca College, construction is underway for the Science and Technology Mall. The bus stop relocation and ADA

walkway are complete. The Communication Arts project is out to bid.

Aharoni reported on construction costs and multiple steps that Gafcon is taking to tighten the project budgets and generate more competitive bids.

The Grossmont College Student Center and Student Services Building and the Cuyamaca College Student Center plans are under review by their respective college committees.

Academic Senate Reports

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, and **Beth Smith**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, led presentations on their respective Academic Senate's structure, responsibilities, and activities over the past year.

Information was provided about the management and committee structures, role of the Academic Senates in shared governance, efforts needed to ensure participation for faculty members on both campuses, and recent projects and initiatives.

Governing Board member **Rick Alexander** and Chancellor **Suarez** commended the Academic Senate leaders for their excellent reports, and Board President **Wendell Cutting** applauded the hard work that goes into both Senates.

District Participates in CCLC Benefits Program

Trustees authorized the District's participation in the CCLC Retiree Health Benefit Program Joint Powers Agency. **Jim Austin**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, told trustees that the District must meet new standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The new JPA will assist districts in meeting the new standards.

Weisgerber Earns Award



Robert Weisgerber

Robert Weisgerber, Custodian at Cuyamaca College, was honored with the July 2005 Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. **Weisgerber** "continually strives to ensure a healthy, safe, and clean campus environment," said Chancellor **Omero Suarez**. **Arleen Satele**, Cuyamaca College, Dean, Administrative Services, said the faculty and staff truly appreciate Weisgerber's attention to detail. Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** presented **Weisgerber** with several gifts to acknowledge his efforts, thanking him for his leadership.

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.

Board Policies Updated

The Governing Board approved new and revised Board Policies by a 3-1 vote (Trustee **Deanna Weeks** was absent), reflecting changes in legislation and District Operating Procedures.

Hill Named to CBOC

Governing Board members voted unanimously to appoint long-time La Mesa resident **Lu-Gray Hill** to the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Board President **Cutting** praised **Hill**, a residential real estate broker active in numerous community organizations, for her tremendous background of service.



Reports to the Board

Trustee **Bill Garrett** said he has been reading a lot of emails. He attended the Weekend Nurses Graduation, and called it "very impressive."

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker**, in a statement on behalf of Grossmont College students, asked Board members "to join with us in a new effort to communicate and reason together as we anticipate the future of our college and our district," and to keep the Grossmont administrative team intact.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** said he was "ecstatic" at the progress of the campus construction. He said his unofficial survey showed most students believe the "mess is well worth it in the long run."

Dana Quittner, Sr. Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, thanked everyone "who took part in the advocacy (for equalization funds in the state budget). It was definitely helpful."

Janet Althaus, Supervisory/Confidential representative, recognized the remarks of Grossmont Student Trustee **Rick Walker**, and expressed support for President **Martinez**.

Pat Murray, Classified Senate President, announced the new members of the Classified Senate Executive Board.

Jim Fenningham, Administrators Association, read a statement supporting

"the leadership of Ted Martinez as President of Grossmont College."

Zoe Close, United Faculty President, delivered a lengthy statement. **Close** said, "I am disheartened, to say the least, with the Governing Board and those who would execute the wishes of the Governing Board." **Close** described them as "totalitarian," "Machiavelian," and "demanding economic control over lives." She was critical of the "failure to offer United Faculty more than a 1.6% pay increase" before going to impasse in negotiations, and repeatedly criticized President **Cutting** for his frequent comments commending, in his words, "the wonderful faculty." Said **Close**, "I implore you to translate your admiration into action."

Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** said that "the Board enjoys the successes of its students. We admire the passion that is present tonight." He urged faculty members to "read the contract," pointing out that the salary increase offer now stands at 3.7%, not 1.6%, and that the District and United Faculty are now in fact finding.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, revisited questions asked at the last Board meeting. Chancellor **Suarez** said he had provided replies via email, and would provide the responses again.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, read a statement on behalf of the Cuyamaca Senate, reporting that they voted to "neither encourage nor discourage participation" in the faculty work action.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, reported that the 12th Summer Photographic Workshop Series continues to be successful, and it is impressive to see the number of students and community members involved.
- Dr. Martinez** said 25 students are participating in the EOPS Summer Bridge Program.
- He also announced the first graduates in the new speech-language pathology assistant program, and state approval of the new musical theatre program.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** told Board members the State Chancellor's office awarded a \$22,742 grant to Disabled Students Program & Services.
- Dr. Perri** congratulated Cuyamaca College alumna **Robyn Badger** for receiving a Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) award for her work at the San Diego Zoo.
- Over one thousand fall schedules and promotional items were distributed at the San Diego County Fair. **Maggie Gonzales** received kudos for her liaison work.

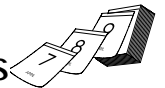
Staff Notes

The District welcomes new classified employee **Khaled Khalil**, Payroll Supervisor.

Welcome to new Grossmont College academic employee **Paul Turounet**, Photography Instructor.

Congratulations to Cuyamaca College classified employee **Poppy Bush**, Admissions and Records Evaluations Advisor, and Grossmont College classified employee **Cheryl Quitquit**, Clerical Assistant, Counseling (Assessment), on their new assignments.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, August 2, 6:00 p.m. GM ASEP Graduation, LRC Patio, Cuyamaca College Main Quad

Wednesday, August 17, 8:00 p.m. Cuyamaca College Fall 2005 Staff Development Breakfast and Convocation, Gym

August Board Meetings - Griffin Gate, Grossmont

The Governing Board's Annual Construction Workshop will be held Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The regular Board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 16. The open session will begin at 5:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 6:30 p.m.