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NEWS FROM THE JUNE 21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tentative Budget and Prop R Spending Plan approved

Board members approved a tentative budget for 2005-06. Trustees pointed out that the budget is “still very much in flux,” until the State budget is passed and that it anticipates \$40 million in equalization funds which is not yet in the State’s budget.

Board President **Wendell Cutting** recognized particular assistance on equalization by Senators **Denise Ducheny** and **Dennis Hollingsworth**. Trustee **Bill Garrett** expressed concern that there are insufficient funds available to meet budgeted items and also that funds are needed for marketing.

The Prop R Spending Plan was approved, with both colleges to report back after bids are received for buildings in process and after further analysis is completed on Grossmont College parking options.

From Closed Session

The Governing Board voted to extend the employment contracts of the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, Cuyamaca College President, and the Executive Director, Cal-PASS. There was no action taken on the employment contract of the President of Grossmont College, which,

as announced by Board President **Cutting** later in the meeting, is expected to return to the Board at a later date.

Board appointments to CBOC

Donald McCloud was appointed by the Governing Board as the new Grossmont College student member of the Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee. The Board reappointed **Charles R. Fouquette**, **Harvey J. Goodfriend**, **Patricia A. McCormack**, **Ken Sobel**, and **Arkan Somo**.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** announced the San Diego County Taxpayers Association recognition of the CBOC as a model for the state.

Student Trustees sworn in

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** was sworn in for his second term. **Rick Walker** was sworn in as Grossmont College Student Trustee.

Financial reports positive

Chancellor **Suarez** reported on the high ratings given the District’s 2005 Series B Prop. R bonds by Moody’s Investors Service and Standard & Poor’s. Moody’s noted that “the district’s healthy financial position is a direct result of sound approaches to fiscal management and budget planning.”

Award winning employees receive accolades



Patty Bailey



Frank Laveaga



Joe Magdaleno

Three outstanding classified staff members were recognized as “Employees of the Year.” **Patty Bailey**, Cuyamaca College Athletics Secretary, “goes the extra mile for all the student athletes, faculty and staff,” said Chancellor **Omero Suarez**. Cuyamaca College Dean **Marie Ramos** praised Patty’s great attitude and helpfulness.

Frank Laveaga, District Public Safety Officer, was commended for his dedication to his work. Custodial Supervisor **Kurt Brauer** gave numerous examples of his positive influence and involvement in such areas as domestic violence prevention.

Joe Magdaleno, Grossmont College ASL Interpreter/Coordinator, was praised for being a self-starter and never losing sight of the human element. “He’s amazing,” said Learning Disabilities Specialist **Jane Nolan**, highlighting his ability to recruit and train interpreters.

All three winners received state trophies, plaques, and gifts.”

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

Board President **Wendell Cutting** reported that at commencement ceremonies, “I saw students whose lives were turned around and changed” because of the efforts of the faculty and staff. The other trustees agreed and thanked those involved with the graduation ceremonies.

Vice Chancellor **Jim Austin** said the college Web sites contain current construction project information. The Grossmont College Science Building and Life Safety Road bids both came in under budget, leaving funds available for other college projects. The Grossmont Digital Arts and Cuyamaca Communication Arts buildings are out to bid.

CSEA Vice President **Dave McDade** told Board members he wanted them to meet again to discuss a contract for Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**

Classified Senate President **Rocky Rose** said that **Patricia Murray** will take over as President, and that shared governance includes “our responsibility to sit on committees and report back.”

Supervisory/Confidential representative **Janet Althaus** said that the previous reorganization of M/S/C was a mistake and that, on a personal note, **Dr. Martinez** has her full support.

Administrators Association President **Al Taccone** announced **Brad Tiffany** as the new Association President.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, said Accreditation co-chairs **Mike Wangler** and **Cristina Chiriboga** are hard at work. She thanked everyone who participated in graduation ceremonies.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, asked if there would be another opportunity to extend **Dr. Martinez**’ contract before it expires. Trustee **Cutting** responded “definitely,” adding that “there is still plenty of time left on this contract.”

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** “beseched” the Board to review its budgeting priorities, give the Chancellor

direction so it can resolve compensation for faculty, and take leadership on how it is going to move forward. “I’m willing to engage in problem solving,” said **Close**. Board President **Cutting** expressed the Board’s appreciation for her “well-reasoned comments.”

Grossmont College Report

Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, thanked those who attended the Science Laboratory Building groundbreaking ceremonies.

Dr. Martinez said Grossmont’s 44th commencement had standing room only with 2,300 in the audience and an exceptionally outstanding student speaker in **Dawn Monday**.

Dr. Martinez also reported on a recent tour of Grossmont College by Congressman **Duncan Hunter**’s office and thanked all those who participated.

Cuyamaca College Update

Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** said that summer enrollment is a bit down from last year, but units are up.

Dr. Perri reported that **Jim Custeau** has been elected Vice President of the California Automotive Teachers Association.

Dr. Perri also highlighted the annual Speech Night presentation by the Joint District Forensics Team.

Staff Notes

At Grossmont College, welcome to new classified employees **J’Michael Bradford**, **Nathan Eden**, and **Preston Hoyt**, Custodians; **Deborah Dittman-Lewis** and **Dong Ngo**, Printing Operations Assistants; **Elizabeth House**, Clerical Assistant; **Sandra Kuntz**, Student Services Assistant, Senior; **Cheryl Quitquit**, Clerical Assistant, Senior; **Martha Roldan**, Financial Aid Assistant.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College classified employee **Billie Lavan**, College Cashier.

At Grossmont College, welcome to **James Spillers**, Associate Dean,

Athletics; and new instructors **Kathleen Aylward**, Adapted Exercise Science; **Devon Hansen**, History; **Martin Larter**, Chemistry; **Mark Pressnall** and **Linda Snider**, Business Office Technology; **Bonnie Yoshida**, Anthropology; and **Tina Young**, Administration of Justice; and **Patrice Braswell-Burris**, Disabled Student Programs and Services Specialist.

At Cuyamaca College, welcome to new instructors **Timothy Buckles**, Graphic Design; **Marvelyn Bucky**, English; **Gregory Differding**, Computer and Information Systems; and **Stephen Verbiscar**, Political Science.

Congratulations to classified employees **Marci Jahn**, Administrative Secretary, Senior, and **Carol Rapolla**, Budget Analyst, on their new assignments.

Speakers press issues

Faculty members **Mary Rider**, **Mike Wangler**, **Craig Milgrim**, **Pat Setzer** and GC Nurse Practitioner **Suzanne Khambata** addressed the Governing Board on issues that included step and column negotiations, support for new facilities at Cuyamaca, instructor recruitment, Proposition R spending, disappointment in the non-extension of the Grossmont College President’s contract and out-sourcing health office responsibilities.

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 4, Independence Day, Holiday All Sites

Wednesday, July 27, 4:30 p.m.
Grossmont College Night at the Padres, BBQ at Main Quad and transportation to Petco Park

Next meeting

The Governing Board’s next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 19, 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.