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NEWS FROM THE NOVEMBER 15 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

United Faculty contract approved 5-0

Governing Board members unanimously ratified the tentative settlement agreement between United Faculty and the District following a motion by Trustee **Bill Garrett** and a second by Trustee **Rick Alexander**. The agreement will be retroactive to July 1, 2004 and is for 2004-05. Both parties have also agreed to withdraw pending Unfair Labor Practices actions, and the United Faculty will withdraw its work-to-contract communications to unit members. Negotiations for 2005-06 will begin immediately.

CBOC mid-year update

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Chairman **Ernie Ewin** and subcommittee chairmen **Harvey Goodfriend**, **Ken Sobel**, and **Arkan Somo** updated Board members with in a first-ever mid-year report. **Somo** said material costs have exploded, with budgets for the Digital Arts, Science and Communication Arts buildings increasing \$26 million over budget, prompting the mid-year report. "We needed to tell the public and taxpayers in a timely fashion what we are facing," said **Somo**. **Goodfriend** said the CBOC model is working, that it has twice received Taxpayer Association recognition, and that cost pressures will probably require some re-prioritizing.

League of Women Voters supports five missions

Barbara Collis presented a statement from the League of Women Voters of East San Diego County in support of the five missions of California community colleges. Noting some Grossmont College faculty concern about non-credit courses taught in area convalescent homes, **Collis** said, "The League finds that the services you provide are valid, and we support lifelong learning. We urge you to continue."

Public presentation cites concerns

Melody Shore of Laguna Hills and San Diego County Deputy District Attorney **James Koerber** informed Governing Board members about an assault on **Shore's** son and two friends by three Grossmont College football players in September 2004. The assailants pled guilty and have been sentenced.

While the assault was not on campus or connected with any campus or District event, **Shore** asked Governing Board members to investigate the role of Grossmont College officials, including Coach **Dave Jordan**.

Board President **Wendell Cutting** and Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said the

District has committed to a thorough investigation. Chancellor **Suarez** said, "We want to get to the bottom of this. But we want to protect everyone's rights."

The Board took no action.

Coach **Jordan** responded that he was "dismayed" by the presentation and denied remarks attributed to him.



Reports to the Board

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker** has stepped down as Associated Students President. **Farrah Gross** is the new ASGC President.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** reported a "steep learning curve" in her work with the Cuyamaca College accreditation review committee. **Weeks** said the Grossmont College Digital Arts Building groundbreaking was a very exciting event.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** highlighted the annual wheelchair basketball game, the "I Love A Clean San Diego" beach cleanup, and the spring registration kickoff luncheon.

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, reported that a hearing took place Nov. 8 and 9 before Public Employees Relations Board (PERB). He hopes to receive a decision in February.

Jim Austin, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, announced that **Linda Bertolucci** has been hired as the new Senior Director of Purchasing, Contracts

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.

and Ancillary Services, replacing **Barbara Starks** who has retired.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** said she was very happy to have reached agreement on the 2004-05 salaries, and thanked the faculty at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, offered congratulations to the UF negotiating team.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, thanked Vice President **Susan Haber** for taking over during her absence. Ford said the Academic Senate has been discussing training improvements with Cuyamaca Staff Development Coordinator **David Detwiler**.

Administrators Association President **Brad Tiffany** said he was very pleased with the United Faculty salary settlement.

Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** reported she would offer a presentation on empowering classified staff at the upcoming Community College League of California convention.

CSEA representative **Dave McDade** invited those interested to attend a CSEA sponsored meeting on Nov. 22 at the El Cajon Community Center to discuss conditions for a classified union.

Supervisory/Confidential representative **Janet Althaus** said the Public Employees Relations Board found Administrators Association support proved sufficient and would grant exclusive representation.

Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, thanked everyone who attended the Digital Arts and Sculpture Building Complex groundbreaking, including speakers **Jimmy Sprague**, President of the Grossmont Sculpture Club, and Board President **Wendell Cutting**, who spoke about the importance of art.
- Dr. Martinez** also thanked everyone who helped make the Grossmont College Foundation Walk of Fame Gala a great success.

- Dr. Martinez** recognized the work of Math Instructor **Peg Hovde** as conference chairperson of the successful American Mathematics Conference held in San Diego for community college instructors. The conference set a record attendance of 1,400 people.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** turned over a portion of her report to ASCC representatives **Rosalyn Johnson** and **Bill Stanford**, who reviewed the guiding principles for their Cuyamaca team. Emphasizing their Credo, Compass, and Compact, the student representatives talked about working actively with administrators, faculty and staff to build up Cuyamaca College.
- Dr. Perri** announced that the 9th Annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament held by the Botanical Society and the Ornamental Horticulture Program drew 150 participants and raised over \$10,000 for the horticulture scholarship program and departmental support.
- Dr. Perri** said **Jan Ford**, Academic Senate President, and **Cristina Chiriboga**, Vice President of Instruction, were presenters at the invitation of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO) organization on "Effective Strategies for Linking Academic and Strategic Planning."

Staff Notes

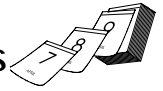
Grossmont College welcomes new classified employee **Heidi Zapanta**, Clerical Assistant, Senior.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College classified employee **Jennifer Moore**, Instructional Lab Assistant.

The District welcomes new classified employees **Linda Bertolucci**, Senior Director, Purchasing, Contracts and Ancillary Services; **Kenneth Coleman**, Public Safety Security Assistant; **Sandra Kludy**, Public Safety Operations Assistant; and **Amy Leasure**, Buyer, Senior.

Congratulations to **Sheryl Miller**, Offset Press Operator, Senior, Grossmont College, on her new assignment.

Calendar of Events



Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2-3:30 p.m.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Mid-Year Report Community Forum, Griffin Gate, Grossmont College

Thursday, Dec. 1, 2-3:30 p.m.

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Mid-Year Report Community Forum, Heritage of Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College

Thursday, Dec. 8, 12 noon-2 p.m.

President's Holiday Celebration, Heritage of the Americas Museum, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments

Michael Golden, Grossmont College Biology Professor, praised administrators and expressed his support for Coach **Dave Jordan**.

Ken Killian, Grossmont College student, asked trustees to enforce campus smoking regulations.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Math Instructor, thanked everyone involved in the recent American Math Association conference and thanked the District for its support of professional association programs.

Mike Wangler, Cuyamaca College Geography Instructor, spoke in support of non-credit courses and a wide range of services and programs to the community and appealed to his Grossmont colleagues to be respectful.

Mary Rider, Grossmont College Counselor, suggested that fees be charged for classes at convalescent homes and other community facilities so that Grossmont College faculty can be hired.