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NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER 18 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Twenty-six Grossmont faculty welcomed

Twenty-six new Grossmont College faculty members were introduced to the Governing Board. President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, noted that four of this diverse and talented group have doctorates and three others are working on them.

Grossmont Academic Senate President **Beth Smith** introduced faculty who started in Spring 2005: **Joan Ahrens, Ryane Harris, Lisa Ledri, and Jenny Nolen**, English; **Nemie Capacia** and **John (Jeff) Waller**, Mathematics; **June Yang**, Philosophy; **Mary Kathryn Ingram**, Child Development; **Brian Keliher**, Business, and counselors **Kristi Kluka** and **Wendy Cruzado**.

Grossmont Vice President-Student Services **Peter White** introduced faculty who arrived in Fall 2005: **Kathleen Aylward**, Adaptive Exercise Science; **Philip Blanco**, Physics and Astronomy; **Patrice Braswell-Burris**, Disabled Student Services; **Susan Caldwell**, Biology; **Devon Hansen**, History; **Brian Jennings** and **Todd Myers**, Political Science; **Martin Larter**, Chemistry; **Helen Potter**, Cardiovascular Technology; **Linda Snider**, Business Office Technology; **Mary Ann Simanello**, Nursing; **Paul Turounet**, Art; **Bonnie Yoshida**, Anthropology; and **Tina Young**, Administration of Justice.

Bringing hundreds of years of teaching

experience and community involvement, the new faculty members were warmly welcomed.

GC renovations approved

Trustees approved the initial and final project proposals for the Grossmont College 400/Gym Renovation and 500 Building Restroom Renovation. Vice Chancellor **Austin** explained that the large allowance for architects' fees for the gym renovation are due in part to the many meetings necessary to agree on the scope of the project, and that the 500 building restroom renovation is extensive, replacing virtually the entire facility.

Emeritus status celebrated

Grossmont College Chemistry instructor **Cary Willard** introduced, and Trustees welcomed, the newest Grossmont College faculty emeriti: **Marcy Diehl**, Business Instructor; **Homer Lusk**, English Professor; **John Maley**, Ph.D., Chemistry Professor; **Diane Merlos**, Ph.D., Biology Professor; and **James Sumich**, Ph.D., Biology Professor. Taken together, the five have contributed over 150 years of service to students and the community.

Rising costs challenge construction bids

Gafcon program manager **Joe Minner** reported that rising energy costs, labor

shortages, and competition from other school district projects make it increasingly difficult to bring Prop. R construction bids in at the originally estimated budget. **Minner** told the Governing Board that Gafcon is working to minimize the impact with tight bid specs, working harder on outreach to generate more bids, and being "contractor friendly" by processing payment in a timely fashion.

Minner thanked faculty, staff and students for their patience while construction is under way.

Equalization resolution OK'd

Governing Board members approved a resolution seeking full funding of the remaining \$130 million necessary to achieve equalization in the 2006-07 state budget. **Jim Austin**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, discussed the current funding formula and its factors. He reported that the District's funding is still among the lowest per student in the state in terms of dollars per full-time-equivalent student ranking in the 60's out of 72 districts.

During public comments, **Terrie Nichols**, Cuyamaca College Math Instructor, discussed restricted funding and equalization, noting that **Jim Austin** "speaks the truth at all times about how we are funded (program-based funding)."

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.

Cal-PASS update

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** welcomed **Dr. Brad Phillips**, Cal-PASS (California Partnership for Achieving Student Success) Executive Director, who introduced Cal-PASS staff including faculty members, programmers, and discipline experts.

Weeks to serve on Standard IV

Governing Board President **Wendell Cutting** thanked Trustee **Deanna Weeks** for her interest and willingness to serve as an ex-officio member of the colleges' committees that will be reviewing the Standard IV Leadership and Governance section for their Accreditation self study.



Reports to the Board

Board President **Wendell Cutting** commented on a *San Diego Union-Tribune* article on non-credit courses administered through Cuyamaca College. "I was pleased to see coverage of the services provided to residents of some East County convalescent homes... It really was a good look at the 'community' part of community colleges. ... I'd like to thank President **Perri**, **Dr. Marie Ramos**, **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga** and **Donna Lee-Cristaldi** for their leadership in this area."

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Rick Walker** asked about the extension of President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**'s, contract. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said that while it is a personnel issue, "**Dr. Martinez** and I are working closely . . . We are making progress and there is a plan."

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** reported that 900 people attended the ASCC's "Chaldean Culture" program. **Stanford** encouraged everyone to attend the Nov. 8 Spring Registration kickoff event.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** thanked Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** for inviting the Board to join the Senate at its recent retreat.

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, reported that fact finding regarding United Faculty has concluded, and that a position summary is due Oct. 28.

Lastimado also reported that a settlement conference on the unfair labor practice filed against the United Faculty for its work to contract action is scheduled Nov. 4, and a formal hearing on the petition of the Administrators Association's right to exclusive representation is scheduled Nov. 8, 9 and 10.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** read from transcripts of a May 2004 meeting of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors meeting, quoting Vice Chancellor **Austin's** support for equalization to restore step and column funding.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, said she hopes to find a way to retain the excellent new faculty.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, reported passage of two resolutions by the Senate. The first insists the Board release step and column increases. The second said the Senate will not encourage faculty to serve on shared governance committees until work action is resolved.

Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** said the Classified Senate plans to come back to the Board with a new Chancellor/Classified Senate award program making it more prestigious.

CSEA representative **Dave McDade** read a letter from CSEA President **Sandy Beasley** which said that the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Federation of Classified Employees filed a decertification petition against CSEA Chapter 707 with the Public Employees Relation Board, quoting "We will be taking whatever means necessary to protect your rights to be represented by a professional and fully organized union."



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College President **Ted Martinez, Jr.**, reported that 27 sponsors and 120 employers participated in the Career Expo. Trustees **Cutting** and **Weeks** praised the event.
- **Dr. Martinez** invited everyone to attend the Grossmont College Foundation Walk of Fame Gala.



Cuyamaca College Update

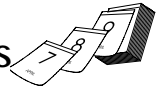
- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** reported the distribution of new emergency preparedness packets to assist staff and faculty in an emergency requiring evacuation.
- **Dr. Perri** announced that the 21st annual High School Counselors Conference was a tremendous success.
- Paralegal program coordinator **Mary Sessom** has been recognized by the San Diego Paralegal Association for "Making a Difference."

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **Rita Herrera**, Student Services Assistant, Senior; and **Robert Herald**, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor.

Congratulations to District classified employee **Rosa Buss**, Human Resources and Labor Relations Specialist, on her new assignment.

Calendar of Events



Saturday, Oct. 29, 5:30 p.m. Grossmont College Foundation Walk of Fame Gala, Barona Valley Ranch Resort & Casino

Monday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. Sculpture & Digital Arts Buildings Groundbreaking Ceremony, Grossmont College

Next Meeting

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

Public Comments

Mary Rider, Grossmont College Counselor, spoke against non-credit courses where convalescent home residents don't pay fees.

Jennifer Carmean, Grossmont College ASL Instructor, spoke in support of the extension of President **Martinez's** contract.