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## NEWS FROM THE AUGUST 15 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Board will not appeal decision

Governing Board President **Deanna Weeks** announced that the Governing Board in closed session voted not to take action on the appellate court decision regarding the Cuyamaca College Environmental Impact Report and off-campus road improvements, based on the more recent state Supreme Court decision.

### Prop 1D wins support

Trustees adopted a resolution in support of Proposition 1D, the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 on the November 2006 statewide general election ballot. **Jim Austin**, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, noted the bond would provide almost \$30 million for the Cuyamaca College Business/CIS Building and the Grossmont College Health Sciences Building.

### Smart money management benefits District

Sound fiscal management of Proposition R funds has brought in additional interest payments on District investments. Vice Chancellor **Austin** said by watching the cash flow, by spending certain funds first and holding others in longer term, higher yield investments, the District is obtaining more money for Prop R projects.

### Health fees adjustment authorized by Board

The Governing Board authorized student health fee increases to \$11 for summer and \$14 for fall and spring semesters. The \$1 increase will support services that include hearing and vision screening, weight and stress management, glucose and blood pressure monitoring, back care, referrals, and a health library. Trustee **Bill Garrett** asked that information be brought back regarding the impact on BOG A and B recipients.

### Protection approved for construction sites

Due to concerns about theft and vandalism at campus construction sites, the Governing Board voted unanimously to provide private security guard patrol services on a short-term basis as a preventative measure. Vice Chancellor **Austin** reported thefts of copper wiring and tools, adding there is too much risk to the \$70 million in ongoing projects.

Trustee **Weeks**, in response to her question, was assured that CSEA had been consulted and approved hiring the guards for this limited assignment.

### Community Learning agreements

Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** asked about the genesis of community

learning agreements between Cuyamaca College and facilities providing non-credit courses. Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine Perri** said most are ongoing relationships that have existed for many years, and that the college also receives requests to provide such courses.

### Architectural services approved

Architectural services for the Cuyamaca College Business/CIS Building and the Grossmont College Health Sciences Building were approved. Trustee **Caruthers** inquired about the selection process since no Board members participated. Vice Chancellor **Austin** replied that Board members should have been involved and will be involved in the future.

### New phones approved

The Governing Board approved the purchase of new telephones for new facilities. The purchases will be funded with Prop R bond funds.

### Position retained by Board

Responding to a request from Administrators Association President **Brad Tiffany** and comments from Vice Chancellor-Human Relations & Labor Relations **Ben Lastimado**, the Governing Board voted against deleting the position of Associate Dean,

#### Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Wendell R. Cutting, Bill Garrett, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Pat Ardilla, Cathy Keyes

Chancellor: Omero Suarez, Ph.D. • Grossmont Interim President: Dean Colli, Ed.D. • Cuyamaca President: Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.

Leadership & Economic Development Institute, President's Office at this time. All other personnel items were approved.

## Cutting inspires fundraising

Phi Beta Kappa Director of Community Service **Stephanie Manderville** said members raised \$550 in memory of Board member Wendell Cutting at the American Cancer Society "Relay for Life." PTK team members walked 93 miles. "We know Wendell would have been there cheering us on every step," said **Manderville**. An attractive display of their work was part of **Manderville's** presentation.

## Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** reported that it has been a busy week, starting with the Grossmont College Convocation. "It was great to hear about the highlights of the last year, and our academic excellence," she said. **Weeks** also complimented **Jan Ford** on the Cuyamaca College Student Services and Academic Master Plans received at the July Board meeting.

Trustees **Rick Alexander** and **Bill Garrett** complimented Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** on the Convocation program.

Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** asked **Dr. Ben Lastimado**, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, and Chancellor **Omero Suarez** about the status of budget information he requested.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Cathy Keyes** thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend a student trustee workshop in Santa Clara.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Pat Ardilla** reported on ASCC's activities, including participation in a calling campaign to encourage enrollment.

**Zoe Close**, United Faculty president, said she was happy to hear Chancellor **Suarez** express his commitment to hiring more full-time faculty as well as Trustee **Alexander's** pledge to increase the salaries of part-time faculty.

**Beth Smith**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, announced that English Professor **Gary Phillips** was selected as the 2006-05 Distinguished Faculty Member.

**Smith** questioned the number of college president applicants to be forwarded to the Board, and the discussion topic of governance on the agenda of the upcoming Board retreat. Chancellor **Suarez** said, "There is a commitment by the Board and myself to bringing the district together." He, along with Governing Board President **Weeks**, noted that the planned discussion of Board governance was appropriate for Board discussion and learning with an outside facilitator.

**Jan Ford**, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, reported that faculty is back at work. At the Instructional Council Retreat this week, activities included discussions on retaining students, accreditation self-study, and the academic master plan.

**Dave McDade**, CSEA representative, said staff have been "busy helping students get enrolled and started on their journey."



## Grossmont College Report

- Interim Grossmont College President **Dean Colli** reported that due to intensive outreach efforts, Fall 2006 enrollment is up slightly, and Summer 2006 enrollment was up 2.4 percent.
- **Dr. Colli** said 27 new nurses were graduated from the Welcome Back program and are now eligible to sit for the state licensing exam. The third class of Welcome Back participants is currently being selected and will begin training later this month.
- **Dr. Colli** thanked the Counseling Department for putting on "Parents' Night" for 120 parents of first-time Grossmont students.



## Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** announced that Automotive Technology and Ornamental Horticulture Programs were featured on KUSI News on August 8, and the Fitness Center was the subject of a "Staying Healthy" report on KGTV 10 News August 2.
- **Dr. Perri** reported on two graduations: thirteen in Ford ASSET on July 26 with all graduates already employed and ten high school students

from the Cuyamaca Prep Program, an innovative collaboration with the County Office of Education.

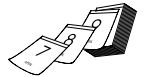
- Automotive Technology Coordinator **Jim Custeau** was selected in a competitive process to attend an intensive industry training on hybrid cars in Dayton, Ohio.

## Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employee **Timothy Johnson**, custodian.

Congratulations to **Jeanine Carson**, buyer, intermediate, on her new assignment with the District.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Randall Abshier**, Exercise Science instructor/baseball coach; **Priscilla Rogers**, Business instructor; and **Michael Barendse**, Accounting instructor.



## Calendar of Events

*Thursday, August 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*  
Second Annual "First 15 Hours" Luncheon, Grand Lawn, Cuyamaca College

*Wednesday, September 20, 4:30 p.m.*  
Grossmont College Foundation Night at the Padres, Main Quad BBQ; transportation to the game at 5:45 p.m.

## Next Meetings

A Governing Board Adoption Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 4 p.m. at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College.

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 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

During the public comment period, **Nancy Rundberg** expressed her unhappiness with the cost of textbooks, **Bill Hoaglin** asked leadership to create dialogue and apply equalization funds to salary increases, and **Craig Milgrim** inquired about district labor issues, legal costs, and the Public Employment Relations Board.