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NEWS FROM THE JUNE 6 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Luncheon celebrates 10th anniversary of Chancellor/Classified Senate awards



Governing Board members, Classified Senate President Pat Murray, Chancellor Omero Suarez and others reported on the high spirits and good camaraderie found at the Chancellor/Classified Senate Awards luncheon on May 24. More than 70 honorees were celebrated, some of whom are shown above. Chancellor Suarez and others praised Pat Murray for her outstanding leadership.

Tentative Budget approved

The District's 2006-07 Tentative Budget was approved by the Governing Board following a discussion about budget highlights, dilemmas and challenges.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said the state is in good fiscal shape, and news about equalization funding is positive. There are resources for a sound cost of living adjustment (COLA), and for growth, but funding will decrease if enrollment drops. "We're extra concerned about the need to recruit more students," said **Suarez**. "We all need to commit to work on this issue."

Jim Austin, Vice Chancellor-Business Services, said if enrollment stays flat, the District would lose \$1.5 million in funding. He said the Tentative Budget assumes that enrollment levels will be restored.

Austin reported there is a 5 percent contingency in the budget to fund work

unit settlements. He also explained that increased property tax revenue, due to increased property tax values, benefits the state budget, but does not increase revenue to our district.

Student trustees sworn in

Governing Board President **Deanna Weeks** administered the oath of office to newly elected student trustees **Cathy Keyes**, Grossmont College, and **Pat Ardilla**, Cuyamaca College, who will serve through the 2006-07 academic year. Board members and others congratulated them.

CBOC members appointed

Trustees appointed **Karen Lanning**, a La Mesa CPA; **Clifford Diamond**, El Cajon police chief and a member of the Grossmont College Administration of

Justice Advisory Committee; and **Brian Hash**, ASCC president, to the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and extended the term of Grossmont College student member **Cindy Valenzuela-Diaz**.

GSFCU marks 50 years

Steve Devan, President/CEO of the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, expressed appreciation to the Governing Board for their adoption of a resolution honoring GSFCU's years of continuous service to the District and its employees.



Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** reported her attendance at many college events over the last three weeks, including both colleges' commencement ceremonies,

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.

the Grossmont College recognition awards, Cuyamaca College transfer achievement celebration, Chancellor/Classified Senate Awards luncheon, employee retirement dinner, and Office Professional Training graduation. **Weeks** also made presentations to Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. "These colleges really resonate with the community," said **Weeks**.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** noted the Spring Garden Festival was "more packed than I've ever seen it."

Trustee **Bill Garrett** attended the Grossmont College faculty recognition event, and said he's concerned about the large number of retirees this year.

Cuyamaca College student trustee **Pat Ardilla** reported a busy month for the Associated Students including the transfer achievement celebration, Spring Garden Festival, and commencement. "Cuyamaca College is a shining landmark on the academic journey," said **Ardilla**.

Chancellor Suarez and trustees commended everyone on both campuses for their outstanding work on commencement ceremonies.

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, reported formation of a task force composed of faculty, staff and students to examine implementation of the district's new copyright policy. The group will return to the Governing Board with recommendations this fall.

Bob Eygenhuysen, Tobacco Task Force chairman, told trustees the Task Force is designing a survey to poll employee groups about implementation of a new smoking policy.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** asked the Governing Board to consider the importance of salary increases for recruiting and retaining professional staff. Board President **Deanna Weeks** assured **Close** that the Board shares these concerns.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, thanked the district offices for providing information to the District Allocation Task Force and provided an update on the Academic Senate's efforts to assess distance education programs.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, distributed a report on the Academic Senate's activities for 2005-06 and their role in shared governance at the college and district levels.

Pat Murray, Classified Senate president, said Senate members are concerned about declining enrollment and will help with outreach efforts.

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, said CSEA is hosting a benefits workshop for members.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** announced that outgoing CBOC Chairman **Ernie Ewin** will become the Interim Executive Director of the Grossmont College Foundation.
- Dr. Colli** reported that Grossmont College has won one of two state "Quick Start" grants of \$450,000 to provide opportunities for middle, high school, and community college students in health care jobs and science coursework.
- Weekend outreach efforts start on June 17 and continue for ten weeks at Parkway Plaza in El Cajon.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine Perri** said the Spring Garden Festival drew a record crowd of 6,000 and record nursery sales of \$14,000.
- Dr. Perri** said the Professional Development Academy has served 1,700 students with customer service and supervision skills training.
- Eight faculty members will mentor SDICCCA interns for the 2006-2007 academic year in an effort to increase the size and diversity of faculty hiring pools.

Staff notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes new classified employees **Rosalee Clanton**, Ornamental Horticulture Assistant II; and **Laura Keller**, Evaluations Advisor.

Welcome to new Grossmont College classified employee **Kelly Menefee**, Financial Aid Assistant.

Welcome to new District employees **Ricardo Galicia** and **Beau Simi**, Electrical Technicians, Senior; and **Jon Langteau** and **Douglas Platt**, Electrical Technicians, Lead.

Congratulations on their new assignments to classified employees **Ron**

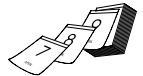
Adams, General Maintenance Worker, Senior, Grossmont College; **Lynne Davidson**, Administrative Secretary, Institutional Research, District; **Joel Lopez**, Campus Operations Assistant, Grossmont College; and **Ricardo Macias**, Printing Operations Assistant, Grossmont College.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **John Al-Amin**, Vice President, Administrative Services; **Angela Feres**, History Instructor; **Michele Perchez**, Biology Instructor; **Peter Schmidt** and **Gareth Davies-Morris**, Humanities Instructors; and **Christine Vicino**, Occupational Therapy Instructor.

Cuyamaca College welcomes new academic employee **Dr. Joseph Marron**, Vice President, Student Services, and **Kim Dudzik**, Biology Instructor.

The District welcomes new academic employee **Dr. Robert Hertel**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning & Research.

Calendar of events



Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 p.m. Ford ASSET Graduation, Automotive Technology Complex, Cuyamaca College

Next meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 18, 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

Grossmont College students **Cindy Valenzuela-Diaz** and **Farrah Moore** expressed ASGC's hope that the Tobacco Task Force would resolve the campus smoking issue soon. **Valenzuela-Diaz** also reviewed ASGC's sponsorship of campus events and thousands of dollars in donations.

La Mesa resident **Paul Erheart** and former GC student **Nancy Rundberg** also addressed the board.