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NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER 17 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

GC faculty welcomed

Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** introduced **Beth Smith**, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, to present the new faculty, highlighting their impressive backgrounds. The new instructors are **Michael Barendse**, Accounting; **Cheryl Campbell**, Health Education and Exercise Science; **Gareth Davies-Morris**, Humanities; **Angela Feres**, History; **Tate Hurvitz**, English; **Steve Johns**, Exercise Science; **Helen Liesberg**, ESL; **Barbara Loveless**, ESL; **Susan Mason**, Nursing; **Michele Perchez**, Biology; **Priscilla Rogers**, Business; **Pete Schmidt**, Humanities; **Allison Shearer**, Biology; **Karl Sherlock**, English and Creative Writing; and **Christi Vicino**, Occupational Therapy Assistant. **Cynthia Shields**, Interim Associate Dean, EOPS, was also introduced.

Phillips introduced as Distinguished Faculty Member

English Instructor **Gary Phillips** was introduced as this year's Distinguished Faculty Member at Grossmont College. Academic Senate President **Beth Smith** lauded **Phillips'** accomplishments, not only in the classroom, but his service on many committees, including work on accreditation and course alignment. "**Gary** embodies what it means to be Distinguished Faculty in so many ways," said **Smith**. **Phillips** thanked everyone who participated in his nomination.

Soto receives Chancellor/ Classified Senate Award



Julio Soto

Julio Soto, Grossmont College Financial Aid Advisor, received the second quarter Chancellor/ Classified Senate Award. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said **Soto** "works diligently with all students, in every possible way." **Kari Crawford**, Classified Senate Secretary (Cuyamaca), read this description of **Soto**: "One thing that amazes us is how many times Julio has personally walked a student across campus to get them where they need to be." Said **Michael Copenhaver**, Director of Financial Aid, Grossmont, "He is truly dedicated to serving and empowering students."

District technology progress reported

Henry Eimstad, Interim Senior Director of Information Systems, reported that a tremendous amount of work has been put into the technology support and infrastructure of new buildings on both campuses, including computer networks and telephone services. "New buildings without technology wouldn't work," said **Eimstad**. Expansion of wireless access, improvements in distance learning technology, and plans for support of new technology are all current priorities.

Prop R report

Gafcon Program Manager **Joe Minner** reported steady progress on all current construction projects. Furniture and equipment is being moved into the Grossmont Science Laboratory Building, and the Grossmont Digital Arts and Sculpture Building complex is on schedule for its January 2007 opening.

Minner told trustees that Gafcon continues to track payment to the 100-plus contractors and is accomplishing its goal of payments in 30 days or less.



Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** commented on the front-page article about Proposition R repairs in *The Daily Transcript* newspaper. **Weeks** reported on the many events attended this month, singling out the Classified Senate Retreat, opening of the new Children's Discovery Trail at the Water Conservation Garden, and a meeting with the Associated Students of Cuyamaca College.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Cathy Keyes** said the Associated Students participated in a retreat last week that was helpful.

Trustee **Dr. Timothy L. Caruthers** attempted to present and discuss personnel and legal issues not docketed for discussion. President **Weeks** informed **Caruthers** he was out of order, and **Caruthers** exited the meeting.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** attended the Classified Senate retreat and

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., 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.

complimented the group on a great job. He thanked sponsors of the recent candidate forums.

Trustee **Bill Garrett** attended the Grossmont College Scholarship Awards, and congratulated Student Trustee **Cathy Keyes** on receiving a scholarship.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Pat Ardilla** reported on activities including the successful Chaldean Culture College Hour, the ASCC voter registration drive, and publication of the new "Student Survival Guide," a booklet for first time students.

Sue Rearic, Associate Vice Chancellor-Business Services, reported that the District successfully filed its annual "311 report," a state financial report consolidating fiscal information. She highlighted compliance with the 50 Percent Law.

Dr. Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources and Labor Relations, reported that it's open enrollment time for employee health benefits and meetings to discuss them are scheduled for both campuses and the district office in November.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, noted that of the sixteen new faculty, only two represent new positions. **Smith** and **Bonnie Schmiede**, Grossmont College Transfer Center Coordinator, will attend the State Academic Senate plenary session next week. **Smith** commented on a newly released study about part-time faculty and graduation rates.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, thanked **Dr. Geraldine Perri**, **Pat Ardilla**, and **Deanna Weeks** for attending the Academic Senate meeting last week. She said Cuyamaca will also attend the State Academic Senate plenary session. **Ford** congratulated grant writers for securing funding to purchase a gene sequencer, which will be used in a variety of classes, and for research.

Kari Crawford, Classified Senate Secretary (Cuyamaca), said the deadline for nominations for the next quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award is November 17.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** announced Grossmont has earned inclusion in Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, a special

designation with the U.S. military for colleges that have earned a quality reputation with regard to educational services for the armed forces.

- Dr. Colli** reported four first place awards for the District's joint College Speech and Debate team at its first tournament of the season.
- On October 13, Grossmont College was presented the American Society of Anesthesia Technicians and Technologists Region 6 Educational Award for 2006, for "continued dedication in sponsoring, promoting and furthering education, thus advancing professionalism among anesthesia technicians and technologists."



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** reported that Cuyamaca College's Disabled Students Programs and Services received a \$10,000 grant from the Grossmont Healthcare District for adapted computer technology.
- Dr. Perri** thanked the Associated Students leadership team, including Student Trustee **Pat Ardilla** and ASCC President **Brian Hash**, for its "wonderful spirit under their leadership," and for tackling many issues and projects.
- On October 5, the Cuyamaca College Athletic Track was re-opened with a brand-new running surface. **Dr. Perri** thanked the Cuyamaca College Foundation for its donation.

Staff Notes

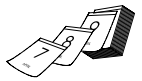
The District welcomes new classified employees **LaKisha LeCompte**, Clerical Assistant; **Sandra Rosenthal**, Secretary; **Valeri Wilson**, Chancellor/Governing Board Office Assistant; **Nicholas Wilson**, Public Safety Officer; and **Pamela Wright**, Institutional Research Planner.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College employee **John Thomas**, Ornamental Horticulture Technician, and new Grossmont College employee **James Recktenwald**, General Maintenance Worker, Senior.

Congratulations to **Kenneth Coleman**, Public Safety Officer, on his new assignment.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employee **Adelle Schmitt**, English Instructor.

Calendar of Events



Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:30 p.m. Grossmont College Walk of Fame Gala, Barona Valley Ranch Resort

Monday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. University Transfer Fair, Grand Lawn, Cuyamaca College

Sunday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m. Grossmont Master Chorale, Grossmont Gospel Choir, and Martin Luther King Jr. Community Choir of San Diego "Classical Meets Gospel," Santa Sophia Catholic Church

Thursday, Nov. 9 – Thursday, Dec. 7 Student Fine Art Exhibition, Learning Resource Center, Cuyamaca College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14, 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.

Chancellor's Open Office Hours

Cuyamaca College in the President's Conference Room on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 8 a.m.

Grossmont College in the Chancellor's Office on Nov. 2 at 11 a.m.

Public Comments

Cindy Valenzuela-Diaz, ASGC Vice President, asked Governing Board members to provide a science tutoring center, said students want to be certain their voices were heard through their vote on the campus smoking issue, and inquired about ASGC responsibilities to update software licenses.

Crystal Sudano, Grossmont College student, said there is a need for more electrical outlets available to students for laptop computer use and also posed questions in regard to possible funding for parking lot repairs.

Mary Rider, Grossmont College Counselor, commented on remarks made by Board members running for re-election at a recent candidate forum.