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NEWS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 19 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

UF agreement approved

The Governing Board approved 3-0 (**Bill Garrett** absent) an agreement for 2005-06 between the United Faculty and the District. United Faculty president **Zoe Close** said, "United Faculty is very pleased at having completed negotiations and reached agreement. Faculties at both campuses are very happy with this agreement. The vote was practically unanimous in obtaining approval at both colleges." **Close** noted the progress made in addressing the concerns of part-time faculty.

Governing Board President **Deanna Weeks** remarked, "I'd like to say how pleased the Board is also that we have a three-year agreement and that it addresses some Governing Board priorities: increasing the full-time/part-time ratio, increasing salaries across the board and increasing the compensation for our part-time faculty."

CSEA receives award

Sandy Beasley, CSEA Chapter 707 President, announced that the Chapter received the statewide "Most Progressed Chapter" award for its participation in CSEA's Membership Unity Program (MUP). MUP Coordinator **Yvonne Reid Hairston** and the team of **Nancy Asbury**, **Kasi Althaus** and **Martin DuBord** achieved all six of its objectives within six months, including developing unity, increasing meeting participation 45 percent,

and communicating regularly via newsletter/ Web site.

State CSEA Public Relations Committee representative **Katy Kellers** presented CSEA newsletter editor **Deanna Thompson** with the "Golden Pen" award for "Inside Scoop." **Kellers** said, "Be proud of your classified employees and all the hard work they have done."



Governing Board President Deanna Weeks congratulates the winning CSEA team: (L-R) Martin DuBord, Deanna Weeks, Kasi Althaus, Nancy Asbury, Yvonne Reid Hairston, and Sandy Beasley.

Accreditation efforts on track

Accreditation Committee leaders from both colleges presented informational progress reports.

Cuyamaca College co-chairs **Michael Wangler** and **Dr. Cristina Chiriboga** said all sections are in draft form. Planning agendas are targeted for fall 2006, with a college review and approval expected in spring 2007. **Wangler** said there have been many focus groups with broad-based participation. He presented "before and

after" examples of the incorporation of student learning outcomes.

Grossmont College co-chairs **Chuck Passentino** and **Dr. Bonnie Price** said nine teams made up of 103 participants are focused on different standards. **Passentino** created a Style Guide to help authors unify language in each section. **Price** reported that a Web site is helping teams complete their work. The committee expects the first campus review in December, with a draft posted to the Web site by Jan. 31, 2007. The Governing Board will receive it in late spring.

Smoking survey results

Bob Eygenhuysen, director of Risk Management, and **Bob Hertel**, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor, Districtwide Academic, Student, Planning and Research Services, presented the results of the District Tobacco Use Survey. **Eygenhuysen** said there is a lot of support for designated smoking areas and a smoke-free campus. The Smoking Task Force recommendation will proceed through the shared governance process. The Governing Board will receive a recommendation by the end of the semester.

Contract review requested

Trustee **Rick Alexander** asked that a proposed contract with Benefit and Risk Management Services be reviewed prior to Board approval. The item was pulled.

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.

Adoption Budget

Trustees approved the District's \$350 million adoption budget. **Sue Rearic**, Associate Vice Chancellor-Business Services, said the budget was introduced at a Board workshop and there was "lots of interest, lots of follow-up and lots of dialogue."

Board policies revised

The Governing Board approved revisions to Board Policies 2105 (Election of Student Members), 2725 (Board Member Compensation), 3540 (Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus), 3720 (Computer and Network Use), and 6900 (Bookstores).



Reports to the Board

Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Jim Austin** reported Chancellor **Omero Suarez** and Trustee **Bill Garrett** as absent from the Board meeting for medical reasons. **Austin** filled in for Chancellor **Suarez**, and Associate Vice Chancellor **Rearic** filled in for **Austin**.

Board President **Deanna Weeks** attended the "On Course" workshop and said she found it "excellent."

Trustees **Weeks**, **Rick Alexander** and **Bill Garrett** attended numerous events at both colleges in a busy start to the fall semester, including topping off ceremonies at Cuyamaca.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Cathy Keyes** thanked the Board for the new table in the Student Center and for the modern new bathrooms in the 500 building. **Keyes** invited all to the ASGC Open House on Sept. 26.

Cuyamaca College student trustee **Pat Ardilla** reported on Cuyamaca's very successful "First 15 Hours" event and the outstanding success of the "Let's Get Coyote Spirit" event.

Dr. Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources and Labor Relations, said the first Human Resources quarterly newsletter has been published. A recruiting experiment creating an in-house "job fair" was successful in increasing candidates for a position from five to forty.

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, praised the work of **Sandy Beasley** for her efforts. "She empowers people, promotes outstanding work, and

encourages participation," said **McDade**. He praised the hard work of all members and the classified leadership.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, said the Senate is working on a new mission statement.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate president, said the Senate is working on mission statements, and looking at a proposal to move to plus/minus grading. **Smith** also urged the Board to make progress on the full-time to part-time faculty ratio.

Zoe Close, United Faculty president, said United Faculty held workshops for members on meeting with students, and on political activities on campus.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** announced that the County Board of Supervisors proclaimed September 19 "Laura Berger Day" for **Berger's** rescue of a person who collapsed at Lake Murray.
- **Dr. Colli** welcomed **John Colson**, Interim Vice President, Student Services; **Kendra Jeffcoat**, Interim Associate Dean, Student Affairs; and **Cynthia Shields**, Interim Associate Dean, EOPS.
- **Dr. Colli** reported 29 Grossmont students received more than \$19,450 in scholarships at the September Scholarship Breakfast sponsored by the Grossmont College Foundation.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** said campus enrollment was up due to the efforts of the entire college community.
- **Dr. Perri** announced that Cuyamaca College was funded \$804,050 for a two-year Industry Driven Regional Collaborative (IDRC) grant to fund the development of non-credit English-as-a-Second-Language support for health and hospitality professions training.
- **Dr. Perri** announced that the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges adopted a new vision statement proposed by **Jan Ford**, math instructor and west vice president for AMATYC – "Opening Doors through Mathematics."

Staff Notes

Per an inter-jurisdictional contract agreement between the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges and the District, **Jim Austin** will serve as Interim Vice Chancellor, Fiscal Policy, for up to four months. Trustees said his appointment reflects well on the District's reputation on fiscal management.

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **Irene Bauza**, Account Clerk, Senior, and **Cheryl Converse-Rath**, Assistant College Cashier.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College employee **Cynthia Mendoza**, Child Development Center Aide.

Congratulations on their new assignments to **Maria Briney**, Purchasing Assistant, Senior, District, and **Joel Lopez**, Campus Operations Assistant, Grossmont College.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **John Colson**, Interim Vice President, Student Services, and **Cynthia Shields**, Interim Associate Dean, EOPS.

Welcome to academic employee **David Agosto**, EOPS Counselor, on his new assignment at Grossmont College.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Associated Students Open House, ASGC Office

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. Athletic Track Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Cuyamaca College

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

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2006, 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

Jon Christensen, former Grossmont College Interim Campus Budget Director and adjunct instructor, asked the Governing Board to move decision-making authority closer to programs and services.