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NEWS FROM THE JULY 18 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Cutting's legacy celebrated

Friends and colleagues expressed sadness at the death of governing board member **Wendell Cutting** after a long battle with cancer. Board President **Deanna Weeks** said, "We have lost a treasure." Trustee **Bill Garrett** said **Cutting** was "truly a man of principle," and Trustee **Rick Alexander** said that he "never saw any individual who cared more deeply for students and this institution." Trustee **Timothy Caruthers**, the college presidents and district vice chancellors echoed these positive thoughts, commenting on Wendell's "always putting others first," his sense of humor, the inspiration that he provided. They were joined in these sentiments by student, staff and faculty comments.

Citizens to fill board vacancy

The governing board voted to fill the governing board vacancy due to the death of **Wendell Cutting** through the regularly scheduled November 2006 election. Governing Board President **Weeks** said the public filled the seat and should do so again. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** reviewed the five legal options before the board.

Board appeals court decision

Governing Board President **Deanna Weeks** reported that the board voted unanimously in closed session to appeal the recent appellate court decision regarding the Cuyamaca College

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the State Supreme Court. (Note: Since the board meeting, the State Supreme Court has issued a relevant decision. A memo from Chancellor Suarez is forthcoming on the issue.)

Reyes honored with quarterly award



From left: Gene Morones, Interim Associate Dean Special Funded Programs; Omero Suarez, Chancellor; Ray Reyes, Assistant Financial Aid Officer; Pat Murray, Classified Senate Past President; Kari Crawford, Financial Aid Advisor

Ray Reyes, Cuyamaca College Assistant Financial Aid Officer, was chosen as the first recipient of the new quarterly Chancellor/Classified Senate Award. Several employees nominated **Reyes**. Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said, "This award highlights this special honor. Ray does outstanding work which has been recognized by many people in the district." Cuyamaca College Associate Dean **Gene Morones** said of Reyes, "There is no more deserving individual than Ray." Financial Aid Advisor and colleague **Kari Crawford** said, "He is passionate... he motivates us... he is an excellent representative of

Cuyamaca College and what we stand for." **Reyes** said, "I'm truly honored and privileged. We have a great staff, and we love giving access to our students."

Classified Senate representative **Pat Murray** presented **Reyes** with a \$250 gift certificate and a newly designed distinctive award.

Construction on track

Gafcon Program Manager **Joe Minner** reported that construction activities remain on schedule. Board members received project and program reports. The six buildings currently under construction are all scheduled for completion in 2007.

Labor compliance activities are ensuring that employees are being paid appropriately and contractors are being paid promptly, within 30 days, which is helping generate good bids.

Minner reported that **Ken Sobel** is the new Citizens Bond Oversight Committee chairman. The governing board confirmed **Scott Kidwell** as the newest appointee to the CBOC. **Kidwell** fills a slot specified for a person with construction expertise.

Employment contract extensions approved

The Governing Board approved one-year extensions of individual employment contracts for the chancellor, vice chancellor-human resources and labor relations, vice chancellor-business services, and Cuyamaca College

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.

president. Trustee **Timothy Caruthers** expressed that the contract process was "inconsistent" with the one-year contracts for other administrators.

Chancellor **Suarez** said it is common practice to extend contracts when the board is satisfied with the service provided and wishes to encourage them to stay at the district. He also said that for other administrators the district is beginning with one-year contracts and will move in the future in the direction of multi-year contracts.

Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** thanked everyone who contacted and met with her since the last board meeting.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Pat Ardilla** reported on the many ASCC activities including a year-end reception for students, the swearing-in of new board members, and ASCC leadership recruitment and orientation.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** thanked everyone involved in over seven and a half years of efforts in the district to win equalization funding. "At the end of the day, this accomplishment means more for this district than anything I can think of," said **Suarez**. Trustee **Rick Alexander** praised **Suarez's** leadership. "You persevered, and the whole community college system owes you a debt of gratitude."

Jim Austin, vice chancellor-business services, thanked faculty and staff for the hours put in on preparation of new instructional buildings.

Ben Lastimado, vice chancellor-human resources and labor relations, reported that the Tobacco Task Force had completed its employee survey, and will make a presentation at the August governing board meeting.

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, reported CSEA has been awarding book scholarships; there is an increasingly active membership; and he thanked outgoing Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** for her outstanding leadership. He invited everyone to attend the next Brown Bag meeting with Controller **Sue Rearic** to discuss the district's budget.

Rocky Rose, Classified Senate President, also encouraged attendance at the Brown Bag sessions, and announced the Classified Senate's annual planning

retreat on September 29.

Brad Tiffany, Administrators Association President, commented on remarks about contract extensions and interest in multi-year contracts.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, distributed the Student Services Master Plan and Academic Master Plan to trustees and noted that they are "working" documents.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, congratulated those involved in the equalization effort. She reported that the Academic Senate and the League of Women Voters have scheduled a candidates forum October 11.

Zoe Close, United Faculty President, said colleagues are sad to see Grossmont Vice President of Student Services **Peter White** leave the district.



Grossmont College Report

- Interim Grossmont College President **Dean Colli** introduced new Vice President-Administrative Services **John Al-Amin**.
- President **Colli** reported that the Forensics Technology Program hosted 101 Upward Bound students from the UCSD Summer Math and Science Program and nineteen local Girl Scouts were assisted by Weekend/Evening nursing program students.
- **Dr. Colli** said Summer 2006 final enrollment will end slightly on the plus side, and early reports on Fall 2006 enrollment are encouraging.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** said Summer 2006 enrollment headcount and units are up Outreach efforts continue for Fall 2006.
- **Dr. Perri** said Automotive Technology received certification for the GM ASEP training program. Kudos to **Chris Branton**, Automotive Technology instructor and the whole department.
- **Dr. Perri** said the Child Development Program passed its state review "with flying colors."

Staff Notes

Cuyamaca College welcomes new classified employee **William Lewon**,

Automotive Technology Technician.

Welcome to new Grossmont College classified employees **William Bown**, Learning Assistance Center Specialist; **Crystal Nguyen**, Printing Operations Technician; and **Frank Williams**, Financial Aid Supervisor.

The District welcomes new classified employees **Brandon Becker** and **Scott Smith**, Public Safety Officers; **Wendy Corbin**, Benefits Technician; and **Jaime Lyerly**, Clerical Assistant.

Congratulations to classified employees **Frank Laveaga**, Public Safety Supervisor; and **Barbara Hashiguchi**, Account Technician; on their new assignments.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Cheryl Campbell**, Health Education/Exercise Science Instructor; **Kendra Jeffcoat**, Interim Assistant Dean, Student Affairs; **Steve Johns**; Exercise Science Instructor/Football Coach; **Helen Liesberg**, ESL Instructor; and **Allison Shearer**, Biology Instructor.

Cuyamaca College welcomes **Cynthia Morrin**, Personal Development Instructor.

Calendar of Events



Monday, August 14, 7:30 a.m.

Grossmont College Fall 2006 Convocation, Student Center

Wednesday, August 16, 8 a.m. Cuyamaca College Fall 2006 Convocation, Gym

Next Meeting

A Governing Board Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 8, at 4 p.m. at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College.

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15, 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

During public comments, **Brian Hash**, new ASCC President, introduced himself. Other comments to the board were made by **Terrie Nichols**, **Paul Erhardt**, **Victoria Howitt**, **Monica Hernandez**, and **Gwenyth Mapes**.