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NEWS FROM THE APRIL 18 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Board policies updated

The Governing Board approved (4-0) new Board Policies 3715 (Intellectual Property) and 5052 (Open Enrollment), and adopted revisions to five additional Board Policies. Trustee **Tim Caruthers** was absent. The updates were carried forward from the March 2006 meeting after both Academic Senates asked for more time to review the policies. **Jan Ford** reported the Cuyamaca Academic Senate completed its review. **Beth Smith** said the Grossmont Academic Senate had not taken action. Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** and Chancellor **Omero Suarez** reported that the policies were reviewed at the Districtwide Executive Council. Grossmont College student **Rick Walker** expressed concern about the definition of intellectual property.

Emeriti faculty applauded

Mary Donnelly, Mike Matherly, and **Shannon O'Dunn** received recognition as Emeriti Faculty from Grossmont College. Academic Senate President **Beth Smith** and Interim President **Dean Colli** described the many years of service and dedication to students demonstrated by the emeriti faculty. Governing Board President **Deanna Weeks** pointed out they represent 115 years of experience. **Matherly** said, "If I could do it again, this is the best thing I could ever choose to do."



Chancellor Omero Suarez, Governing Board President Deanna Weeks, and Vice Chancellor-Human Resources Ben Lastimado welcome Grossmont College's new mascot, Gizmo Griffin.

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From Closed Session

The Governing Board voted 4-0 to settle a dispute between a classified staff member and the District with salary and benefits payments and the staff member's resignation.

Construction on schedule

Gafcon Senior Project Managers **Joe Davies** (Grossmont) and **Erik Reuter** (Cuyamaca) reported that most construction activities are on schedule. They reviewed in more detail the labor compliance and dashboard programs.

Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** said she had spent about 50 hours in the last month in various college-related meetings and they had all been informative. She and Trustee **Bill Garrett** attended a Grossmont College English Department meeting where, she said, "The discussion about developmental classes was particularly interesting."

Weeks said Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** is recovering at home from heart bypass surgery.

Trustee **Wendell Cutting** thanked the college community for the many cards, notes and good wishes. "I really love this district and love the people who work here," said **Cutting**.

Trustee **Garrett** said he learned State Senator **Christine Kehoe** has asked for a legal opinion about the ability of student trustees to hold jobs in the District where they are a trustee and that the board should follow up.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** attended Classified Staff Appreciation Day and said it was nice to see people out there "getting excited."

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Jennifer Cortez** reported a great turnout for the "hatching" of the new Grossmont College mascot, called "Gizmo Griffin." Student elections are coming up, including an advisory vote on smoking.

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

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

STUDENT MEMBERS: Jennifer Cortez, Bill Stanford

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

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations, said the board will appeal the Public Employees Review Board (PERB) Administrators Association decision.

The California Teachers Association has filed a petition on behalf of Grossmont College part-time faculty. Vice Chancellor **Lastimado** said the District will not take sides in this filing.

Dana Quittner, Sr. Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, reported there is a push for legislation on accountability; an effort to place bonds onto the September 2006 ballot that could increase the percentage of the money that goes to community colleges for facilities; and work on equalization.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** reflected on the opportunity human beings have to remake themselves.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, presented a resolution calling for technical assistance. Trustee **Garrett** said he had, according to their Academic Senate minutes, thought they were going to meet with the Chancellor first and work through the college president also. **Smith** said the resolution was for information only.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President, reported the Senate will be reviewing the work of numerous committees next month.

Marie Ramos read a statement from the Administrators Association thanking Association members for their support before the PERB and said they look forward to a productive relationship with the governing board.

Kurt Brauer, Classified Senate representative, reported over 200 attended the very successful Classified Staff Appreciation Day and announced the luncheon on May 24 kicking off the new Chancellor/Classified Senate Award and honoring the past 10 year's award winners.

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, thanked the board for its support of Staff Appreciation Day, and said he was pleased about the employee settlement.

Police and staff praised

Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Jim Austin** reported former district employee Dan Varela is in jail as a result of his conviction for theft of public funds from the District. **Austin** said the illegal actions were exposed through normal district accounting office procedures. He commended the fine work done by Chief **Joel Javines** and numerous staff members who assisted.

Austin also thanked Grossmont College staff members **Michael Perez**, **Carla Daugherty**, and **Sharon Cox** who were instrumental in assisting the Public Safety Department's interception of an attempted abduction of a student and her child and apprehension of an armed man.



Grossmont College Report

- Interim Grossmont College President **Dean Colli** announced the March "Fine Arts Affaire" raised more than \$15,000 for programs at Grossmont.
- In national competition, Grossmont publications and marketing materials won three gold Paragon Awards. In statewide competition, three entries won first place awards.
- **Dr. Colli** reported that next fall's study abroad program in Florence, Italy, is full and has a waiting list. Kudos to **Kats Gustafson** and team for their outstanding work promoting the Semester Abroad experience.



Cuyamaca College Update

- **Dr. Geraldine Perri** congratulated Chemistry Instructor **Laurie LeBlanc**, Math Instructor **Terrie Nichols**, and Ornamental Horticulture Instructor **Robert Mazalewski** for being selected to attend a National Science Foundation sponsored workshop this summer in Buffalo, New York.
- **Dr. Perri** reported the men's and women's track and field teams had their largest number of competitors in their history.
- Humanities Instructor **Emily Sampson** has a newly published book

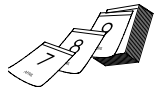
entitled *With Her Own Eyes, the Story of Julia Smith, Her Life, and Her Bible*.

Staff Notes

Congratulations to classified employees **Alvin Salvanera**, custodian, senior, Cuyamaca College; and **Patricia Sparks**, administrative secretary, Administrative Services, Grossmont College, on their new assignments.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Gabrielle Bays** and **Susan Mason**, medical-surgical nursing instructors; **Barbara Loveless**, English as a second language instructor; and **Temma Al-Muhktar**, associate dean, health professions.

Calendar of Events



Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. 44th Annual ASGC Academic and Service Awards Ceremony, GC Student Center

Saturday, April 29, 5:30 p.m. Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance, Mission Bay Hilton

Tuesday, May 2, 9 a.m.–12 noon 12th Annual Career Fair, Grand Lawn, Cuyamaca College

Monday, May 8, 10 a.m. Grossmont College Foundation's Brad Daluiso Golf Classic, Singing Hills Country Club

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, 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

Rosalyn Johnson, ASCC President, reported on numerous campus events.

Farrah Gross, ASGC President, thanked trustees for supporting the joint Forensics Speech and Debate Team's trip to national competition.

Rick Walker, GC student, commented on his legal appeal.