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NEWS FROM THE MARCH 21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Strong growth for Foundations, Auxiliary

The District Auxiliary, Grossmont College Foundation and Cuyamaca College Foundation presented 2004-05 activity reports to the Governing Board.

Grossmont College Foundation President **Ken Sobel** said its fund stands at just over one-half million dollars, with \$135,000 given out in grants and \$10,000 in student scholarships.

The Foundation has established the Wendell Cutting Fund for Students, providing support to help students in a crisis to continue their education.

Cuyamaca College Foundation President **Patty McCormack** said it was a "banner year" with record fundraising. The Foundation was able to present a \$105,000 grant at the Spring Convocation for campus needs.

Auxiliary Executive Director **Stan Schroeder** reported a 24 percent increase in the number of grants and contracts administered by the Auxiliary, totaling \$2.2 million. Schroeder said the focus is building capacity and flexibility to pursue more grants and donations.

Board Policies updated

The Governing Board approved updates to Board Policies 2315 – Closed Sessions; 2360 – Board Minutes; 2410 – Policy and Administrative Procedures;

New Chancellor/Classified Senate Award unveiled

Classified Senate Vice President **Maggie Gonzales** and Chancellor **Omero Suarez** announced the new Chancellor/Classified Senate Award Program. Chancellor **Suarez** noted that

2006 marks the 10th year of the award celebrating 100 outstanding classified staff. **Gonzales** praised the hard work of Classified Senate President **Pat Murray** over many months to move revision of the award forward.



Chancellor Omero Suarez and Classified Senate Vice President Maggie Gonzales

Photo by Phu Nguyen

Gonzales said the new award will be given on a quarterly basis with all classified staff eligible. Recipients will receive an engraved crystal award, a \$250 gift certificate, and lunch with the chancellor and board president. "We want to promote interest in and renew prestige to this

award," said **Gonzales**. She encouraged everyone to honor deserving employees by submitting a nomination.

2716 – Political Activity; 4020 – Program and Curriculum Development; 4220 – Standards of Scholarship; 5500 – Standards of Student Conduct; and 7240 – Confidential Employees.

Revisions of four additional Board Policies and adoption of three new Board Policies were removed from the docket to allow an additional month for review. They will be placed on the April meeting agenda.

From Closed Session

The governing board met in closed session to consider disciplinary action against a faculty member. The board voted unanimously 3-0 to dismiss the instructor for misconduct. The name is withheld pending review. (Trustees **Cutting** and **Weeks** were absent.)

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.

Sabbaticals benefit students

Cuyamaca College students enjoy new resources thanks to two completed sabbatical projects. **Brad Monroe**, Ornamental Horticulture instructor and program coordinator, surveyed horticulture sites on three continents in 12 countries, and brought back hundreds of photos and materials now available on the OH Web site. **Theresa Weedon**, CADD Technology instructor, studied modern technical labs and used the information to improve the labs at Cuyamaca. The labs now "are in really good shape," said **Weedon**.

Reports to the Board

Trustee **Rick Alexander** congratulated everyone who helped organize the Parent-Daughter Career Night at Cuyamaca College and passed on the thanks of Trustee **Wendell Cutting** for the many cards and notes he has received, reporting that **Cutting** says he is "getting his strength back."

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Jennifer Cortez** reported that signature gathering was successful and a smoking initiative will be on the April student election ballot. The ASCC is placing a similar measure on the ballot at Cuyamaca College. **Cortez** says the two associated student organizations are working together. She expressed concerns about declines in enrollment.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** reported the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) spring conference in Los Angeles was well attended. Other successful events include Women's History Month and the Parent-Daughter Career Night. **Stanford** said the ASCC and ASGC met with **Dana Quittner**, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information regarding equalization and joint marketing.

Chancellor **Suarez** congratulated **Brad Phillips**, executive director of the Cal-PASS program, for being named recipient of this year's David Mertes Award for Excellence in Community College Research by the Association of California Community College Administrators.

Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine Perri** and Grossmont College

Interim President **Dean Colli** presented the Districtwide Strategic Plan Annual Report and Accomplishments for 2003-04.

Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Jim Austin** complimented District Electronics Technician **Dan Cornett** for installing two new sound systems for recording board meetings. **Austin** said major construction projects are continuing on schedule despite recent rains.

Bob Eygenhuysen, director of Risk Management and chairman of the District's Tobacco Task Force, said the group would have recommendations by the end of April.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** requested larger meeting venues and that a request for back pay on behalf of ESL instructors be moved along.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate President, shared results of a college accreditation survey, telling the board, "There are issues here."

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, reported updates on a new online counseling service, a Web site for the transfer center and updated college technology plan at the Senate's last meeting.

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, invited everyone to participate in Classified Appreciation Day on April 10.

Grossmont College Report

- Interim Grossmont College President **Dean Colli** thanked ASGC board member **Charles Brown** for his active role in coordinating Black History Month events on campus.

- **Dr. Colli** announced the Nursing Department received a State of California \$175,000 grant to fund nursing program expansion.

- Members of the Grossmont College science faculty worked with middle school students in Spring Valley and Lakeside to help them prepare for the recent Science Olympiad.

Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine Perri** reported that 250 attended Parent/Daughter Career Night on March 14. Kudos to **Connie Elder** and her team volunteers for a "sensational night."

- **Dr. Perri** displayed a photograph of

Cuyamaca College's One-Stop Student Center featured in the March 2006 issue of *University Business* magazine.

- The State Chancellor's Office has approved Cuyamaca College's new associate degree in Communication Arts.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Robert Wright**, Automotive Technology technician, Cuyamaca College; **Anna Porto**, Admissions & Records assistant, Grossmont College; and **Sahar Abushaban**, Financial Analyst, District.

Welcome to Grossmont College Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs **Don Low**.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 6, 6 p.m. 25th Annual Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Awards Dinner, Level 30 Club, Qualcomm Stadium

Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremonies:
Friday, March 31, 6 p.m. Room 220, Grossmont Collage

Friday, April 21, 4 p.m. Water Conservation Garden, Cuyamaca College

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

Next Meeting

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

ASGC President **Farrah Gross** and ASGC board members **Adam Paul** and **Don McCloud** spoke on marketing and getting out the vote.

Val Eskridge, Grossmont College Instructional Media Services coordinator, urged a cost of living increase for CSEA members.

Other speakers were **Mary Rider**, **Rick Walker** and La Mesa resident **Paul Ehrhard**.