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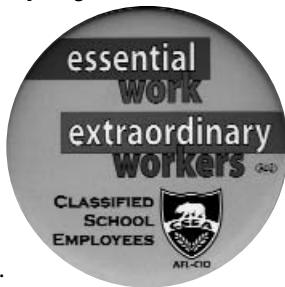
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NEWS FROM THE MAY 16 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Classified employees honored

Governing Board members passed a resolution honoring Classified Employees Week.



“...GCCCD wishes to honor the contribution of the classified professionals to quality education . . . and . . . declares the week of May 21-27, 2006, Classified School Employee Week in the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District.”

Dave McDade, CSEA representative, thanked the Board for passing the resolution, saying, “Without classified workers, schools would have a difficult time opening the doors in the morning and closing them at night . . . we think our employees do an extraordinary job.”

Cost concerns delay contract

Citing concerns over the escalating costs of textbooks, the governing board delayed approval of a 10-year contract with Barnes & Noble pending additional review and discussion. Trustee **Bill Garrett** said, “I want to make sure this change is a benefit to the District.” Board President **Deanna Weeks** expressed her concern about the length of the contract. Speakers **Rick Walker**, **Michael Golden**, and **Steve Tamanaha** urged trustees to find

ways to encourage competition and bring textbook prices down for students.

Student trustees saluted for service

Governing Board President **Weeks** presented certificates of appreciation to students **Jennifer Cortez**, **Bill Stanford**, and **Rick Walker** for their service as student trustees over the past year.

Smoking Policy Update

Bob Eygenhuysen, Tobacco Task Force chairman, reported on the recent student vote: Out of 782 votes, 344 votes were for smoke-free campuses. The remaining 430 votes were split between retaining the current 20 feet restriction and designated smoking areas. **Eygenhuysen** said the task force will work with shared governance groups to gather data, survey employees, and form a recommendation as quickly as possible.

Free summer parking

Governing board members voted to waive student parking fees for the Summer 2006 term at Cuyamaca College and Grossmont College.

EOPS presentation

Despite limitations in funding and workspace, Extended Opportunity

Programs and Services (EOPS) continue to be successful at both colleges. **Sandy Lyon**, associate dean of EOPS at Cuyamaca, and **Steve Tamanaha**, associate dean of EOPS at Grossmont, told trustees the need to assist low-income, educationally challenged students is growing. Although the state caps at 1,510 the number of EOPS students funded at GCCCD, 2,187 students have been served this year.

EOPS students show a higher rate of retention and return rate than the general campus population, and the same rate of degree applicable and transferable coursework. “We want to level the playing field for our students,” said **Tamanaha**.

Two students presented the positive impact of EOPS on their lives and educational accomplishments. Board president **Weeks** and others praised the program.

Reports to the Board

Board President **Deanna Weeks** announced that two district students were presented awards by the San Diego East County Economic Development Council Foundation, including financial and other recognitions.

Weeks thanked the many employees she has met with over the last month for sharing their thoughts and time with her.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** attended the Cuyamaca College Foundation dinner dance and Automotive Skills

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.

Day, and participated along with Trustee **Weeks** in the recent Community College League of California Trustees Conference.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Bill Stanford** was welcomed back and thanked everyone for their support during his absence. He reported that **Brian Hash** was elected ASCC president; **Rosalyn Johnson**, executive vice president; and **Pat Ardilla**, Student Trustee. The ASCC has participated in numerous successful events including the Career Fair, Blood Drive, and the summer and fall schedule debut.

Trustee **Bill Garrett** thanked Student Trustee **Stanford** and the other student trustees for their services and for bringing student concerns to the board. **Garrett** noted that the November 2006 education bond measure has a much larger percentage than usual for community colleges.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Jennifer Cortez** said it was an honor serving as Student Trustee. She reported student election results: **Sierra SeEVERS**, ASGC President, and **Cathy Keyes**, Student Trustee. **Cortez** hopes progress on the smoking initiative will continue.

Ben Lastimado, vice chancellor-human resources & labor relations, told trustees five vendors are competing to provide insurance policies to the District. Costs may drop by as much as \$150,000. The Board will review the proposals at its June 6 meeting.

Dana Quittner, Sr. Director, Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, reported the Governor's revised 2006-2007 state budget proposal contains good news. Major items include new funds for deferred maintenance and instructional equipment, local priorities, career technical education equipment, equalization and an increase in the cost of living adjustment (COLA).

Pat Murray, Classified Senate president, invited employees to submit nominations for the new Chancellor/Classified Senate Award.

Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, said the Senate hopes to move to a paperless staff development process.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate president, said common themes at the state academic senate spring plenary included part-time definition,

new graduation standards, and developing better resources for senates statewide.

Smith said senate representatives met with Chancellor **Omero Suarez** and Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** on its request for technical assistance.

United Faculty President **Zoe Close** said she hopes the budget end product will be a "healthy situation" for community colleges.



Grossmont College Report

- Grossmont College Interim President **Dean Colli** thanked everyone who planned and took part in a busy season of campus celebrations.
- **Dr. Colli** congratulated the Joint Forensics and the Culinary Arts teams for success in recent competitions.
- The college's Emergency Operations Committee has been working to test campus emergency preparedness.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine Perri** announced a record-breaking income of over \$100,000 from the 7th Annual Cuyamaca College Dinner Dance and Auction.
- Fifty high schools participated in the 27th annual Automotive Skills Day.
- **Dr. Perri** thanked the Cuyamaca Academic Senate leadership for its year of hard work including completion of three major plans.

Staff Notes

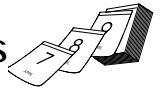
Welcome to new classified employees **Maria Gearhart**, multi-media assistant, Cuyamaca; **Antoinette Hernandez-Guccione**, payroll specialist, District; and **David Taylor**, general maintenance worker, senior-plumbing, Grossmont.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Beth Kelley**, exercise science instructor; and **Karl Sherlock**, English instructor; and Cuyamaca College welcomes **Henri Migala**, executive dean, institutional advancement.

Congratulations on their new assignments to classified employees **Jennifer Danks**, chancellor/governing board office supervisor, District; and

Sharron Hamlett, administrative secretary, Community Learning, Cuyamaca.

Calendar of Events



Friday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. GCCCD Retirement Recognition Dinner, Marina Village, San Diego

Wednesday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. 28th Commencement, Athletic Field, Cuyamaca College

Thursday, June 1, 5:30 p.m. 45th Commencement, Main Quad, Grossmont College

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, 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

Steve Devan, Grossmont College Foundation Board Secretary and President/CEO of the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union, passed along accolades from Assemblyman **Mark Wyland** for the District's efforts to secure equalization funding, specifically naming Chancellor **Suarez**.

Rick Walker, Grossmont College student, criticized the Governing Board for its response to his complaint.

Gary Stachwick, father of Grossmont College student **Glenn Stachwick**, spoke on behalf of his son's concerns about the District's new intellectual property policy. Vice Chancellor **Lastimado** said a task force will be put together to determine how to apply the new policy.

Meeting adjourned in Hansen's honor

Governing Board President **Weeks** adjourned the meeting in memory of **John S. Hansen**, Grossmont College's first president. Hansen passed away in Fresno on May 8. **Hansen** was president of Grossmont College from 1961 to 1966.