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NEWS FROM THE AUGUST 21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

From Closed Session

Following closed session, the governing board voted unanimously to expel two Cuyamaca College students. Prior to closed session, Grossmont College Student Trustee **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** spoke in support of one student and, in open session, cast an advisory vote in opposition to this student's expulsion. (Note: Student trustees do not attend closed sessions.)

On vacation – no pay

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** requested removal of the agenda item compensating her when she couldn't attend an August special board meeting. **Weeks** said she was on vacation and should not be compensated. Trustees **Timothy Caruthers** and **Bill Garrett** suggested that dollars waived could be donated to student scholarships.

Board raise OK'd

With a vote of 3-2 (**Alexander**, **Caruthers** and **Weeks** in support; **Garrett** and **Barr** opposed), the board approved increasing its monthly pay by five percent (\$46/month). Trustee **Alexander** said the last raise was in January 2004. United Faculty President **Zoe Close** urged trustees to look at the proposal through the lens of "total compensation" – including benefits, such

New Grossmont College faculty welcomed



John Colson, Grossmont College vice president of student services, and Tina Pitt, Grossmont College interim vice president of academic affairs, introduced Grossmont College's 16 new full-time faculty (14 replacements and two new positions). Pictured above, left to right, are Grossmont College President Sunny Cooke; Chris Hill, GC Academic Senate President; Joy Zozuk, nursing; Dave Dillon, counselor; Stephanie Plante, physics; Roxane BenVau, media librarian; Pearl Lopez, counselor; Tina Pitt; John Colson; Rick Alexander, Governing Board President; and Chancellor Omero Suarez. Unable to attend and not pictured were instructors Andrew Biondo, cardiovascular technology; Sky Chafin, psychology; Sonia Ghattas-Soliman, foreign language; Angelica L. Gish, child development; Jamie Ivers, exercise science; Melissa D. Olfert, exercise science; Amy L. Ramos, psychology; Bonnie J. Ripley, biology; Michele Scott, nursing; Scott Therkalsen, geography; and Diana Vance, chemistry.

as healthcare coverage – because "total compensation" is the term being used in negotiations.

Five-Year Plan OK'd

The board unanimously approved the district's five-year construction plan (2009-2014), for submission to the state Chancellor's Office. Grossmont College Student Trustee **Cyrstal Bernier-Sudano**

cast an advisory vote in opposition.

Wayne Beach, Associated Students of Grossmont College (ASGC) vice president, asked why the Grossmont College student center renovation wasn't on the list, and Chancellor **Suarez** explained that student centers are not eligible for state funding; the plan includes only state-funded projects.

Regarding an inquiry about the Grossmont College parking structure

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, Timothy L. Caruthers, D.C., Bill Garrett, Deanna Weeks

STUDENT MEMBERS: Crystal Bernier-Sudano, Audrey Causton

Chancellor: Omero Suarez, Ph.D. • Grossmont President: Sunita V. Cooke, Ph.D. • Cuyamaca President: Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.

project, **Tim Flood**, director of campus facilities and operations, said construction will begin in October with completion anticipated by December 2008.

Reports to the Board

• Trustee **Tim Caruthers** said he would like to look into legal counsel being available at governing board meetings. Board President **Rick Alexander** said the matter will be looked into.

• Trustee **Bill Garrett** reported that he met with Cuyamaca faculty and student representatives concerning the cost of textbooks and would like to have a similar discussion with Grossmont representatives.

Trustees **Garrett** and **Greg Barr** inquired about the timing of a survey involving counselors. Chancellor **Suarez** said the survey is part of a look into the workload of counselors to determine how best to meet student needs and that the timeline for response has been extended.

• Board President **Rick Alexander** said he attended the Cuyamaca College automotive program commencement and that it was good to see "...groups of kids who ...will have jobs, well-paying ones." He also praised both colleges' convocations.

• Grossmont College Student Trustee **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** said one of her goals is to have full participation by students and that it has been helpful to acquire a district e-mail account.

• Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Audrey Causton** said she recently attended a helpful statewide student trustee workshop, the community welcome for Grossmont College President **Sunita "Sunny" Cooke**, Lemon Grove's 30th anniversary and the Cuyamaca College Automotive Student Education Program (ASEP) graduation and enjoyed them all.

• **Bob Eygenhuysen**, risk management director, spoke about the recent training workshops on emergency preparedness hosted by Grossmont College and presented by the state chancellor's office.

• **Sue Rearic**, interim vice chancellor-business services, reported on the signing of the state budget as "generally good news."

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• **Chris Hill**, Grossmont College Academic Senate president, said the fall semester was off to a "great start" with Flex Week activities, the nursing department's Weekend/Evening

program's pinning ceremony Aug. 10, and fifteen faculty going to the state's basic skills workshop.

• **Jan Ford**, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, said the two colleges' academic senates held a joint meeting that included curriculum alignment and plus/minus grading. Cuyamaca faculty will also be attending the basic skills workshop.

• **Dave McDade**, Grossmont College Classified Senate vice president, commended the hiring of 14 new classified employees.

• **Zoe Close**, United Faculty president, thanked Trustee **Garrett** for his participation at a faculty retreat, noting that Trustee **Alexander** had attended in the past and hoping that others would attend in the future.

• **Jan Recktenwald**, CSEA Chapter 707 president, reported on her attendance at the CSEA convention in Las Vegas and the Healthcare Rally in Los Angeles.



Grossmont College report

• Grossmont College President **Sunita V. Cooke** reported the 4.9 percent enrollment increase and that an ROP class filled in 20 minutes.

• **Dr. Cooke** congratulated **Roxanne Tuscany**, communications professor, for the fifth place success of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Joint Forensics Team in speech/debate competition at Xian Jiatong University in China.



Cuyamaca College report

• Cuyamaca College President **Geraldine M. Perri** highlighted a nearly 8 percent enrollment increase, including 500 new students.

• She also noted that Cuyamaca will be likely to have the nation's first-ever community college student chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Staff notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees: **Linda Daley**, Administrative Secretary; **Stephen Harvey**, Photography/Videographer; **Tasha Kopshy**, Microbiology Technician; **Christopher Rodgers**,

Instructional Design Technology Specialist; and **Dianne Woodson**, Health Services Supervisor.

Cuyamaca College welcomes new classified employees: **Sam Hernandez Jr.**, Microbiology Technician; **Jane Lytle**, Senior Clerical Assistant; and **Pamela Withey**, Child Development Center Aide.

District Office welcomes new classified employees, **Sarah Donnelly**, Research Assistant; and **Sara Fralick**, Payroll Specialist.

Congratulations on new assignments to **Kim Frost**, Payroll Supervisor, District Office; **Daniel Lopez**, Health Sciences Technician, Senior, Grossmont College; and **Ricardo Macias**, Printing Operations Technician, Grossmont College.

Welcome to new academic employees at Grossmont College: **Angelica Gish**, Child Development and Family Studies Instructor; **Jennifer Newmann**, Assistant Dean, Grant/Contract Programs for Student Services; and **Michele Scott** and **Joy Zozuk**, Nursing Instructors. Congratulations to **Deborah Yaddow**, Interim Associate Dean, Health Professions, on her new assignment.

Welcome to new academic employees at Cuyamaca College: **Nicole Keeley**, EOPS Counselor; and **Christopher O'Byrne**, Accounting Instructor.

Calendar of Events



Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m. Scholarship Awards Breakfast at Grossmont College Student Center

Friday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m., Ceremony for Phase 2 of the Grossmont College Exercise Science and Wellness Center Remodel

Thursday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. Grand Opening of Cuyamaca College Student Center

Next Meeting

The governing board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Heritage of the Americas Museum at Cuyamaca College. Open session begins at 6:30 p.m. following a closed session at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Former student trustee **Rick Walker** spoke about the Brown Act.