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NEWS FROM THE FEBRUARY 20 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

CBOC annual report

Members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) for Proposition R presented its fourth annual report. Praising the board, district and college staffs and Gafcon, Chairman **Ken Sobel** reported on CBOC activities. He told board members the CBOC is the only committee in the state that conducted a performance review audit, and the fiscal and performance audits are all clean.

Arkan Somo, Communications Subcommittee chairman, reported that the CBOC Web site has been restructured and contains all meeting agendas and minutes since the committee's inception.

Harvey Goodfriend, Construction Subcommittee chairman, complimented district staff and Gafcon for their professional and superb execution of Prop. R projects to date.

Auxiliary, Foundations

District Auxiliary and Grossmont and Cuyamaca College Foundation reports were presented to the governing board.

Auxiliary Director **Stan Schroeder** reported a 64 percent increase in revenue, a much faster growth rate than expected. Auxiliary grants support 30 different programs.

Grossmont College Foundation Board President **Dr. Howard Dittrich** said the Foundation is looking at creating a strategic plan to help reach its goals to bring in more unrestricted funds.

Cuyamaca College Foundation Board President **Patty McCormack** reported an

New GC faculty welcomed at Board meeting



L-R: Dr. Dean Colli, Grossmont College Interim President; Francis Steindorf, Associate Dean, EOPS; and instructors Arturo Millan, Mathematics; Diana Vance, Chemistry; Lisa Maloy, Nursing; Dr. Jill Carleton, Communication; Barbara Gillespie, Business Office Technology; Brian Carter, Physics; Dr. Omero Suarez, Chancellor; Stanley Keys, Cardiovascular Technology; Agustin Albarran, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs; and Rick Alexander, Board President.

increase in assets of over \$90,000, with a goal of increasing scholarship funding.

Weiler Report yields recommendations

District counsel **Tim Garfield** and **Jack Sleeth, Jr.**, reviewed findings of the Weiler Report. **Garfield** listed three significant problems found with the process of approving contracts: contracts not being ratified in open session, poor documentation of precise board actions on contract matters, and minutes not specifying in full detail exactly what board actions have been taken.

Sleeth said there was no criminal conduct, but contract errors and record keeping processes are lacking. Trustee **Bill Garrett** asked district staff to review the findings and report back to the Governing Board on possible recommendations for action to correct these issues.

Other Board action

Board President **Rick Alexander** questioned the absence of Trustee **Timothy L. Caruthers** from a January 24, 2007, meeting. **Caruthers** said his work schedule did not permit him to attend. The resolution to excuse and pay Trustee **Caruthers** passed 4-0, with **Alexander** abstaining.

Crystal Sudano, Grossmont College student, questioned the lack of detail about agreements to be ratified. Interim Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Sue Rearic** said she would prepare a report and answer questions about the items cited.

Board President **Alexander** asked staff why costs were being incurred implementing the smoking policy and received information from GC President Colli.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** asked whether there was a requirement for

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

Rick Alexander, Greg Barr, 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.

producing sabbatical reports and about the implications of producing a textbook for profit during a sabbatical. United Faculty President **Zoe Close** said reports are required, and publication of materials elevate the institution and are governed by intellectual property agreements.

Board President **Rick Alexander** commended the District's Joint Forensics Team for its performance.

From Closed Session

In open session, the governing board voted 5-0 to issue a non-renewal of the employee contract for the Associate Dean of Health Professions and voted 4-0 with Trustee **Timothy Caruthers** abstaining to issue a non-renewal of the employee contract for the Dean of Continuing Education and Special Programs.

Sabbatical leaves

The governing board received for information the 13 sabbaticals approved by United Faculty for the 2007-08 academic year: Grossmont College—**Sydney Brown, Sheri Guseman, Bill Hoaglin, Suda House, Jeff Irwin, Marilyn Ivanovici, Bonnie Schmiege, and Malia Serrano**; Cuyamaca College—**Ezequiel Cardenas, David Detwiler, Laurie LeBlanc, Jodi Reed, and Kari Wergeland**.



Grossmont College Report

- Interim Grossmont College President **Dean Colli** thanked everyone who contributed to Grossmont's enrollment growth for Spring 2007.
- **Dr. Colli** congratulated ESL Instructor **Chuck Passentino**, who was selected as the recipient of the President's Leadership Award for 2006-2007.
- Student **Jenny Windrem's** audio entry was awarded third place in the Broadcast Education Association's national competition. **Windrem's** entry was the only award won by a community college student.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Cuyamaca College President **Dr. Geraldine M. Perri** congratulated everyone involved in the "institutional all hands effort" resulting in an increase in student enrollment and units.
- **Dr. Perri** reported the Regional Environmental Business Resource

Assistance Center (REBRAC) will partner with FEMA to develop new Homeland Security training courses for community colleges statewide.

- **Dr. Perri** commended the faculty, staff and students who are participating in the Accreditation self study.



Reports to the Board

Bob Hertel, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor-Districtwide Student, Academic, Planning and Research Services, presented an overview of the State Chancellor's Office accountability reporting process.

Hertel noted the sources of data and performance categories being measured. The report is a pilot study, with the final report issued in March.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Cathy Keyes** thanked the board for sending her to the Community College League of California's student trustee workshop in Sacramento.

Trustee **Bill Garrett** noted the excitement of the new buildings opening and reported he was asked to serve on the Grossmont Union High School District's Alpine site selection committee.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Pat Ardilla** discussed ASCC efforts to recruit and mentor new student government officers.

Trustee **Greg Barr** reported that his participation at the Community College League of California trustee workshop "taught me a lot about what a trustee does." **Barr** and Trustee **Deanna Weeks** reported on their lobbying efforts in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Beth Smith, Grossmont College Academic Senate president, reported that the California Academic Senate is considering a change in Title V regulations to address student cheating.

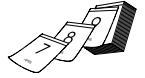
Jan Ford, Cuyamaca College Academic Senate president, congratulated foreign language instructor **Dr. Ezequiel Cardenas** and counselor **Greg Gomez** on their recent accomplishments.

Jan Recktenwald, CSEA President, reported on a successful officer skills training session.

Zoe Close, United Faculty president, expressed pleasure with the new Grossmont College faculty.

Dave McDade, Classified Senate representative, said the group has won the "Model Senate Recognition" Award in competition with all classified senate groups statewide.

Calendar of Events



Tuesday, March 6, 2:30 p.m. Arbor Day Celebration, Ornamental Horticulture Department, Cuyamaca College

Thursday, April 19, 10 a.m. Grand Opening, Science & Technology Mall, Cuyamaca College.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 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.

Staff Notes

Grossmont College welcomes new classified employees **Tiffani Amana** and **Thea Jackson**, Financial Aid Assistants; and **Geoffrey Aguilar, Mark Brown, Derek Cron, Felipe Perez, and Francis San Juan**, Custodians.

Welcome to new Cuyamaca College classified employees **Sheryl Eaves**, Program Specialist, CalWorks; **Joseph Osborne**, Custodian; and **Angham Yousif**, Instructional Lab Assistant, Intermediate.

The District welcomes new classified employee **Nicole Boyer**, Risk Management Assistant.

Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Laurie Jordan, Cheryl Mattas, and Lisa Maloy**, Medical-Surgical Nursing Instructors; and **Tina Pitt**, Interim Vice President, Academic Affairs.

Congratulations to **James Duddy**, General Maintenance Worker, Senior, and **Pat Murray**, Health Sciences Technician Senior, Grossmont College; and **Sue Rearic**, Interim Vice Chancellor-Business Services, District, on their new assignments.

Public Comments

Mary Rider, Grossmont College counselor, **Drew Massicot**, Grossmont College counselor, **Scott Barr**, Grossmont College DSPS Counselor, and **Crystal Sudano**, Grossmont College student, expressed various opinions.