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NEWS FROM THE JULY 15 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

From Closed Session

Board President **Bill Garrett** reported that in Closed Session, the board voted 5-0 to suspend a district custodian for three days without pay.

DEC information

In response to an inquiry at the June board meeting from Trustee **Timothy L. Caruthers**, trustees discussed methods for receiving information about Districtwide Executive Council (DEC) activities in advance of the governing board meeting. Staff will e-mail the DEC agenda to trustees a week prior to mailing the board dockets to see if this is responsive to the interest.

Gafcon Report

Jim Davies, Gafcon Program Manager, reported on progress of various Prop. R projects. At Cuyamaca College, the Vehicular and Pedestrian Circulation upgrade is in progress, creating new sidewalks and pathways to the Student Center, with completion next month.

A portion of the renovation of the Grossmont College Exercise Science & Wellness Complex was completed in time to allow use during the summer session. Groundbreaking for the Grossmont College Parking Structure took place on June 18 and work is under

way. Three of the bids for work on the Grossmont Health/Physical Sciences Complex came in significantly less than estimated. Initial construction work will begin before the fall semester.

New CBOC members appointed

The governing board appointed **Britannie Martinez** and **Pat Ardilla** to fill student vacancies on the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, with **Martinez** serving as the Grossmont College representative, and **Ardilla** as the Cuyamaca College representative. The terms of members **Karen Lanning** and **Clifford Diamond** were extended for a second two-year term. The CBOC currently has a vacancy for someone with construction expertise.

Other board actions

Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of **Cristina Chiriboga** as the Interim President for Cuyamaca College.

The governing board approved revisions to Board Policy 2745, Board Self-Evaluation. Board members will file a self-evaluation in even numbered years, and the results will be reviewed and used for board goal setting.

Board Policy 3840, Children on Campus, was approved with language to clarify that the policy applies to

students, employees and the public. Permissible exceptions are identified, such as a child participating in a class at the request of the instructor.

Trustees adopted new Board Policy 7111, College President Selection, which designates the roles of the chancellor and governing board in filling the vacancy. The chancellor recommends the search process to the board which makes final decisions on the process, position description, timeline, and search committee composition and appoints the community members. The chancellor and governing board will conduct final interviews and recommend a candidate for board approval.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** expressed his dismay at last minute discretionary changes to plans for the Cuyamaca College Business and Computer and Information Science Building that cause additional costs. He said he would vote against any such changes in the future. The item was unanimously approved.



Reports to the Board

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** said the textbook committee is almost complete with the exception of Academic Senate representatives, and a meeting will take place within the next few weeks.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** said new ASGC board

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Governing Board Members:

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

STUDENT MEMBERS: Dan Lewis, Charles Taylor III

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

members have all been sworn in. The ASGC is giving its office a facelift to make it more inviting to students. **Lewis** reported on recent donations, including \$100,000 for an electronic sign at the front of the Grossmont campus. **Lewis** thanked the ASGC for hosting a barbecue, saying it was a good opportunity to get to know AS members from Cuyamaca.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said the ASGC is busy planning its "First 15 Hours" event on August 27, since research shows the more involved students are during their first 15 hours of the semester, the more likely they will stay.

Vice Chancellor-Human Resources & Labor Relations **Ben Lastimado** and classified staff representative **Pat Murray** updated board members on leadership and supervisory training programs for staff.

Dana Quittner, Associate Vice Chancellor of Intergovernmental Relations, Economic Development & Public Information, said there is no state budget at this time and it is hard to tell when there will be one.

Jan Recktenwald, CSEA president, thanked the 50 members who attended the June board meeting in a show of solidarity, and thanked the governing board for pulling an item of concern off the June agenda.

Recktenwald expressed concerns about the closed session report, saying she had not been aware a classified staff member was involved. Vice Chancellor **Lastimado** told her there was an apparent miscommunication and he would make sure this does not happen in the future.

Draft response to Grand Jury Report circulated

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** reported that the chancellor's office prepared a draft response to the findings and recommendations contained in the May 22, 2008 Grand Jury report titled, "Ethics 101: Course Requirement

for Community Colleges." Governing board members will review the document, provide comments and vote on a final response at the August meeting. All of the region's community college boards are required to file their responses by August 26.



Grossmont College Report

President **Sunita V. Cooke** announced that *Community College Week* magazine ranked Grossmont College 77th in the number of graduates from Asian-American populations, and 50th in the number of communication and journalism program graduates for 2008.

Dr. Cooke reported that Grossmont will participate in the San Diego Science Festival in March 2009, a month long event which promotes student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Grossmont student **Christopher White** won the "Best of Class" Award at the San Diego County Fair for his video "Denouement" as well as several other awards for his video work.

Ten members of Grossmont's 2008 baseball team earned scholarships to four-year universities throughout the United States.



Cuyamaca College Update

Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** said summer enrollment reached a high mark with a 4.5 percent increase in units.

Jan Ford has been appointed as Basic Skills Coordinator beginning in fall 2008.

The summer "College for Kids" program has increased its class offerings to 13 classes with 20 sections. Attendance has doubled from last year to nearly 300 students.

Dr. Chiriboga reported that the outreach unit has staged 38 events and reached out to 6,998 students and community members the past school year.

The Administrative Services Annual Luau was praised as a huge success with special thanks to Gafcon and the

Cuyamaca College Foundation for their sponsorship of this event.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Cynthia Echaves**, Administrative Secretary, Athletics, Grossmont College; and **Monica Farris**, Student Services Specialist, DSPS; **Robert Mountain**, Network Specialist II, Instructional Computing; and **Rachel Walker**, Administrative Secretary, Administrative Services, all at Cuyamaca College.

Welcome to new academic employees **Lauren Halsted**, English Instructor, Cuyamaca College; and **Angela Ngo**, Nursing Instructor, Grossmont College.

The District welcomes **Bernadette Sampson**, Associate Vice Chancellor, Business Services.

Calendar of Events



Wednesday, July 30, 6 p.m. Ford ASSET Graduation, Cuyamaca College Student Center

Thursday, July 31, 1:30 p.m. EOPS Summer Institute Program Closing Ceremony, Griffin Gate, Grossmont College

Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 p.m. Parent Night Workshop, Student Center, Grossmont College

Monday, August 18, 8 a.m. Grossmont College Convocation, Student Center

Wednesday, August 20, 8 a.m. Cuyamaca College Convocation, Student Center

Friday, August 22, 10 a.m. Grossmont College Exercise Science and Wellness Complex Grand Opening

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at Griffin Gate, Grossmont College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.