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## NEWS FROM THE MAY 20 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### Board highlights Classified School Employees Week

District classified staff were honored with a resolution unanimously adopted by the governing board declaring the week of May 18-24 "Classified School Employees Week" in California. Chancellor Omero Suarez and governing board members praised the work of classified employees throughout the district, expressing appreciation for the wide variety of positions they hold. Thank you, classified staff!

The resolution acknowledges that classified professionals:

- Contribute to the establishment and promotion of a positive instructional environment, and
- Serve a vital role in providing for the welfare and safety of GCCCD's students.

### Student trustees honored

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Audrey Causton** and Grossmont College Student Trustee **Crystal Bernier-Sudano** were honored for their year of service on the governing board representing student interests. Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** and others expressed appreciation for their excellent representation of student interests.

The student trustees thanked many people for their assistance, including Chancellor **Suarez**, college presidents and all of the board members.

### CBOC 2007 Annual Report

**Cliff Diamond**, communications committee chairman for the Prop. R Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, presented the 2007 Annual Report. "We're pleased to report we've remained quite busy making sure taxpayer Prop. R funds are spent on necessary projects in a responsible manner," said **Diamond**. He pointed out that good planning cut delays and saved a lot of

money. The report is available online at [www.gcccd.edu](http://www.gcccd.edu) under "Construction News."

### State budget update

Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported on the need for mid-year reductions and the evolving state budget. A district tentative budget will be brought forward based on the best information available at the time.

**Dana Quittner**, Associate Vice Chancellor, said the budget process is a long way from over. The good news is that the governor has reaffirmed the role of community colleges with no increase to student fees and fully funding Proposition 98. On the negative side, his proposal includes too little money for growth and no COLA.

### Chancellor search committee established

The governing board unanimously appointed **Barry Jantz** and **Cliff Diamond** as the community representatives on the chancellor search committee.

### Renting Textbooks

Southwestern College's textbook rental program was highlighted in a presentation by Southwestern Associated Students Organization President **Adrian Del Rio**. **Del Rio** emphasized that the partnership between the student government, governing board, and the bookstore, as well as outreach to faculty to encourage participation, has been crucial to the program's success.

Governing Board President **Garrett** said it is his intention to propose a task force at the next board meeting to consider a similar program.

### From Closed Session

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** reported that in Closed Session, the board gave directions regarding negotiations.

### Other Board Actions

Trustees approved the District's Legislative Program for 2008-2010.

#### 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.

Following discussion, the governing board approved revisions to 10 board policies consistent with accreditation standards, Community College League of California recommendations and collegial consultation process with a 5-0 vote.

The governing board, after hearing objections from Grossmont College Student Trustee **Crystal Bernier-Sudano**, approved the board policy regarding student trustee privileges. The vote was 3-1-1, with Trustee **Greg Barr** voting no and Trustee **Timothy L. Caruthers** abstaining. Trustees noted this is an annual review and content could be changed next year.

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An item authorizing one-year employee contracts for "meet & confer" administrators was tabled to the June Governing Board meeting by a 4-1 vote, with Trustee **Rick Alexander** opposed.

## Reports to the Board

Trustees **Deanna Weeks** and **Rick Alexander** and many others gave rave reviews of the Cuyamaca College Foundation gala. "The amount of production that went into it was mind boggling," said **Weeks**.

Governing Board President **Garrett** said it's a busy time of year and a fantastic opportunity for board members to get out and see what's going on with so many activities.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Causton** reported on college activities, new ASCC officers and announced that **Chuck Taylor** would be the 2008-09 Cuyamaca Student Trustee.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Bernier-Sudano** said she was most proud of The Summit student newspaper during her tenure as trustee and that she has been elected communications officer for Region X of the State Student Senate.

Vice Chancellor-Business Services **Sue Rearic** reported that the district's bond rating has been reaffirmed by Moody's at Aa3, and upgraded by Standard & Poor's to an AA. These are both excellent ratings.

**Dave McDade**, Classified Senate representative, announced that Debi Miller received a statewide scholarship to attend the California Community Colleges Classified Senate Classified Leadership Institute in June.

**Jan Recktenwald**, CSEA president, thanked the governing board for

recognizing Classified School Employees Week May 18-24 with its resolution honoring their contributions.

Grossmont College Academic Senate representative **Sue Gonda** read a message on behalf of President **Chris Hill** thanking **Jan Ford** for her four year service as Cuyamaca's Academic Senate President.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Jan Ford** expressed thanks on behalf of both colleges for approval of the curriculum packages.

United Faculty **Zoe Close** acknowledged the classified employees for their invaluable service.



## Grossmont College Report

- **President Sunita V. Cooke** announced that **Chris Hill** was presented with the Commitment to Service Award at Grossmont's 9th Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony May 15. Additional award recipients were recognized for a wide variety of accomplishments.
- **President Cooke** congratulated Ceramics Instructor **Steve Garcia**, whose work was selected for a competition in Japan, the **Grossmont women's tennis team** for winning the state champion title, and the twenty-eight **Students of Note** who were honored May 10.
- The May 9 Grossmont College Foundation's Brad Daluiso Golf Classic was very successful, raising about \$30,000.



## Cuyamaca College Update

- President **Geraldine M. Perri** thanked the many people who supported the May 17 Foundation Gala. The progressive celebration graced the college's two new plazas and again broke its fundraising record.
- The Spring Garden Festival enjoyed a record turnout of 6,000 people.
- Congratulations to faculty members **Laurie LeBlanc**, **Robert Mazalewski** and **Patricia Santana** for their publication successes.
- One hundred high school students participated in the successful Auto Skills Day under the guidance of **Jim Custeau** and the Automotive Technology Department.

## Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **George Attar**, **Phillip Brown**, and **Jason**

**Rather**, Custodians; **Ramon Davis**, Grounds Maintenance Worker; **Michael Erickson**, Printing Operations Assistant; and **George Diaz**, General Maintenance Worker, all at Cuyamaca College.

Cuyamaca College welcomes new academic employees **Hanz Barker**, Chemistry; **Daniel Curtis**, Mathematics; and **Donald Schultz**, Ornamental Horticulture. Grossmont College welcomes new academic employees **Jamie Gould**, American Sign Language; and **Cindi Harris**, English Instructor.

Welcome to **James Moore**, Interim Dean, Admission and Records at Cuyamaca College.

## Calendar of Events



*Monday, June 2, 5:30 p.m.* Grossmont Middle College High School Graduation, Main Quad

*Wednesday, June 4, 3 p.m.* Grossmont College Walk of Fame Ceremony, Main Quad

*Wednesday, June 4, 4 p.m.* Nursing Alumni Reception, Grossmont College Student Center

*Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.* Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Main Quad

*Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.* Cuyamaca College Commencement, Cuyamaca Track

*Thursday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.* Grossmont College Commencement, Main Quad

*Friday, June 6, 6:30 p.m.* Office Professional Training Graduation, Main Quad

## Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 17, 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.

## Public Comment

**Patricia Sparks**, CSEA representative, presented postcards signed by classified staff members showing support for its negotiating team. Sparks asked for 2007-2008 "to be CSEA's year."

**Mary Najem**, Grossmont College Associated Students representative, reported on ASGC activities including sponsorship of a pit stop for 96 bicyclists during Bike Week, and extended office hours next week.