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NEWS FROM THE OCTOBER 21 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

New Grossmont faculty introduced



New Grossmont College faculty members were introduced to the board by Grossmont College Academic Senate President Chris Hill. Left to right: Grossmont College President Sunita Cooke; Daniel Clauss, Exercise Science; Jamie Gould, American Sign Language; Cindi Davis Harris, Ed.D., English; Shawn Hicks, Mathematics; Virginia Young, Spanish; Scott McGann, Economics; Chris Hill; Chancellor Omero Suarez; and Daniel Sullivan, Cardiovascular Technology. Pearl Lopez, EOPS Counselor, and Angela Nga Ngo, Nursing, were unable to attend.

New Officers Sworn In



Left to right: Sue Rearic, Vice Chancellor-Business Services; Marco Bareno and Bashir Abdi, the newest officers to join the District's Police Department; and Joel Javines, Director, Public Safety.

Asbury appointed to CBOC

Licensed general contractor **Ron Asbury** was appointed by the governing board to the Prop. R Citizens Bond Oversight Committee to fill a position designated for a qualified professional in a construction-related field.

Award bestowed on Bender

The Chancellor/Classified Senate Award was presented to **Susan Bender**, Payroll Technician, District Office. Chancellor **Suarez** said **Bender** has led by example in her 18 years with the district. She is



Susan Bender

enthusiastic, dedicated, inspiring and motivating. **Bender** builds strong relationships with colleagues and demonstrates excellent support and service, often working overtime hours to meet deadlines and doing more without being asked. **Debi Miller**, Classified Senate president, said that **Bender** is valued for her wide variety of skills, knowledge, experience, and one-on-one attention to individuals who need training, direction, "or even a little TLC."

From Closed Session

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** reported a correction to the Sept. 16, 2008, closed session announcement: In the matter of Cliffe v. GCCCD, a motion to appeal the Superior Court decision failed on a vote of 2-3 (Alexander and Weeks in favor; Barr, Caruthers, and Garrett opposed).

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 Interim President: Cristina Chiriboga, Ed.D.

Vote delayed on update of harassment policy

Governing board members voted 5-0 to continue to the November board meeting consideration of an update to Board Policy 3430, Prohibition of Harassment.

Trustee **Deanna Weeks** said community members have asked her for clarification on the district's policy and about training for all employee groups. Trustee **Rick Alexander** said, "We know a line has been crossed, but no one knows where the line is."

Ben Lastimado, Vice Chancellor Human Resources and Labor Relations, said district counsel has determined that all employee groups except faculty members have a mandate to attend harassment training.

Trustee **Greg Barr** asked if faculty at K-12 schools must attend training, why not district faculty as well. Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** asked about distribution of a pamphlet on harassment policies and procedures. Grossmont Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** said the issue should be discussed at Districtwide Executive Council.

Chancellor **Omero Suarez** said he would prepare a report for next month's meeting.

Prop. R report

Jim Davies, Gafcon program manager, reported on Prop. R programs and projects. The Grossmont College Parking Structure is 17 percent completed with 100 percent completion expected by July 2009.

Design work is progressing on several projects. The architect selection process for the Grossmont College Student Services/ Student Center Renovation/Expansion should be completed by the end of the year.

Davies reviewed the outreach program including bid participation and awards to East County firms.

Title III Grant Concludes

Maria Mendoza-Bautista, Cuyamaca College Director for the federal Title III grant, discussed results of the program. The overall goal of the \$1.75 million, five-year project (2003-2008) was to increase the retention and academic success of high-risk students who are less likely to progress from basic skills to college-level courses. All eight specific

benchmarks have been either completed or are on schedule, including specialized faculty training and increasing the percentage of students who decide on an educational path and return for a second academic year, degree or certificate competition and transfer rates. The impressive report received very positive comments.

Reports to the Board

Governing Board President **Bill Garrett** proposed that the district make Jan. 2, 2009, a holiday and asked for an agenda item to address it at the November meeting.

Grossmont College Student Trustee **Dan Lewis** reported that the ASGC is sponsoring several campus debates on election issues.

Cuyamaca College Student Trustee **Chuck Taylor** said the recent campus blood drive collected 29 pints.

Trustee **Rick Alexander** expressed appreciation to staff for their work on the budget and thanked the Classified Senate for a good retreat. **Alexander** and Trustee **Deanna Weeks** praised the construction progress celebration special event that they and other board members attended for the Cuyamaca Business and CIS Building.

Vice Chancellor **Ben Lastimado** reported that the first Classified Staff Leadership Training session was held and more sessions are planned.

Debi Miller, Classified Senate president, thanked those who attended the Classified Senate Retreat and said the Classified Staff Leadership Training "was awesome."

Grossmont College Academic Senate President **Chris Hill** thanked ASGC for their recent trash pick-up in the neighborhood adjacent to Grossmont College. **Hill** also reported on a resolution congratulating all who were involved with implementing the new online registration system, Colleague.

Cuyamaca College Academic Senate President **Michael Wangler** applauded board members for approving staffing commitment levels and read wording from the plaque that will rename the Science and Technology Center the Wendell Cutting Center.

Administrators Association President **Brad Tiffany** thanked **Chris Hill** for the Grossmont College Academic Senate Resolution regarding Colleague.



Grossmont College Report

- President **Sunita V. Cooke** announced the selection of Spanish Instructor **Edda Temoche-Weldele** as Grossmont College's 2008-2009 Distinguished Faculty Award Honoree for outstanding contributions in teaching and exceptional academic leadership.
- **Dr. Cooke** reported a new partnership agreement with Scripps Health including a \$958,000 grant to help expand the college's ability to train future nurses.
- More than 45 private and public colleges and universities were represented on campus at the Transfer Center's annual College Transfer Day on October 8.



Cuyamaca College Update

- Interim President **Cristina Chiriboga** reported the Business and CIS Building construction kickoff event in September was a huge success.
- **Dr. Chiriboga** announced that **Patricia Santana**, Foreign Languages department chair, will be the keynote speaker at a workshop by the California Association of Teachers of English.
- Four Cuyamaca College students have received the first Certificates of Specialization in Kumeyaay Studies thanks to a unique partnership between Cuyamaca and Kumeyaay Community College.

Staff Notes

Welcome to new classified employees **Bashir Abdi** and **Marco Bareno**, Public Safety Officers, District; **Ely Edquid**, Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator, District; **Melissa Lanning**, Chemistry Technician, Intermediate, Cuyamaca College; **Melissa Solis**, Multi-Media Assistant, Grossmont College; and **Charles Walker**, Instructional Lab Assistant, Intermediate, Cuyamaca College.

Next Meeting

The Governing Board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at the Student Center, Cuyamaca College. The open session will begin at 6:30 p.m., following closed session, scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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